From the Principal’s desk ………

On Tuesday’s assembly I was very pleased to announce the winners of the auditions for students to perform at the Easter Blues and Roots Festival. The judges were unable to split two performances - therefore both Tennyson Nobel and the group with Gene Hooker, Lorien-Summer Moysey and Felix Kleinman will appear at the festival.

Parents interested in the national curriculum can access the draft and make comments during the consultation period which closes soon. This curriculum will be delivered in schools from 2011; teachers will certainly be busy in Semester 2 preparing programs and gathering resources. You can access the curriculum at [www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au)

I was contacted this week by an exchange organisation who has accepted Alanna Noone in Year 10 for a student exchange to Italy later this year. Comments were made on her excellent referee’s reports made by her teachers. The SRC has information on student exchanges if other students are interested.

Congratulations to ex-student Marty Mayberry who won a silver medal in the men’s downhill at the Vancouver Paralympics.

The P&C had their Annual General Meeting last Tuesday night. Congratulations to their office bearers led by new President John Weiley. The P&C is working on a number of projects, including shade sails, extra seating and initiating an email scheme for delivery of the weekly School Newsletter. I urge you to consider supporting the P&C in their main fundraising event this year which is the Blues Festival parking.

Our school captains, Ivy D’Orsogna and Elliott Johnson, flew to Sydney to attend a leadership event held at Parliament House where they had the opportunity to meet the NSW Governor Professor Marie Bashir AC. Professor Bashir, was the first woman to be appointed Governor of NSW. Born, of Lebanese descent, in Narrandera in the Riverina district of New South Wales, Marie Bashir was educated at Narrandera Public School. I am pleased that our captains had the opportunity to meet this outstanding woman.

Another outstanding Australian was Fred Hollows. He was a passionate ophthalmologist who became known for his work helping restore the eyesight of countless thousands of people in developing countries and his passionate plight to improve indigenous health here in Australia. The SRC supported the Fred Hollows Foundation with multi day last Thursday raising $529.45. Take a bow Byron Bay High School students.

Peter Giblin, Relieving Principal

Laptops Advice

When students do not have their DER laptops at school, learning is disrupted, for themselves, and the class. The school cannot provide charging access for students, due to trip hazards posed by cords etc.. It is a requirement that all laptops issued to students under the DER program be brought to school every day, fully charged. This was agreed to by parents and students when the Laptop Charter was signed.

Parents considering purchasing personal laptops for their students (e.g Yr 7, 8, 11, 12) need to be aware that the school has no capacity to actively provide support for privately owned computers, no matter which operating system they run. However, such laptops are still valuable tools, and this has been recognised by the Federal Government in the Education Tax [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

In deciding which laptop to purchase, parents might wish to consider that the computing environment the school and DER provides is Windows-based. To connect to the new DER wireless system, laptops MUST have WiFi capable of supporting the new Wireless N standard in the 5.0Gig band.

The school is currently testing a printing system which is platform neutral and will allow printing over the wireless network. More details will be provided in coming weeks. In the meantime USB flash-drives provide a reliable, though slower, method of moving files from personal computers to the school network for printing.

Mr J Richardson
Honey for sale from our Ag. Department
$7.00/container (approx. 1kg)

2010 SCIENCE COMPETITION
TEST DATE this year is WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE 2010
Entries close: Wednesday 12th May 2010
Cost: $6.00  (Pay at the Front Office)

In 2009 approximately two million entries were received from students world-wide. Byron Bay High School students traditionally excel at this test. Class teachers have access to practice questions from past papers and you can access practice questions on the website below.
This test is excellent practice for your major exams and all entrants receive award certificates. Further information can be obtained from this web site: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

Inventors (or Would be Inventors)
QUESTACON SMART MOVES CONVENTION
♦ Open to students aged 14 - 18 attending secondary school
♦ All expenses paid trip to Canberra for the Convention on 4th - 9th July 2010
♦ A week of workshops and seminars, by specialists interested in helping you change brilliant ideas into reality
♦ To apply you need to have an original idea for an invention, innovation or business venture. You have to have put thought into your idea, but you do not need to have made a prototype.
♦ Applications due to Canberra by 30th April 2010. Available on: http://smartmoves.questacon.edu.au or see Mrs V Graham in Science

Our weekly School Newsletter can be viewed on the website:
www.byronbay-h.schools.det.nsw.edu.au

Due to the Easter break, the April P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th April in the School Library at 7.00 pm.

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CANTEEN ROSTER
Robyn and Margaret wish everyone a very safe and happy Easter. See everyone next term!

Wed. 24th: Sonya Wright,
Lorraine Blumberg
Thurs. 25th: Lois East, Melissa Ashworth
Fri. 26th: Nikki Kempnich, Dianne Lamb
Mon. 29th: Frances Legg-Bagg, Odette Chesterman
Tues. 30th: Kay Sandon, Tracey Giles
Wed. 31st: Sonya Wright
Thurs. 1st: Karen Hagley, Joceynpe Pegoretti

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES
Fiction:
✦ The Starlight Conspiracy
✦ The H-Bomb Girl
✦ That’s Life Lily
✦ Heart of the Serpent
✦ Faerie Wars
✦ Dusk
✦ High Jinx
✦ True Colours
✦ Teen, Inc.
✦ Ophelia
✦ Tersias
✦ Beast Beneath the Skin
✦ Lord Sunday
✦ Message in a Bottle
✦ Night World
✦ Slam
✦ Contact
✦ Legend
✦ Arizona: Beautiful Dead 2
✦ Old Magic
✦ Death Sentence

Non-Fiction:
✦ Parallel Worlds
✦ The Wizard’s Apprentice
✦ The Bicycle Book
✦ A Cinematic History of Horror
✦ A Cinematic History of Action Adventure
✦ Australia’s Yesterdays
✦ Slavery and the Slave Trade
✦ Australian and World Records 2010
✦ Strange Powers of the Human Mind
✦ A Left-Handed History of the World

Donated:
✦ The Winter Door

Graphic Novel:
✦ Skeleton Key
✦ Homecoming
SCHOOL CALENDAR
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
19th April: Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
20th April: First day of Term 2 for all years
22nd April: FNC Open Touch Cudgen
22nd - 30th April: Year 11 Half-Yearly Exams
23rd April: North Coast Netball - Tweed Heads
26th April: ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
27th April: P & C Meeting
28th April: School Cross Country
29th April: North Coast Hockey - Port Macquarie
3rd May: Years 7, 8 and 9 Parent/Teacher Evening
3rd - 7th May: Year 7 Half-Yearly Exams
12th May: Year 12 Information Evening
14th May: North Coast Touch - Port Macquarie
17th - 21st May: Year 10 Half-Yearly Exams
18th May: P & C Meeting
19th May: Year 12 Interview Day
21st May: Far North Coast Cross Country
24th - 28th May: Year 9 Half-Yearly Exams

SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE ARE COLLECTING BOTTLE TOPS

Last year the Science Department collected NORCO milk bottle tops and saved the money to purchase a model Hydrogen powered car for the students.

This is a simple, successful fundraiser for something extra. Please can you buy NORCO milk, rinse and collect your bottle tops. They can be dropped at the Science Department or at the Front Office of the school.

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week:

- Davis Jensen
- Luka Lever
- Kobi Devlin
- Julian Alcorn
- Isabel Boyle
- Mahalia Brandt
- Eligh Duffy
- Richard East
- Thomas Rehn
- Willow Norton
- Karla Brown
- Monique Wetzler
- Alanna Hanson
- David Krippner
- Lucy Serret
- James Ashworth

REWARD - for the safe return of a road racing bike, taken from a Teak Circuit garage last week around Wednesday 17th March. It is a small framed EMC2 brand - white with red and black trim, black handle tape and seat. It has an Aeromax Team sticker on the front fork. Feel free to keep the helmet.

NO QUESTIONS ASKED. Belongs to Bridget Barnes, School Vice Captain 2009.

Any information contact the School Administration Office or the PE Department.

Friends of Ballina Shire Libraries

APRIL BOOK SALE

Thousands of books will go on sale for 50c

Saturday 10th April 2010
from 8.00 am to 12 noon

in the Richmond Room
(behind the Ballina Library)
6 - 8 River Street,
Ballina

Enquires: Phone Ballina Library on 6686 2831
Blues Festival Roster 2010 at the new site at Tyagarah - Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd April

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. You get a volunteers armband for the day you do parking. 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 0401 077 720 or put your name and phone number on the roster below and send it into the school. Every person on the Roster is $80.00 to the school. There are some great acts on early in the afternoons. The roster has to be completed by this Friday.

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