From the Principal’s desk

There are three ways in which you can receive the school newsletter. Firstly you can access the school website and click on the news icon - Website: http://www.byronbay-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. If you wish to have the newsletter emailed to you directly then send us your email details and we will add you to our mailing list. Our email address is byronbay-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Some print versions of the newsletter are still created and can be picked up from the front office of the school.

Last Friday the school ran a mufti day to aid Lorne Greenlaw who was recently selected to swim at the Australian All Schools Swimming Championships in Perth. Lorne competed in the 400m freestyle and placed sixth. In the 50m freestyle he was placed seventh. Congratulations Lorne on this outstanding achievement and thanks to all the students who supported his mufti day.

On Tuesday 29th June there was an end-of-term awards assembly. This assembly was to reward and congratulate students who have achieved outstanding results either academically, culturally or in the sporting arena. We also presented certificates and prizes to many students who have achieved 100% attendance for the semester. I would like to thank Ms Collins for coordinating this assembly and our ladies in the office for printing all the certificates.

I would like to conclude this newsletter by saying how much I have enjoyed my first term at Byron Bay High School. As I told all the students last week we have a very special school and we are very lucky. Our students are academically gifted, incredibly creative and most importantly we care for each other. It is a great pleasure to be able to come here each day to teach and learn.

Peter King

On Friday 11th June, 17 of our students travelled down to Nana Glen, just outside Coffs Harbour, for the North Coast Regional Cross Country Championships. The course was held on an equestrian track and was a searching test of long flats, short steep hills and gradual hills.

Our students performed remarkably well, with 6 students qualifying to run at the State Championships in Sydney at the end of July. They were:

Matt Slee, 7th 17yrs boys (drafted in as a replacement)  Cassius Russell, 4th 16 boys
Mitchell Barnes, 5th 15yrs boys  Bindi Gaze, 6th 14 boys
Georgia Johnson, 6th 13yrs girls  Alex Barnes, 4th 13 girls

These were all outstanding runs and these athletes thoroughly deserve their places by virtue of their top 6 finishes.

As well as these students gaining individual selection, our 13yrs girls team won their division, with Ruby Koutsoubos finishing 9th and, in a very gutsy run for a sprinter, Zoey Gibson finished 17th, overtaking many finishers in a very strong last kilometre. This means that Alex, Georgia, Ruby and Zoey form a strong team to represent Byron High at the State Championships.

All of our students ran their hearts out and did our school proud. Full results are as follows: Talita Finch 12th, Michael Finch 25th, Brendan Irwin 26th, Daniel Lamb 28th, Ben Leedom 14th, Layton Barton 11th, Tazi Murray-Woodhouse 14th, Toby Barton 21st, Dylan Johnson 17th.

Congratulations to all runners - we are proud of your efforts and now look forward to hearing the results from the State Championships at Eastern Creek.

Mr Peter Stanek

DEBATING REPORT

Congratulations to our Year 9 debating team who competed against Tweed River High School in the second round of the State Debating Competition. Unfortunately Tweed River High won the debate but our students performed extremely well, considering it was only their second debate and the first for two of our members. They brought a lot of credit to themselves and the school.

TEAM MEMBERS:
Jade Campbell    Tollin Pamphillon
Samantha Oliver  Caitlin Duff
Audrey O’Carroll-McRae

Thank you to Mr Wallis and Ms Johnson for their help and a big thanks to 8U for being such a wonderful audience.

Ms Sue Hines, English Teacher
FAR NORTH COAST ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A team of 80 students represented Byron Bay High School at the Zone Carnival at Kingscliff. There were many outstanding results with 29 selected in the Zone team to compete at the North Coast Carnival at Nambucca Heads next term. A special mention to Greg Barker, Zoe Melhuish and Brendan Irwin. Even though they didn’t advance to the next carnival, their willingness to compete and enter many events with enthusiasm was very much appreciated. Students selected in the Far North Coast team are:

Tianna Whyatt    Katie Pike    Julia Upson-Shaw    Zali Melhuish    Rhiannon Clarke    Georgia Johnson
Eliza Upson-Shaw    Kisane Irwin    Bethany White    Kristy Wilson    Zoey Gibson    Georgia Kervin    Nami Burrs
Ruby Kamoora    Jai Paterson    Sequoya Rawson-Smith    Kyle Lacey    Jackson Hagley    Bindhi Gaze    Rory Wilson,
Cameron Green    Floyd Creevey    Brodie Leeson    Craig Buchanan    Cassius Russell    Willow O’Hara
Robert Docking    Ryan Walsh    Mitchel Barnes.

WELL DONE EVERYONE !!!

CANTEEN ROSTER
If you can lend a hand, please phone Margaret or Robyn on 6685 5381. We can always use extra help.
Wed. 30th June: Sonya Wright
Thurs. 1st July: Jocelyne Pegoretti, Karen Hagley
Fri. 2nd July: Caren Irwin

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Thank you to all our volunteers, and have a great holiday
Mon. 19th July: PUPIL FREE DAY
Tues. 20th July: Linda Vincent, Sue Chakos
Wed. 21st July: Sonya Wright, Lorraine Blumberg
Thurs. 22nd July: Rona McDonnell, Catherine McDermid
Fri. 23rd July: WE NEED HELP TODAY
Mon. 26th July: Florence Legg-Bagg, Gail Christie

SCHOOL CALENDAR
2nd July: LAST DAY OF TERM 2
19th July: School Development Day (Pupil Free)
20th July: First day of Term 3 for all students
28th July: North Coast Athletics

Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week:
Saxon Wilson, Jaya Shipley-Smith, Stephen Daniels,
Nathan Dillon, Stephanie Begg, Adam Jones,
Roxanne McKeown-Shepperson, Jack Robinson,
Sean Watson, Jaiden Jones, Bronte Gillespie,
Izaak Lee-Stray

BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL - CAR PARKING
We need your help to raise funds for the English Department urgently.
The school parent body helps at the Byron Bay Writers Festival annually with car parking. The event is at the old Belongil Beach Resort site. It starts on 6th August. We park cars from 7.00 am to 2.30 pm. If you can spare some time, please email Claire Oelrichs to have your name put on the roster.

Claire Oelrichs (highnoon@breakofday.com.au)

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