From the Principal’s desk

The staff entitlement at Byron Bay High School is determined by a NSW Department of Education and Training census of student numbers. It is pleasing to report that 704 students were enrolled and confirmed in the census last Wednesday. This increase in student numbers compared to 2009 allows us 52.2 teachers and 10.3 support staff. Also, of vital importance, is that it entitles us to maintain the positions of our second Deputy Principal and Head Teacher Administration.

It was with great sadness last week that we learnt that ex-student Dylan Etherington was missing after jumping from a bridge in Bosnia. Our thoughts are with his mother, Claire, who worked in our school library, his father Geoff and brother Brook, who travelled to Bosnia last week.

The school has applied for funding for a program to promote student volunteering. The program is aimed at Year 9 and 10 students to recognise what students are already doing in our community. It also aims to promote the ethics of volunteering and promote student volunteering in our community. Mrs Shirley Graham, who works tirelessly volunteering in a number of community activities, will coordinate the program.

Upcoming events include the Year 10, 11 and 12 Parent/Teacher evening from 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm on Monday 15th March. Students will be issued with interview sheets this week. The information night for prospective Year 7 students for 2011 will be held in the Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 16th March from 5.15 pm to approx. 7.00 pm. We encourage your attendance.

Peter Giblin, Relieving Principal

VACCINATIONS

The North Coast Area Health Service will be conducting an Adolescent Vaccination Program at the school on 18th March. This will involve Year 7 and 10 students. Students will receive a Parent Information Kit and consent forms on Tuesday 2nd March. All participating students are asked to bring the signed consent form on the day of the vaccinations.

Kristy Collins, Relieving Head Teacher Welfare

UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE

this Friday 5th March
9.00 am - 10.15 am in the MPC

Year 12 Compulsory Attendance

PARENTS WELCOME

Short talks followed by a marketplace of Northern NSW and Queensland Universities. Representatives on hand to answer questions.

Year 9 Parents - Tax File Number Applications (a voluntary program)

All Year 9 students have received a letter this week to apply for a TFN. Please return the letter as soon as possible.

On Friday 19th February, Byron Bay High School sent our squad of super fish to compete at the Far North Coast Swimming Carnival at Mullumbimby. The competition was fierce and the times were fast, but our students did our school and themselves proud by producing some excellent results. The following students have made it through to the North Coast competition and should be congratulated on their excellent efforts:

Cameron Green, Riley Buckley, Tazi Murray-Woodhouse, Yasmin Nelson-Chapman, Jacob Ogden, Matt Ogden, Davis Jensen, Lorne Greenlaw, Jy Paterson, Brad Kay, Harley Jackson.
SCHOOL CALENDAR

2nd March:  Far North Coast Open 15’s  Rugby League
3rd March:  North Coast Swimming - Banora Point
5th March:  University Showcase:  9.00 am - 10.30 am  
Far North Coast 15’s AFL - Ballina
10th March:  Far North Coast Football - Tweed Heads
12th March:  North Coast Touch - Goonellabah
Blues Festival Audition Concert
15th March:  Years 10, 11 & 12 Parent Afternoon:  
4.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Far North Coast Rugby Union
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

Autism Spectrum Disorder Parent Support Group Meeting
Date:  Friday 5th March 2010
Venue:  Mullumbimby Community Health  
(Mullumbimby Hospital)
Time:  9.45 am - 12 noon
Topic:  The Role of the School Counsellor - Q and A Session
Guest Speaker:  Genevieve Schnierer
For more details contact:
- Joy McGrath, Child & Family Counsellor on 6684 1677
- Gayle Moore, Support Teacher Autism on 6680 2766

Help for high school study:  If you know your child’s learning style, you can help them find the best study approaches and support for them. In the latest School Parents magazine read an informative article on helping your high schooler to study; whether they be an auditory learner, visual learner or kinaesthetic learner.
Go to:  www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

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

Oscar Innes   Tamlin Purnell
Rhani Speed  Eli Shapit  Tai Bui
Samuel King  Olivia King
Mitchell Barnes  Georgia Brewer-Smith  Kinto Behr
Tenita Campton-Carbello  TaylaCLR  Tane Meek
Matthew Dillon  Brooke Hansford  Bennett Jack
Emmy Leonard-Dyer  Rachel Mahoney  Bindhi Gaze
Holly McAndrew  Steph Petrou  Logan Grant
Sequoya Rawson-Smith  Alisha Malone  Will Dale
Amber Malatt-Agic  Pascal Moser  Luke Chaplin

Happy Birthday

In June-July 2010 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand will welcome a new group of international exchange students to Australia. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend school for 3, 5 or 10 months.

If anyone is interested in hosting an exchange student, visit our website at www.studentexchange.org.au.

For sale from our Agriculture Dept.  
Honey @ $7.00 per container (approx. 1kg.)

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

CanTeen Roster
If you have any time available, please ring Robyn or Margaret on 6685 5381.

Tues. 2nd:  Sandy Banister, Bronwyn Watts
Wed. 3rd:  Sonya Wright, Kay Sandon
Thurs. 4th:  Jocelyn Pegoretti, Lois East
Mon. 8th:  Gail Christie, Liette Snow
Tues.9th:  Michelle Lamb, Catherine Kelly, Melissa Macdonald