From the Principal’s desk

Our Website has been redeveloped by Entertainment teacher Peter Scott. Take a tour of the website; remember weekly parent bulletins can be accessed from this site (at the top of this page). I am sure that you will agree that Mr Scott has done an excellent job.

The 2009 Annual School Report will be finalised this week. It is a comprehensive document that outlines school achievements over the past year. The report provides graphical information on results in state wide testing programs for NAPLAN (literacy and numeracy) ESSA (Science) as well as School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results.

Mr Gary Barnes on the TAS staff has been accepted as a technology marker for HSC Design and Technology projects. Initially Mr Barnes will be in Sydney for training and marking, then off to visit country schools to mark with a small team. Mr Barnes will then bring this expertise back to our school.

Year 12 half-yearly exams are proceeding well. Reporting will be completed early Term 2. This will give an all important evaluation for how Year 12 students are performing. This is the half-way stage for Year 12 courses. Reflection on results and planning for the coming term should be undertaken after reports are issued. The school wishes Year 12 students and parents a smooth journey in Term 2.

A reminder to Year 11 students - your half-yearly exams start in Week 1 of Term 2.

This is my last Parent Bulletin as Relieving Principal; Our new Principal is Peter King who was formally Principal at Monaro High School. We welcome Peter to his new position and he will be commencing his duties from Week 2 in Term 2. Mr Peter Gallaway will relieve as Principal in the first week.

Mr Simmons is recovering from his road accident and we anticipate his return in Term 2.

Mr Peter Giblin, Relieving Principal

P&C NEWS

Congratulations to the new P&C office bearers:

President: John Weiley
Vice Presidents: Greg Pearson, Michele Joncourt
Minutes Secretary: Karen Hagley
Correspondence Secretary: Deane Farrell
Treasurer: Lois East
Uniform Shop: Cynthia Campbell, Jocelyne Pegoretti, Karen Hagley
Canteen Committee: Lois East, Karen Hagley, Jocelyne Pegoretti
Finance Committee: John Weiley, Greg Pearson, Claire Oelrichs, Lois East

The P&C supports the Teachers Federation stand against creating league tables to compare school performances based on a single "snapshot" test reflecting only some aspects of academic performance. BBHS is proud to provide successful programs for students, who may be achieving less, in academic areas. There are many areas of success for schools – not only academic.

The P&C wishes to thank Jim Richardson for helping to sort out the issue involving computers and printing. We believe this was a problem well solved. Thanks Jim!

The P & C would also like to thank Mr Peter Giblin for the sensitive and commanding job he has done as Acting Principal, and also due to the fact that he stepped into the position on such short notice after our Relieving Principal, Mr Warrick Simmons, was injured in a car accident. Well done Peter! We wish him well on his overseas trip.

The next meeting will be April 27, at 7.00pm, in the Library.

P&C Statement to Parents regarding Special Religious Education

Complaints have been made to the P & C regarding some aspects of the conduct and content of Special Religious Education classes. Particular concern was expressed about a video which included matter that the P & C felt was inappropriate.

The P & C is now working with the school and Byron Religious Education Association to improve the organisation and content of SRE. This includes SRE obtaining prior permission for visitors to the class, fundraising and other matters.

In the meantime, the P & C reminds parents that students have the two options:
1. To attend the Special Religious Education class.
2. To be supervised by a teacher while they may read, do home work, etc.

If you do not want your child attending SRE, then you can send a letter by post or with your child to the office, and have them withdrawn from the class.

For more information on RE, please phone the Principal

Claire Oelrichs - 6687 1107
**Honey for sale from our Ag. Department**

$7.00/container (approx. 1kg)

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS**

**FREE WORKSHOPS for parents and supervising drivers**

To help you with practice advice about:
- Understanding of the new laws for L and P licence holders
- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience

The RTA and ETC have set up free two-hour workshops for parents and supervisors of learner drivers.

The next workshop in your area will be held on:
- Tuesday 13th April 2010 from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
- at the Byron Bay Services Club

Bookings are essential: 1800 007 400

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Robyn and Margaret wish everyone a very safe and happy Easter.

**Wed. 31st:** Sonya Wright  
**Thurs. 1st:** Karen Hagley, Joceyne Pegoretti  
**School Holidays**  
**Tues. 20th:** Linda Vincent, Sue Chakos  
**Wed. 21st:** Sonya Wright, Lorraine Blumberg  
**Thurs. 22nd:** Lois East, HELP NEEDED TODAY  
**Fri. 23rd:** Dianne Lamb, Neroli Jager  
**Anzac Day**  
**Tues. 27th:** Claire and Ian Oelrichs

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**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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The staff of Byron Bay High School wish all the students and their families an enjoyable and safe Easter holiday.

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On Friday 23rd April, the School Canteen is organising a GREAT AUSTRALIAN BITE - a diabetic fundraiser. It will be a mufti-day for all students and the Canteen will be supplying a special Diabetic menu. Gold coin donation!

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

Jesy Anderson  Liam Gibney  Kiel Lobe  Lachlan Walsh  
Lorara Nicholas  Ben Bewley  Craig Buchanan  Zoe Challis  
Ellia Green  Zac Latinovic  Cody McGrath  Elliot Wykeham  Jack Christian  
Caroline Loder  Ari Kyprianidis  Holly Hunt