**Byron Bay High School**

**School Newsletter**

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**SNOW TRIP ..... SNOW TRIP ..... SNOW TRIP**

They are calling it the best season in 20 years, but we called it the best season EVER.

A slow trip up the mountain with the bus needing chains for most of the journey, we arrived to a winter wonderland. Unable to see the view, we traded that for the epic snow flakes that fell consistently over three days, having to dig our way out of the Chalet. Mt Hotham provided the kind of snow skiers spend their lives dreaming about. We were very spoilt with heaps of spills, thrills and jumps galore. The students of Byron Bay High School mastered the chair lifts, slopes and getting around a new world with heavy boots and slippery feet.

A fantastic week was had by all, a few white surrender flags (Hayley, Zen, Stephanie, Kamala and Brendan), but everyone charged on regardless. A big thank you to all students on the trip who were well behaved, only had to be asked once to do things and were a lot of fun to hang out with. We were lucky to be able to experience this week with you all.

Hope to see you all on the slopes in the future.  
*Kelley Caoyanan, Peter Stanek and Shane Wilson*

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**P & C WORKING BEE:** On Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September 2010, there will be a working bee at the school. The aim is to beautify the front entrance of the school.

On Saturday, earth moving will take place and we will prepare for planting.  
On Sunday, we will plant about 100 plants.

Please call the school and leave your name if you can assist us with some time.

*Thanks !!!*
“Bricklaying School”

Year 10 students have gained ‘hands on’ experience of being a ‘brickie’. Last week eight students were involved in the ‘Step Out’ program organised by the Australian Brick and Block Laying Training Foundation (ABBTF).

David Gill from ABBTF instructed the students in the art of laying bricks. David said there is a shortage of qualified bricklayers in the industry. The program is to encourage more young people to consider bricklaying as a career.

The students built a low brick wall that serves as seating and garden edging. They are proud of their contribution to the school environment.

Year 10 Mathematics Yearly Examination will be held in periods 1 to 3 on Monday 20th September (Week 10, Term 3).

In Term 4 students will be sitting the external School Certificate Test and commencing the foundations for their senior HSC courses.

**STUDENT LEAVE**

In the School Attendance Policy PD200050259 it is stated that: Parents are responsible for:

- Ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- Explaining the absences of their children from school promptly to the school

*(PLEASE FIND “EXPLANATION OF STUDENT ABSENCE” SLIPS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE)*

(The students’ absence is unexplained or unjustified if no notice has been provided by parents within seven days of the occurrence of the absence OR the absence has been explained by the parent, but the reason provided eg. shopping trip, birthday, is not accepted by the Principal)

If the student has a request for LONG LEAVE, 15 DAYS OR MORE, then an “application for exemption from attendance from school” MUST be collected from the front office, completed and returned. A Certificate of Exemption, signed by the Principal/SED/Regional Director, will then be forwarded to you if the application has been successful.
Dear Parents and care givers,

Last week I had the great pleasure to view two HSC student exhibitions. On Monday night I went to the “Commodity of Sound” at the Byron Community Centre. We were entertained for three hours by the wonderful musical skills of our HSC Music students. The standard of their singing, playing and composition was magnificent. I would like to thank all the students for their efforts and also congratulate Mr Darko Milic and Mr Phillip Brandolini, their teachers.

On Thursday and Friday the school opened its doors to the public to allow them to view the outstanding HSC Visual Arts and Design and Technology major works. The Performing Arts Centre was packed with visiting student work. I would like to acknowledge the teachers Ms Susan Ray, Mr Gary Barnes, Ms Leanne Cramp and Ms Glenda Hubbard for the work they did with our amazingly talented students.

On Thursday all of our Year 9 students were involved in the “Take A Stand” day. This day enabled our Year 9 students to talk openly with trained professionals about issues affecting young people. The presenters commented to me about how mature and positive our students were. They were full of praise for the behaviour and engagement of our students all day. I want to thank all the presenters, as well as Ms Kristy Collins for her organisation.

As the Principal of the school I feel enormous pride when I see the level of success and development our students achieve. It was a week which I will not forget in a long time.

Lastly, thank you to all the parents who helped at the Canteen for the North Coast Dance Festival on the weekend. Your hours of assistance and all the donations of cakes and soups helped to make it a very successful fundraiser for the school.

Peter King

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**STUDENT BIRTHDAYS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Justice Hamnett, Isabella Henning, Aidan Lamb, Jun Touzel, Tasman Fittler, Taitum Kennedy, Aislinn Hanley, Felix Kleinman, Tawanda MZungu, Go Kamon, Alex McDonald, Dylan Russo, Tom Tran, Mitchell Shepherd, Jayden Imbrogno, Freja Ingemar-Holland, Jake Blumberg, Daniel Smith-Petersen, Jack Fuller and Theodor Vander Hagen

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!**

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

If any parent is able to help on any day, please contact Margaret or Robyn on 6685 5381.

**Wed.15th:** Sonya Wright, Lorraine Blumberg

**Thurs.16th:** Catherine McDermid

**Fri.17th:** Jo Kay, Karen Erwin

**Mon.10th:** Gail Christie

**Tues.11th:** Sue Chakos, Linda Vincent

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

**23rd September:** Year 12 Presentation Assembly and Breakfast

**24th September:** Last day of Term 3

**11th October:** 1st Day of Term for all students

Year 10 Yearly Examinations commence

**21st October:** ESSA On-Line

**25th October:** HSC Art Marking

**1st November:** Year 8 Yearly Examinations commence

Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement

**8th November:** School Certificate commences

Year 7 Yearly Examinations commence

**10th,11th,12th November:** School Certificate Computing

Skills Test

**15th November:** Year 9 Yearly Examinations commence
I advise that my child (full name) ____________________________ of roll call class ____
was absent from school from ____________ to ____________.
Category of Absence (please tick the appropriate box)  
☐ SICK  ☐ LEAVE
Nature of absence (eg. Flu, family bereavement, etc)

Signed: (Parent or Guardian) ________________________________  
Date: ____________________