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 !!!

HSC Holiday Workshops - Biology

Thursday 30th September: 10.00 am - 11.00 am - Maintaining a Balance
Friday 1st October: 10.00 am - 11.00 am - Blueprint of Life
Thursday 7th October: 10.00 am - 11.00 am - The Search for Better Health
Friday 8th October: 10.00 am - 11.00 am - Genetics: The Code Broken

See you there! Shirley Graham

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE and it would be appreciated if these could be finalised this term or early in Term 4. If you have any queries please contact Leanne Niemack or the office staff on 66858188.

Thanks to the families who have finalised their account and to the families who are contributing on their payment plan.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books

Fiction:
- iBoy
- Graffiti Moon
- Freeze Frame
- Six Impossible Things
- Fever Crumb
- Summer
- The Moth Diaries
- Stolen
- L. Frank Baum's The wizard of Oz

Non - Fiction:
- LAW - The Family Law
- Jason and the Golden Fleece

A big thank you to all the Byron Bay High School Music students (HSC and non-HSC) who performed in ‘We’ve Got Talent’ and helped make it a success. Well done!

Christina Gobet-Freeman, (Piano Tutor)
Dear Parent or Carer

Byron Bay High School’s Year 8 students are participating in the piloting of the 2010 Essential Secondary Science Assessment Online Practical Component (ESSA OPC) test. The date for this test is Thursday 21 October 2010.

The OPC pilot test provides a real-world scenario in which students work through an investigation. They make decisions as they plan an investigation, collect and interpret data, make conclusions and propose applications or implications of their findings. Test items are based on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus.

Because students use a computer to complete the OPC pilot test, they will not need writing materials. However, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that will plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

The test is presented as a series of WebPages and contains text, audio, pictures, video and animations. Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values. The test is expected to take approximately 30 minutes.

Students enter all their responses directly into the test using the mouse and keyboard. The test items are mainly interactive multiple choice items. There are some items where students type a response, including a longer response.

Additionally, students are asked to provide their name, gender and age. They are requested to provide information as to whether they are from an English or non-English speaking background and whether or not they are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained.

The Principal, Mr Peter King, is able to provide you with more details about the ESSA program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Graham Head Teacher Science (relieving) and ESSA Test Administrator

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**Byron Bay High School Student Representative**

**Boyscouts of America 100th Jamboree**

From 17th July to 8th August this year, I travelled to America with the Australian Scouts to go to the Boy Scouts of America 100th Jamboree.

Our first stop was New York. We toured the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building, then we took a ten hour train trip to Niagara Falls, and it was spectacular. We then flew to Washington DC and saw the White House, Lincoln Memorial, Congress, The Smithsonian and we also had afternoon tea with the Australian Ambassador, Kim Beazley. We also visited Gettysburg in Virginia, then spent ten days at the jamboree with a total of approximately 43,000 boy scouts and leaders.

We made lots of friends and took part in lots of activities like archery, shooting, sailing, abseiling, scuba diving and many more.

For the last three days of our trip, we went to Los Angeles to go to Disneyland and Universal Studios. We then hopped on a plane and took a fourteen and a half hour trip back home.

*Bailey Grant (Year 7)*

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**Kids Classic Movies**

commences screening at the Byron Community Centre’s Byron Theatre over the term break offering the best kids movies made over the past 50 years.

*The Iron Giant* (PG) plus locally made shorts screens on Wednesday 29th September at 11.00 am and 1.00 pm. *Kiki’s Delivery Service* (G) plus locally made shorts screens a week later on Wednesday 6th October at 11.00 am and 1.00 pm.

Both films are brilliant and critically acclaimed. BT has just installed a huge new screen and state of the art surround sound system.

All tickets $8.00 Check it out at www.kidsclassicmovies.com.au.
Principal’s Report

Dear parents and caregivers,

I would like to write about the school’s fantastic 2010 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) results.

In Year 7 students at Byron Bay High School beat the North Coast average by:
- 38 points in Reading
- 45 points in Writing
- 22 points in Spelling
- 28 points in Grammar and Punctuation
- 21 points in Numeracy

These are incredible results!

In Year 9 students at Byron Bay High School beat the North Coast average by:
- 23 points in Reading
- 33 points in Writing
- 18 points in Spelling
- 25 points in Grammar and Punctuation
- 14 points in Numeracy

A quite telling statistic is that there were 77 students out of 113 who completed their Yr 7 and Yr 9 tests at Byron Bay. That is, they attended this school for the full two years. The 77 students at Byron Bay High School for the full two years beat the North Coast average by:
- 30 points in Reading
- 44 points in Writing
- 25 points in Spelling
- 35 points in Grammar and Punctuation
- 23 points in Numeracy

It is clear to us that some students who come to us from non-government schools during their secondary schooling have missed out on some of the essentials of Literacy and Numeracy. It is also clear that those students who enrol and remain here at Byron Bay High School achieve results which are exceptional.

I would like to congratulate all our students and I want to thank our brilliant teaching staff. On behalf of the school could I wish all parents, staff and students a safe and happy holiday. Next term school starts on Monday 11th October for everyone.

Peter King

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 Year Examinations commence
17th November: North Coast Cricket - Grafton Year 12 Formal
18th November: Year 11 RISK Day - Southern Cross Uni. Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement
23rd November: ESSA - Year 8 (Periods 1—5)
28th Nov. - 4th Dec: Year 9 Lighthouse Excursion - Sydney
7th December: Year 7 2011 Orientation Day
15th December: Last day for all students
16th & 17th December: Pupil Free days

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ZUMBA

for Staff and Parents

WHEN: Tuesdays starting Term 4
WHERE: School Sports Centre
TIME: 3:30pm—4:30pm
COST: $8

Unfortunately because of the gym equipment there is no supervision for children to attend.

If you have any questions call Leanne at the school on 66858188.

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BALLINA LITTLE ATHLETICS Quays Reserve West Ballina

Come and Try Clinic: Tuesday 5th October from 10.00 am - 12 midday
Start of Season and Sign-On Day: Saturday 9th October at 8.30 am

Come and join a sport that celebrates individual achievement and promotes support and encouragement of your best result!
STUDENTS BIRTHDAYS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Tom Cormack  Cherie Vella    Corinne Holmes    Zia Bonham
Lachlan Brodie    Mathew Vidler    Lauren Lowe   Ro se King   Jack Petersons    Perinne Rees    Anne Wa lkley    Sophie King
Shandel Dennis    Huw Burstall-Evans    David Campb ell     Declan Kelly   Alkira Kyle-Robinson   Kayla  Corpuz
Daniel Witchey   Thomas Carbins   Nico Taylor   Ten  Ten Sri-On

STUDENTS BIRTHDAYS WEEK 1 OF NEXT TERM

Rhinannon Clark     Niki Baltakova
Tegan Nelson-Chapman     Wesley Banister   Daniel Bensley   Tobias McCorquodale   Samuel Free
Henry Phillips     Callie Bale     Amaury Santiago-Sathler   Felix Schofield   Peter Smith   Scarlet Perkins
Pearl Spring-Voss   Elia Kinninment   Alex Chesterman   Ben Chesterman   Cooper Kay

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

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

Wed. 22nd Sept:  Sonya Wright
Thurs. 23rd Sept:  WE NEED HELP ON THIS DAY
Fri. 24th Sept:  Marsha Perchard

LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Mon. 11th Oct:  Gail Christie  
Tues. 12th Oct:  Melissa Macdonald,  
Michelle Lamb,  
Catherine Kelly

Byron Bay RSL Softball Club Inc. is a small and friendly club. We welcome all new players from across the shire. We have both senior women, mixed senior and mixed junior teams.

Sign up:
• Monday 13th and Thursday 23rd September from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm at the Stan Thompson Oval, Brunswick Heads

OR

• Thursday 16th and Monday 20th September from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm at the Byron Bay Recreational Grounds.

For more information contact Danielle Haywood on 6680 5889 (juniors only) or Mel Currie on 6685 1570 (seniors and juniors).

FRIENDS OF BALLINA SHIRE LIBRARIES
OCTOBER BOOK SALE
Thousands of books will go on sale for 50c each
on Saturday 2nd October 2010
from 8.00 am - 12 noon
in the Richmond Room
(behind the Ballina Library).

THERE ARE ALSO MANY “SPECIAL BOOKS’, VIDEOS AND RECORDS FOR SALE AT MARKED PRICES.

The Staff of Byron Bay High School would like to wish all their students a safe and enjoyable break.

See you all next term !!!

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Tom Cormack  Cherie Vella    Corinne Holmes    Ziah Bonham
Lachlan Brodie    Mathew Vidler    Lauren Lowe   Rose King   Jack Petersons   Perinne Rees   Anne Walkley   Sophie King
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