From the Principal’s desk ..........

It was interesting to look through the information relating to offers for admission to University for students from our Year 12 who graduated in 2009. We know of forty-three offers being made, with Arts degrees, Psychology, Exercise Science, Engineering, Computing Studies, Nursing, Medical Science and Teaching being the most popular. Next were Agricultural Science, Communication, Ancient History, Music, Visual Arts, Medicine, Business Studies and Science. This group of students appeared to have a focus on professions that work with helping people. We wish all of these students well in their future studies.

This Friday afternoon we have our auditions for a spot at the Easter Blues and Roots Festival. The auditions start at 1.50pm. Parents are welcome to attend, so come along and enjoy the show. Only a few years ago this was the first time many of us witnessed Stan Walker perform. That year Stan was an audition winner and he went on to be the winner of Australian Idol in 2009. Entry is by a gold coin donation and funds raised will be donated to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

On Friday the school completed a submission for the Solar Schools Program. This program delivered by the Federal Government makes funds of $50,000 dollars available to the school for solar hot water, photovoltaic panel’s rainwater tanks or energy saving devices. The P&C will begin discussions on how this money will be spent. If you are interested come along to the P&C meeting which is also their Annual General Meeting, to be held in the School library at 7 pm on Tuesday 16th March.

We visited our local primary schools last week to invite them to our Information Evening for prospective Year 7 students in 2011. My thanks go to Year 7 students Nami Burns, Nathan Retmock, Arielle Gale, Camille Wiseman, Zoe Retsnik and Ben Leedom. It was a very rewarding experience to watch these students, who returned in most cases to their old school, received like heroes. Their confidence and articulate presentation to year 6 was a pleasure to watch.

Peter Giblin, Relieving Principal
For sale from our Agriculture Dept.
Honey @ $7.00 per container (approx. 1kg.)

SCHOOL CALENDAR
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
24th March: North Coast Rugby League - Grafton
26th March: North Coast Football - Byron Bay

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week:
Jessica Biber-McKinlay    Adam Ryan
Catherine Bowler    Jade Campbell
Tayjia-Lily Hamilton    Breeanna Hill
Maxim Joncourt    Taylor Kempnich
Rowan Macdonald    Josephine Pratt
Indica Rali-Brennan    Jahri Ettridge

Byron Bay Soccer Club still has places on its youth team training Tuesday and Thursday from 6.00 pm (phone Kevin on 0408754595 and its womens team training Tuesday and Thursday from 5.00 pm (phone Jenny 0432695974).

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

URGENT  Blues Festival Roster 2010 at the new site
at Tyagarah - Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd April

The P&C have been offered half of the car parking duties at the Blues Festival. We do not have many fund-raising opportunities, so hopefully you can support your school by doing one of the shifts below. We need 10 people for each shift.

Everyone who works a shift will get a volunteer armband for the day, which allows them into the festival for any part of the day that they are not working. So if you haven’t bought tickets, here is your chance to see some great bands for free ….. And help your school at the same time. If you are working an afternoon or night shift, you can pick up your armband in the morning and go to the festival before your shift.

It is free parking at the festival, so our job will just be parking cars. The way they have designed the parking area makes parking easy I am told. Entrance to the festival is: Take the Mullumbimby off ramp off the highway - turn right over the highway - at the exit, turn left - travel north past the Wreckers and follow the signs. You will need your own raincoat if it is raining.

We need to have a roster organised a week before the event. Please put your name on a shift(s) on the roster below and return to front office of the school as soon as possible, or phone Lois East on 6687 1834 or 0401 077 720.

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