From the Principal’s desk ………

Last Thursday 21 Year 11 students received their Peer Support Certificates at a Pizza and Punch luncheon to thank them for their participation at the Year 7 Camp. Their energy and enthusiasm helped make the camp a successful event.

Last Friday afternoon we witnessed the extraordinary talent of students from this school in a concert to audition for a spot at the East Coast Blues and Roots Festival. Entry was by a gold coin donation with proceeds going to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Over $500.00 was raised from this event. Our thanks go to our own multi-talented Darko Milic for producing this event. Thank you Darko and his assistants Peter Scott and Philip Brandolini, and the many students who helped with this production. The winner of the audition will be announced on today’s assembly.

On Monday night we had our Parent Teacher evening for Years 10, 11 and 12. Many parents turned out for this evening. Research compiled by the University of New England has shown that parent involvement in their child’s education is a significant factor in the successful education of the student. Sometimes it is easy to be ambivalent about attending such evenings. I encourage you to attend these evenings and create a relationship with your child’s teachers.

On Tuesday evening 16th March our School Captains, Ivy D’Orsogna and Elliot Johnson, will be the MC’s at an information evening for prospective Year 7 students attending in 2011. Members of the Student Representative Council will be assisting over 20 staff who have volunteered their time for this event. Over 200 parents and students are expected to attend. After tours of the school the evening will conclude with a BBQ.

The school welcomes the appointment of Amanda Schofield to the position of Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics for Terms 2, 3 and 4. Amanda has been a Head Teacher in two previous schools and is currently working as a mathematics consultant in District Office. Amanda comes highly recommended and we look forward to working with her next term.

Peter Giblin, Relieving Principal

Reminder:
The Annual General meeting of the P&C will be held tonight (Tuesday) at 7.00 pm in the School library. Look forward to seeing you there.

VACCINATIONS REMINDER
The North Coast Area Health Service will be conducting an Adolescent Vaccination Program at Byron Bay High School this Thursday 18th March. This will involve Year 7 and Year 10 students. Students have already received consent forms.

All participating students are asked to bring the signed consent form on the day of the vaccinations.

Forms are still available from Ms Collins in the English staffroom.

Ms Kristy Collins, Rel. Head Teacher, Welfare

For sale from our Agriculture Dept.

Honey @ $7.00 per container (approx. 1kg.)
Under 14 Rugby Boys Win Woodlawn Tournament!!

On Wednesday 10th March the Under 14 Boys Rugby Team travelled to Woodlawn to play in the annual 10-a-side tournament for Far North Coast Schools. The boys played and defeated Evans River High School 29 - 5, then Alstonville 25 - 5 to win their pool convincingly. They then had to play Xavier College who had disposed of the rugby giants Woodlawn and Trinity College. They thought they had no chance .....

The boys did everyone proud in the final - a see-sawing affair. Sequoya Rawson-Smith scored two tries and kicked two goals to star in the final, and Davis Jensen and Matthew Burvill tackled everything that moved. With 30 seconds left to play, a Xavier player was headed for the corner to score what would have been the match-winning try, when Jaiden Jones flew out of nowhere and crash-tackled him into touch, ensuring victory for the lads from Byron Bay High School 14 - 12.

Well done all the boys, and thank you to Mr Miles for coaching on the day.

Mr Peter Stanek, Rugby Union Organiser

On Wednesday 10th March, Byron Bay High School sent away our Open Boys and Girls Champion Soccer players to test their skills at the Far North Coast competition. The boys' team had a fought victory in their first game, and lost their second game in the final minute of play. The girls' team showed great skill, determination and most importantly team work, and were victorious in both their matches. They now face a tough home game against Mullumbimby High School.

Well done to both teams, and congratulations and good luck to the Byron Bay High School Open Girls Soccer Team.

Ms Rawson, Soccer Coach

Boys Water Polo

Congratulations to the team of boys who travelled to Alstonville last week and came second in the North Coast Water Polo Competition.

Excellent goals by Brendan Irwin, Craig Buchanan and Cody McGrath throughout the day saw Byron Bay High School defeat all other teams besides Alstonville. Well done to Brad Kay and Brodie Snow who also played well on the day. Great work to the new players Matt and Jacob Ogden, and to Riley Buckley and Tazi Murray-Woodhouse who played very well despite never playing before.

Special thanks to Karen Irwin for coaching the team.

Maree Buchanan, Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE

STUDY AT ADFA IN 2011

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) provides the training and education for the future leaders of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Combining military and leadership training with a recognised undergraduate degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), the key benefits of studying at ADFA include:

♦ Being paid to study
♦ Degree from UNSW in Arts, Business, Engineering, Science or Technology
♦ No HELP debt (previously known as HECS)
♦ Lowest student-to-teacher ratio for an Australian university
♦ Free health care and subsidised accommodation
♦ Guaranteed career in the Navy, Army or Air Force

To find out more about ADFA, attend the next information session:
- Thursday 15th April, 2010 at 6.30 pm
- Lismore Workers Club, Keen Street, Lismore
- To book your seat call 131901. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.
- For further information call 131901 or visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/adfa
**WE NEED HELP TODAY**

Phone Margaret or Robyn on 5585 5381.

Please help, it would be very much appreciated.

*Mon. 22nd:* 300 Ind. Medley - 3rd NC, 1500 Freestyle - 2nd NC, 100m Breaststroke - 2nd NC

*This week:* Lucas McDermid, Rachel Smith, Brendan Walsh, Chelsea Ditrich

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**Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays**

*This week:* Sharni Kitchen, Roy Bird, Isabela Crowder, Alicia Beale, Brody Leeson

*Zoe Chambers, Cue, Shay Williams, Seamus Faithfull, Karissa Kohary*

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- **16th March:** *P & C Meeting*
  - Year 7 2011 Afternoon in PAC

- **17th March:** North Coast Basketball - Yamba

- **19th March:** North Coast AFL
  - Far North Coast Meeting - Cudgen

- **22nd - 29th March:** Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams

- **24th March:** North Coast Rugby League - Grafton

- **26th March:** North Coast Football - Byron Bay

- **1st April:** LAST DAY OF TERM 1

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**North Coast Regional Results of State Swimming Team - March 2010**

Well done to our swimmers who competed at the recent North Coast Regional Swimming Championships. Congratulations to those who came 1st and 2nd in their events who now go through to State, along with Cameron Green whose time was fast enough to see him qualify.

**13 yr Boys Relay Team: 2nd in North Coast**

- Tazi Murray-Woodhouse: 100m Freestyle - 2nd NC, 50m Freestyle - 1st, 4 x 50m 13yr Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd NC, 100m Backstroke - 5th NC

- Riley Buckley: 4 x 50m 13 yr Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd NC, 50m Freestyle - 11th NC

- Jacob Ogden: 100m Breaststroke - 3rd NC, 4 x 50m 13 yr Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd NC

- Jy Paterson: 4 x 100m 13 yr Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd NC

**14 yr Boys Relay Team: 2nd in North Coast**

- Davis Jensen: 100m Breaststroke - 2nd NC, 50m Freestyle - 3rd NC, 200 Ind. Medley - 3rd NC, 100m Freestyle - 4th NC, 4 x 50m 14 yr Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd NC, 200m Freestyle - 5th NC

- Jackson Hagley: 4 x 50m 14 yr Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd NC

- Brad Kay: 4 x 50m 14 yr Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd NC

- Lorne Greenlaw: 14 yr Champion for the NC Schools Swimming Region, 50m Freestyle - 2nd NC, 100m Freestyle - 1st NC, 400m Freestyle - 1st NC, 100m Backstroke - 1st NC, 100m Butterfly - 1st NC, 200m Ind. Medley - 1st NC, 4 x 50m 14 yr Boys Freestyle Relay - 2nd NC

**15 yr Boys:** Cameron Green: 50m Freestyle - 3rd NC

**16 yr Girls:** Yasmin Nelson-Chapman: 50m Freestyle - 9th NC

**17 - 19 yr Boys:** Matthew Ogden: 100m Breaststroke - 3rd NC, 100m Butterfly - 7th NC
Thanks so much to all the people who have already put their names on the Roster. As you can see, we still need a lot more names. As you get a volunteers armband for the day you do parking, why not get together with some friends, do a shift, then go to the Blues Festival. If you do a late shift, you can get your armband early and go to the Festival before your shift. Please call Lois East on 6687 1834 or 0401077720 or put your name and phone number on the roster below and send it into the school.

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