Dear parents and care givers,

We are thrilled to have our Deputy Principal, Mr War- rick Simmons, back at school. As I am sure you are aware Warrick was involved in a car accident in Term 1. Warrick’s health has been improving consistently in the last few months and he will be increasing his hours of work at school gradually over the coming weeks.

Five of our staff were involved in DER laptop training last week for two days. We shared this professional learning with staff from Mullumbimby High School. The work of students is increasingly seen as collaborative by nature and there is a trend towards cross school collaboration and collaboration between departments in schools. Our sharing with Mullumbimby High School will continue to develop and flourish.

We are now in a position where every classroom at Byron Bay High School has wireless internet connection and every student in Years 9 & 10 has a DER laptop. Students are reminded that they need to bring their laptop to school fully charged each and every day to be able to fully engage in the learning that is being provided.

The abundance of resources and relationships made easily accessible by the internet is challenging us to revisit our roles as teachers. The way we prepare students for their future lives is changing. At the same time the devices we carry (iphones, netbooks, laptops) are becoming even more capable. In the developed world mobile computing has become an indispensable part of day to day life and the drivers are the ease and speed with which it is possible to access the internet from virtually anywhere in the world.

At Byron Bay High School we are adapting to these shifts in education and we will continue to move to keep our students at the forefront of the technology revolution.

Could I ask for all parents to please support the P & C’s current fundraiser which is car parking at the Writers Festival this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. More details are in this newsletter.

Peter King
The Australian (Westpac) Mathematics Competition will be held this Thursday 5th August 2010 during the first three periods.

The 96 students who have pre-paid the $4.50 entry will report to the MPC after roll-call, and participate in this prestigious 1 1/4 hour competition.

In its 33rd year, the Australian Mathematics Competition is one of the largest competitions of its kind (per capita) in the world. The objective of the competition is to create, encourage and sustain interest in the study of Mathematics among all secondary students. The Australian Mathematics Competition is designed so that all students can make progress and find a point of challenge. Questions start off easy, and become progressively more difficult - ultimately challenging the most gifted student. Unlike formal examinations in Mathematics, many of the Australian Mathematics Competition problems reflect situations to which students can relate, indicating the relevance of Mathematics to their everyday lives.

All entrants receive recognition of their involvement (based on their performance relative to other students of the same year level in their State) with certificates of high distinction, distinction, credit, proficiency and participation. They also receive an analysis sheet along with their certificate - which records their answers for each question, along with the correct answers. Exceptional performance is rewarded from a prize pool in excess of $80,000 and medals are also presented regionally to outstanding entrants.

The Byron Bay High School entrants to this competition are to be commended for the interest that they have shown in furthering their mathematics education - especially their problem-solving skills.

Students are reminded that they are required to bring to the competition an (HB) pencil, eraser, ruler and geometrical instruments.

**Note:** The use of calculators is **not** permitted in this competition.

We wish the students well in their endeavours.

*Mr Ian Watt, Mathematics Teacher and Australian Mathematics Competition Co-ordinator*
STUDENT BIRTHDAYS
FOR NEXT WEEK
Sarah Vincent  Georgia Kervin
Malakai Alfaro  Jordon Congdon
Lorien-Summer Moysey  Ben Nolan
Alanna Noone  Dayna Poynting
Axel Johnson  Lewis Oliver
Oblio Whitling  Sam Mooney
Emerald Miller  Rupert Schofield
Indi Schaffner  Edia Bartley
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CANTEEN ROSTER
If you would like to help at the Canteen, please phone Margaret or Robyn on 6685 5381.

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

BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL - CAR PARKING
We need to fill the Writers Festival Roster URGENTLY

Location: Belongil Beach Resort, turn off at Ozigo, go to end of road.
Date: 6th, 7th and 8th August
Times: We park cars from 7.30 am to 2.30 pm (2 shifts of 3 1/2 hours each)
Contact: Claire Oelrichs (highnoon@breakofday.com.au)
Especially: Friday morning will need extra people

Many thanks to everyone willing to get out and help raise funds for the school. This is a cash-in-hand event and funds support the English Department - every student studies English!

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SAVING NORCO "CASH FOR CAPS" BOTTLE TOPS

Byron Bay High School is now saving the NORCO milk bottle tops. They are marked as "CASH FOR CAPS".

Many families have saved these tops for the primary schools. We are now doing it at Byron Bay High School. **We need ALL families to help.** This initiative will be used to buy valuable science equipment to give our kids the best and most engaging Science education. It’s easy and can make lots of money.

The Science department has the box, so send in your caps with your child to the Science Department or to the Front Office.

(Please remember that sour milk smells, so give them a wash please.)

**PLEASE HELP COLLECT CAPS!**