Dear Parents and care givers,

We were all shocked and saddened by the news of the tragic death of one of our ex students Ben Donohoe last week. Ben completed the HSC in 2007 and was greatly admired and respected by all his peers and teachers. We would like to pass on our condolences to Mick, Yvonne and their family.

We also were saddened by the death of Pam Liebke. Pam was a long standing Canteen Supervisor at Byron Bay High School. Pam was much loved by staff and students and many can recall her last day at school here when she entered the school Hall the students gave her a spontaneous standing ovation. We would like to pass on our condolences to Doug and his family.

I would like to thank the Arakwal Bundjalung dancers for their fantastic poetry, singing and dancing at Friday’s NAIDOC week assembly. It was a great pleasure for the staff and students to see them perform. The Welcome to Country conducted by Nigel was also exceptional. The dancers thoroughly entertained the students for a full hour and were given a huge round of applause at the end. I would also like to acknowledge that the school made a presentation to Emma Buhagiar, who is an Aboriginal student from 2009 HSC. Emma scored a wonderful 93.35 in her ATAR and this is, as far as the school is aware, the highest mark achieved by an Aboriginal student in the North Coast region. The award was accepted by Emma’s sister, Madelyne.

Two of our students from 2007, Nell Pearson and Jack Younger, have agreed to sell their Art works to the NSW Department of Education and Training for inclusion in the William Wilkins Memorial Collection. The works will be permanently displayed in the William Wilkins Gallery at State Office in Bridge Street. Selection for inclusion in the William Wilkins Collection is a highly prestigious achievement and is a credit to the artists and our visual arts teachers. Nell Pearson’s work was called Watershed. Jack Younger’s work was entitled Materialistic, Voyeuristic.

At our School Development Day on the first day of this term there was a focus on the use of technology for teaching and learning. We had a number of interesting sessions such as

- The use of the DET’s online Information and Communication Technologies resources
- The use of our own Student Welfare based software called RISC (Register of Individual Student Contact)
- The creation of Interactive Whiteboard lessons
- Discussions about the digital natives of Gen Y & Z and how they are a different generation

As teachers we find school development days invaluable for conducting professional conversations, improving our skills and reflection on our practice.

Peter King
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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The following Byron Bay High School students make up the Regional Surfing team which will represent the Far North Coast at the State Titles in July.
We wish you all the very best of luck.

Henry Phillips       Kirsten Ogden       Mackinnon Walker
Tommy Boucaut       Sol Bailey

Year 11 Sculpture Walk Exhibition

Last month, eleven students from Year 11 Visual Arts exhibited their sculptures in the garden area and their art room for all to see.
Students included Anika Jensen, Tennyson Nobel, Maddie Buhagiar, Gene Cundith, Jake Cheeseman, Sienna Cleland, Jack Van Stee, Lucy Byrne, Hannah Sidoti, Hayley Hall and Jarri Doncaster.

Sculptures were based on the idea of ‘Passage’ and students interpreted their own ideas about what passage means to them. This ranged from an environmental theme to ideas of technology and identity.
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**28th July:** North Coast Athletics  
- Nambucca Heads

**4th August:** North Coast Tennis  -  Kempsey  
Year 10 Information Evening

**9th - 20th August:** HSC Trial School Certificate

**23rd August:** HSC Drama Performance

**24th August:** Year 8 Information Evening

**30th August - 3rd September:**  
Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement

**6th September:** HSC Music Performance Exam

**13th - 23rd September:** Year 11 Yearly Examination

**24th September:** Last Day of Term 3  
Year 12 Assembly/Breakfast

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**STUDENT BIRTHDAYS FOR NEXT WEEK**

- Zoe Gibson
- Yann McDermid
- Dane Milic
- Rory Wilson
- Ashleigh Atkinson
- Lucy Byrne
- Jake Cheeseman
- Jimeoin Murphy
- Jackson Hagley
- Arielle Gale
- Tia Stanhope
- Ella O’Keefe
- Sam Charters
- Yuri Assouvie
- Linley Hopkins

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**SUBJECT CHOICES FOR YEAR 11 ….. 2011**

**Information Evening**

Wednesday 4th August  from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Students have been given information booklets at school:
- Handbook for Senior Courses 2011 / 12
- Vocational Education & Training (VET) Courses 2011
- Studying for the HSC, Information for Year 10, 2010
- Job Guide 2010

Survey Sheets are due Monday 9th August at the individual interview. This survey will assist the school to determine the pattern of subjects that will be offered to students in Year 11 in 2011.

To assist you and the students, you are invited to attend two sessions, for which programs have been sent home.

- **Information Evening:** Wednesday 4th August from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
- **Student Interviews:** Monday 9th August. Year 10 students will only attend school for their allocated interview; parents are welcome if they can attend.

We look forward to meeting you on these occasions. If you are unable to attend, we will be happy to assist by phone.

*Mr G Graham, Careers Adviser*

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Welcome back from the holidays. Please see the roster for the next couple of weeks. If you would like to help at the Canteen, please phone Margaret or Robyn on 6685 5381.

Wed. 28th July: Sonya Wright, Lorraine Blumberg

Thurs. 29th July: Lois East

Fri. 30th July: Tracey Morgan

Mon. 2nd August: Frances Legg Bagg, Di Lamb

Tues. 3rd August: Sandy Banister, Bronwyn Watts

Wed. 4th August: Sonya Wright

Thurs. 5th August: Jocelyn Pegoretti, Karen Hagley

Fri. 6th August: WE NEED HELP ON THIS DAY

Mon. 9th August: Gail Christie, Kath Bowler

Tues. 10th August: Michelle Lamb, Melissa McDonald, Catherine Kelly