From the Principal’s desk

I am pleased to announce that the school is receiving the second phase of its wireless rollout as part of the Federal Government’s Digital Education Revolution. This means that over the next three weeks IBM technicians will be at school installing wireless internet services into an additional 26 classrooms. When this is finished all the teaching spaces at Byron Bay High School will have wireless internet access.

During this rollout the school will also be issuing 120 laptops to Year 9 students. Before the laptops can be issued we will be holding a Parent information evening on Tuesday 25th May from 7.00 - 8.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre. This session is designed to support parents and students with the new technology and will cover topics such as:
- Care of the laptop
- Appropriate use at school and home
- Features of the laptop, including new software
- Combining with home internet connections and printers
- School policy in relation to laptop use
- Question and answer session

Following both these events we will have a school with internet access in every classroom and all Year 9 and 10 students using a laptop. We are in the middle of the single biggest change to education in our life time. Instead of learning about technology we will be using technology to learn.

Peter King

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

The Area Health Service will be continuing with the Adolescent Vaccination Program on 20th May 2010. All Year 7 students have received the consent forms for the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccination. Any student who did not receive the forms can collect them from the front office. All forms need to be returned to the school or brought along to the clinic on Thursday.

This clinic will cover the second dose of the Gardasil (HPV) for Year 7 girls. It is essential that all girls who received the first dose continue with the recommended three dosages. The clinic will also follow up any missed injections from the first clinic in Term 1.

Ms Kristy Collins, Relieving Head Teacher Welfare

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE

School Contributions and Subject Fees are an essential source of funds for our school, and while these are voluntary, they play a very important part of our school budget.

When a student elects a subject with an associated fee, we take this as a commitment by the student to pay the relevant fee.

School fees can be paid at the Front Office, credit card details can be taken over the phone or by direct debit.

Mynite.com.au

Parties should be about good times. But if you, or your friends break the law while you are having a good time, you could do more than ruin a good night. You can end up in trouble that affects your whole life. “Mynite” provides a basic summary of some of the most relevant laws that apply to you and your friends when you are out having fun. Even if you have not turned 18, most of these laws will apply to you.

IMPORTANT: This information is provided by the New south Wales Police Force as a general resource about the laws of New south Wales for young people. It is not given as legal advice and you should not rely upon it for the purposes of legal advice. If you are charged with an offence, you should contact a lawyer to get your own legal advice; see the "Busted" section called “Where can I go if I need a lawyer or legal advice?” for some links to places where you can get legal advice.

Grant Barnes, Acting Youth Liaison Officer - Tweed/Byron
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

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The Design and Technology course was developed to allow students to develop the designing and problem-solving skills necessary in the 21st Century. Technological change is affecting the nature of work, how we live, how we communicate and the way we spend our time. It will prepare all students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to deal with a range of technologies and careers in the design area, as well as help students in applying for various university and college design courses.

THE STUDY OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY FOCUSES ON:
- Creativity & Innovation
- Successful implementation of innovative ideas

Students will develop the skills necessary to:
- Design and produce new products, systems and environments
- Evaluate existing designs and determine areas for improvements
- Explore current and emerging technologies
- Develop specific production and manufacturing skills
- Complete quality design projects in areas of individual interest
- Consider careers in the fields of design and manufacturing
- Explore and develop technologies and demonstrate insight into future uses of technology

OUTLINE OF COURSE:
- Students do not have to of completed any Design and Technology in Years 9 and 10.
- Students will complete 3 - 4 small design projects in the preliminary course with teacher guidance to develop the necessary designing skills for the completion of a major design project for the Year 12 course.
- Students will undertake a major design project for submission for the Higher School Certificate. This project will be developed by the student in an area of their own interest. This project and portfolio will make up 60% of the students’ final Higher School Certificate mark.
- A written examination will determine the remaining 40% of the final Higher School Certificate mark.

CROSS CULTURAL OPPORTUNITY

Do you have a spare room in your home? Byron Bay English Language School is seeking local families to host our young Japanese students for 1-2 weeks in July/August.

This is a fun opportunity for the whole family to live and learn another culture and share our way of life. Suitable families will be asked to provide food, accommodation and a safe home environment for our young students, who will range in age from 14 - 18 years. You will receive $250 per week. You may donate this to the school for future cross cultural programs, or use it to cover costs.

For more information, please contact Kerry on homestay@bbels.com.au or phone 66 80 8253.

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week:
- Caitlin Esposito, Casey Esposito, River Farac
- Kalani Hardwick, Luuk Hartzuiker
- Cameron Green, Luke Oliver
- Michael McCormack, Aiden Gander
- Ruby Kammoora, Ollie Kohlenberg
- Ochre Seale-Woodberry
- Bella Sidoti-Raizenberg

CANTEN ROSTER

As you can see, we are short of helpers. If you can lend a hand, please phone Margaret or Robyn on 6685 5381.

19th May: Sonya Wright & Lorraine Blumberg
20th May: Rona McDonell, Catherine Dermit & Rachelle Grant
21st May: Cath Russo & Neroli Jager
24th May: Vicki Barnes & Odette Chesterman
25th May: Linda Vincent & Sue Chakos

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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
26th May: School Athletics Carnival
28th May: North Coast Squash - Yamba
3rd June: SRC Social
9th June: Science Competition
11th June: North Coast Cross Country
14th June: Queens Birthday Public Holiday
15th June: P&C Meeting
18th June: Far North Coast Athletics
21st June: North Coast Gymnastics
23rd June: North Coast Lawn Bowls
2nd July: LAST DAY OF TERM 2

New Library Resources (Donated)

Fiction: * Sugar Sugar * Fallen * Dark Days
* Dead and Gone * The Ask and the Answer
* Hl Together Dead * From Dead to Worse
* Darkness, Be My Friend * The Third Day, The Frost
* The Night is for Hunting
* When Courage Came to Call

Non-Fiction:
* Documents that Shaped Australia: Records of a Nation’s Heritage
* World War II in Photographs
* Victory: The Epic of World War II 1939 - 1945