Byron Bay High School Agriculture students take out prizes at the Bangalow Show

At the Bangalow Show 2010 Byron Bay High School has again won the Farm Produce Most Successful Exhibitor (Open), as well as the Children’s Farm Produce Most Successful Exhibitor of the Bangalow Show. This included many places for a range of vegetables and fruit that the Agriculture students have grown using organic practices, as well as the honey produced on the school farm.

The school flower gardens, which recently won the school section of the Byron Bay Garden Competition, were again successful, winning a number of places for cut flowers in both the Open and Junior sections.

The school also was awarded Grand Champion Quail of the Show for one of their male Japanese Quail; these birds are selectively bred, incubated and raised by Agriculture students.

A lot of fun was had at the Cavy (guinea pig) show where a number of students showed their much loved animals from the Byron High’s Nautilus Cavy Stud!

The encouragement and support shown toward the agricultural activities of the Byron Bay High School at the Bangalow Show by the community and show society is greatly appreciated. It is great for the Byron High School students to be a part of such a great country show.

Below are some photos of our prize-winning successes.
Some samples of the fruit and vegetable produce which won prizes at the Bangalow Show

Children’s Farm Produce Most Successful Exhibitor of the Show

Grand Champion Japanese Quail

Farm Produce Most Successful Exhibitor of the Show (Open)

Julian Stubbs showing Toffee to be awarded best baby Cavy in Show

Guinea pigs, Fuzzy and Icky, were well behaved

First Prize in Mixed Flowers in both the Junior and Open Sections

Stephanie Begg with Fuzzy in a fancy dress costume designed by Amber Evans-Crane
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of attending the launch of the Lighthouse Valley Learning Community at the Byron Bay Surf Club.

It was a fabulous night with one of the highlights being the piano solo by our Year 8 student Reuben Quinton. The LVLC is a group of two high schools and twelve public schools who have joined together to share curriculum, professional learning and provide a pathway for students in our local public schools from K-12.

I am attaching a vodcast of the evening, with Reuben's solo as the soundtrack. There are also some pictures and a poster.

You will definitely be hearing more about the Lighthouse Valley Learning Community in the future.

Peter King

Southern Cross University

University Options Information Day

In time to support your Year 12 students on the release of their ATAR, Southern Cross University will be offering a University Options Information Day. The aim is to advise students on the range of study options and career paths open to them, whatever their ATAR.

Date: Thursday 16th December 2010
Time: Between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm
Location: Southern Cross University, Student Services Building, Lismore Campus, Military Road, East Lismore

Southern Cross University will be on hand to provide assistance and advice on alternative pathways and university preparation programs, course options, fees, admissions, change of preference deadlines, offer rounds and other specific information regarding studying with Southern Cross University in 2011.

Should you have students needing assistance who are unable to attend in person, we will also be operating a telephone hotline. The number to call is 1800 626 481.

If you or your students would like more information regarding this service, please call me on 6620 3102.

Glenn Jeffery, Prospective Student Adviser

Year 8 students are having a Cake and Coke Stall on Thursday 26th November at Recess to help raise money for Surf Aide and to help the tsunami victims in the Mentawai Islands.

Cans of Coca Cola - $2.00
Cakes - 50c & $1.00

Please support this cause. Donations accepted.
Year 7 Fieldwork Excursion to Broken Head

On the 11th November all of Year 7 went to Broken Head for an excursion. As soon as we got there we had a BBQ lunch with chips and poppers. The teachers divided us into our five classes and we then walked along the bush track, stopping at the many signs to answer the questions on our worksheet.

The view from the lookout was fantastic. We did a field sketch of the landscape overlooking the headland and ocean. There was lots of interesting things to look at: the Three Sisters bushland, native birds and the rainforest.

Year 7 really enjoyed the walk back to school along the beach. The weather was fine and we all had a great day. Thanks to all the teachers that came along, in particular the great cooks.

Geogia Kervin
and
Clara Dawson-Marano

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES

Fiction
- Darke Academy: Blood Ties
- Darkwater
- Ghost Hunter
- Jungle Kill
- The Alchemist and the Angel
- The Ghosts of Iron Bottom Sound
- The Seventh Tower #3: Aenir
- The Seventh Tower #4: Above the Veil
- The Tales of Beedle the Bard
- Whisper My Name
- Zarconi’s Magic Flying Fish

Non-Fiction:
- Crime Time: Australians Behaving Badly
- Falling Hard: 100 Love Poems by Teenagers
- Hot Topics: Young People and Crime
- How to Make Gravy
- Make Your own Jewellery
- Nice Work
- Travel and Nature
Byron Bay High School students compete at North Coast Surf Life Saving Championships

On Thursday 11th November a team of 22 travelled down to Woolgoolga to compete in the North Coast Surf Life Saving Championship. There were 110 competitors from schools all over the coast.

The team performed exceptionally well on the day competing in every event possible and trying their best all day. The day started off with a surfing contest which was taken out by Matt, Kirsten and Jacob Ogden, who all surfed very well in poor conditions. The team then competed in a range of water and beach events.

All of the students who competed went extremely well with Byron winning many of the relays and finishing in the top 3 in almost every race. Notable mentions go to Cameron Green and Lorne Greenlaw who won their age championship respectively and Kisane Irwin who was up against good competition.

A big thank you to the parents who took the time to drive down to Woolgoolga and help out on the day. Also to the Irwin’s for driving the trailer down with all the competitors boards.

The students should be proud of their efforts and all represented the school with distinction.

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You’re invited to our Canteen Volunteer Christmas Party

on Tuesday 30th November at 12.30 pm

at the Byron Bay Golf Club

RSVP: 24th November

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Canteen Roster

Tuesday 30th: Claire and Ian Oelrichs
Wed. 1st Dec: Sonya Wright
Thurs. 2nd Dec: Jocelyn Pegoretti, Karen Hagley
Fri. 3rd Dec: We need help today
Mon. 6th Dec: Gail Christie, Liette Snow
Tues. 7th Dec: Sandi Banister, Bronwyn Watts
Environment Action Team taking the lead at Byron Bay High School

Young people are looking at the environmental damage created by previous generations and cannot understand why those in power are doing so little to protect their future heritage. They see a string of disasters and often feel powerlessness and desperate.

They are horrified that millions of years of fossil fuels are being depleted in one generation. They are angry that the world climate is being disrupted by carbon accumulation in the sky instead of in the ground. They are crying out for rainforests and wildlife which they hold precious. They want us to notice and to make changes.

At Byron Bay High School they are taking things into their own hands. Students are taking back the power to make decisions, raise money, lobby politicians and choose outcomes. The students have formed the “ENVIRONMENT ACTION TEAM” (EA Team). This ferociously active group of students has a wide range of aims from changing the school environment to affecting conservation and the environments of the world.

Davis Jensen, in Year 8, said, “We want to learn more and we want to do something significant that adults will notice! We can make a difference and show the rest of the school the way we live doesn’t have to be detrimental to the environment.”

Anika Jensen, School Captain, and also a member of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, expanded: “We want to have a choice in how the world will look when we are adults. It is really vital to us to still have the things we feel are important. It sometimes seems there will be nothing left for us!”

Their first fundraising effort on Orange Day has already raised enough money to adopt 5 orangutan babies (Australian Orangutan Project Adoption Program) and purchase protection for a reforestation plot in Kalimantan.

On Tuesday this week they presented their cheque to “Save Indonesian Endangered Species Fund” (SIES) treasurer, Richard Hagley. They chose SIES because it gives its funds direct to on-ground community-based projects in Indonesia without office costs. The school-funded plot is part of the SIES reforestation project in Lamandau Reserve for the release of captive orangutans.

The sentiment for orangutans was expressed by Year 8 student, Perrine Rees, “I feel extremely annoyed that humans are destroying species and rainforest developed over millions of years. We are pretty much destroying our own world. I feel the sadness of the orphan baby orangutans and I can’t stand to think they will be extinct in the wild. They are beautiful animals and deserve our help. We want to see them living safe and free in the rainforest!”

The students are also taking a leading role at school. They want the school to cut power usage, expand gardens, and use only sustainable environmentally-friendly products. An EA Team survey showed over 90% of students are happy to give up crisps if it means not using palm oil.

A group of Year 8 students are taking the lead with power use and are running a campaign to enforce turning off all electrical equipment at the end of the day. They check that lights, air conditioning, fans and equipment are all turned off and speak up if this is not done.

David Krippner said, “Even a little thing like turning off lights makes a huge difference over one year, so we think it is important to do it. TURN IT OFF is our message!”

The school is encouraging this sort of leadership. Teacher-librarian, Jim Richardson commented, “These amazing kids will be the leaders of the next generation. They re-invigorate us with their energy and we are proud to help to empower them.”

Ngurungaeta Brown summed up for the group, “Even though we are small we are making a difference in protecting the environment. We want people in power to notice and establish a sustainable world for our future!”

For more information
www.Orangutan.org.au
www.siesfund.org
Byron Bay HS EA Team
– contact Jim Richardson Ph. 66858288

Ngurungaeta Brown presenting a cheque to Richard Hagley, Treasurer of “Save Indonesian Endangered Species Fund”
TOAD MUSTER
Hosted by Bangalow Land and Rivercare and Byron Shire Council
Wednesday December 1st - Meet at Bangalow Pool - 7 – 9.30pm

All children must be supervised by an adult. Please wear long sleeves, long pants and sturdy covered shoes. Please bring your own torch.

Optional things to bring along are:
- gloves (some disposable gloves will be available)
- buckets either deep buckets e.g. 20L or buckets with a lid (we will have about 12 buckets)
- nets (we will have about 20 of these to loan)
We will also have some fluoro vests for children to wear for safety and insect repellant.

Wendy Gibney, who is working with Byron Shire Council on their Bush Futures project, will have information to distribute, including frog posters which normally cost $4, but will be free of charge to participants.

Please register known cane toad hotspots prior to the muster by email to bangalowlandcare@gmail.com

CATCH US IF YOU CAN!

SCHOOL CALENDAR
24th - 26th November: Peer Support Training
28th Nov. - 4th Dec: Year 9 Lighthouse Excursion - Sydney
1st December: Year 8 ‘Wet ‘n Wild’ End-of-Year Excursion
2nd Dec: Year 11 Presentation Day
6th December: Year 7 2011 Orientation Day
8th December: Year 9 ‘Wet ‘n Wild’ End-of-Year Excursion
9th December: Year 10 Presentation & Formal
10th December: Years 7, 8, 9 Presentation Day
15th December: Last day for all students
16th & 17th December: Pupil Free days

STUDENTS HAVING A BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK

Alexandra Barnes  Oliver Kay
Riley Buckley  Nina McIntosh
Tahlia McCourt  Jarra Grigg
Sienna Stewart  Kailash Ra
Sabina Kohary  Harper Hain
Grace Lapham
Charlotte Whan
James Wright
Lily Paterson-Minton
Jack Riding-Buttrose

HAPPY B-DAY!