Students from Years 9 and 10 and Year 11 Agriculture made the annual trip to the Royal Queensland Show last week. Students enjoyed the opportunity to watch a variety of entertainment including fashion parades, musical concerts and stunt shows. Mrs Woodward’s Agriculture students spent most of the day wandering through the many agricultural exhibitions and animal displays, including sheep shearing and horse grooming.

Students also made the most of the many educational displays and workshops, as well as the free food tastings throughout the food halls. However, the awesome rides in Side Show Alley proved to be the most popular, along with the show bag pavilion.

All the teachers wish to congratulate the students who attended on their outstanding behaviour throughout the day - you were all excellent ambassadors for Byron Bay High School.

Mrs Maree Buchanan
Byron Bay High School Year 12 Musical Performance

"COMMODITY OF SOUND" Concert - 6th September 2010

The music program at Byron Bay High School has, for a number of years, worked very closely with local identity, musician and owner of Byron Music, Craig Potter. Craig completed a degree in Music through University of New England and Southern Cross University in 1989 and finished a Diploma in Education through Southern Cross University in 2001. As part of Craig’s Diploma of Education he completed a month-long teaching practicum at Byron Bay High School, teaching music to students from Years 7 to 12. According to Craig Potter, “the music kids at our local high school are playing is at a professional standard. I’ve heard Year 12 music students perform at their yearly concerts now a number of times and I’m always amazed at their level of skill and fine musicianship. There are some very talented composers amongst these young people - well worth a listen.”

Byron Music has provided support for the ongoing pursuit of excellence in practical music performance by the youth of our community, supplying hardware for the schools recording studio, and funding for this year’s HSC concert to be staged at the Byron Bay Community Centre. Craig Potter and Byron Music are providing a guitar which will be raffled on the night of the concert - $5.00 per ticket. Byron Bay High School would like to thank Byron Music for their continuing support and, in particular, Craig Potter.

This year there are 18 students sitting for their HSC exam in Music, each playing four songs from a variety of styles of music. The evening will showcase some of the HSC pieces and include music from 18th century to Jazz, Rock, Pop, as well as a number of original compositions.

The concert called “Commodity of Sound” will be held at the Byron Bay Community Centre on 6th September at 7.00 pm. Tickets cost $12.00 and can be purchased at the Byron Bay Community Centre.

For further information contact Byron Bay High School on 6685 8188.

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Principal’s Report

Dear parents and caregivers,

A number of our teachers have been chosen from across the state to create a video for the new My School Kids website. This website will be created for the Department of Education and Training and seeks to provide answers to questions that parents might have about schools and teenagers. On Tuesday 17th August a camera team from State Office of the DET will be at school to video our teachers’ responses to some of these questions.

Here are some examples of the questions and who will be answering them.

Alix Johnson – English Teacher: How to help your child with reading and spelling.

Amanda Schofield – Head Teacher Mathematics: How to help your child with Mathematics.

George Graham – Careers Adviser and Year Adviser: How can teens manage school and part-time work and what is Work Experience?

Kristy Collins – Head Teacher Welfare and Year Adviser:
How to talk to your teacher/year adviser/school & how to help with homework.
How to get help when you need it.

Charlotte Allen – Support Teacher Learning
How to assist your child in transitioning to high school.
What do I do if my child has a learning difficulty and what do I do if my child has a disability?

Peter King – Principal: How to deal with difficult behaviour - conforming with their peers, rebelling against their parents.

This week is School Administration and Support Staff week. On behalf of all the students and teachers at Byron Bay High School, I would like to thank our fabulous team of support staff. They are the engine room of the school and their administration allows us to get on with our core business which is teaching and learning.

Peter King
**We need You!** We need you to help us make money for the P&C, so that we can buy lots of those extras which would otherwise not be provided for our children. The Northern Rivers Dance Festival is being held at the school on the week-end 10th / 11th / 12th September. We need lots of volunteers for the canteen. Duties will include serving tea, coffee, cold drinks and food preparation. One of our Canteen Managers (Robyn) will be there to co-ordinate everyone. We need approx. 48 people to cover all these shifts, so please help us.

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We also need lots of Cakes and Slices. So if you are a whiz at this (or even if you are not) we will be able to sell all you can cook for us.

Also Pots of Soup.
Please deliver them to the School on Friday afternoon (10th) or bring them to your shift.

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Please return this Roster ASAP to school, or email Karen Hagley at: hagley@dodo.com.au or Jocelyne Pegoretti at: jocp@optusnet.com.au
SCHOOL CALENDAR

23rd August: HSC Drama Performance
23rd - 27th August: Year 11 Snow Trip
30th August - 3rd September: Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement
1st September: Maths Olympiad
6th September: HSC Music Performance “Commodity of Sound”
9th September: Year 9 ‘Take a Stand’
13th - 23rd September: Year 11 Yearly Examinations
24th September: Last Day of Term 3 Year 12 Assembly/Breakfast

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. Its 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!

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tues. 17th Aug: WE NEED HELP ON THIS DAY
Wed. 18th Aug: Sonya Wright, Lorraine Blumberg
Thur. 19th Aug: Rona McDonnell, Catherine McDermid
Fri. 20th Aug: Jo Kay, Karen Irwin, Cath Russo
Mon. 23rd Aug: Vicki Barnes, Odette Chesterman

We have a lady that lives in Sunrise Estate area who would love to do Canteen, but doesn’t have a car. Can anybody offer her a lift once a month? Please phone Margaret or Robyn on 6685 5381 if you are able to help out.

BANGALOW SK8 PARK FUNDRAISER

A much needed skate park for the kids of Bangalow and surrounds is back on the agenda. A site has been chosen and DA approved. Now all we need is money!

There will be a fundraiser held on Saturday 21st August at the Bangalow Bowling Club commencing at 5.00 pm and finishing at 10.00 pm. Jai Lawan (pro skate coach) will be doing a skating demonstration in the car park.

Entry: $10 Adult - Kids FREE!

(Please note that this is an all ages event, so parental supervision is recommended.)