Dear Parents and Care Givers,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce 6 new staff members who have arrived to take up permanent teaching positions in 2011. They are

Donna Pearson – Deputy Principal
Leanne Croft – Head Teacher Technology and Applied Science
Sandi Butler – Head Teacher Administration
Chris Mills – Head Teacher Mathematics
Steven Lovell – Teacher Mathematics
Daniel Lane – Teacher Science

I would also like to welcome Deanne Farrell and Helene who have commenced duties as School Administrative officers. Welcome to the Byron Bay High School family.

I want to wish all Year 7 students good luck for the Year 7 camp this week. It will be fantastic to have 3 days of adventure and activity to get to know each other. You all come from different schools and different backgrounds. Take the time to listen and learn and push yourself when it comes time to trying new things.

You may have heard about the break-in that took place at school last week. Thieves stole a small amount of cash and 60 of the new Lenovo laptop computers which were destined to be given out to Year 9 students. The laptops are unable to be used by the thieves and are installed with tracking software. I am pleased to report that the North Coast Digital Education Revolution has provided us with 60 replacement laptops so that the roll-out can continue. I will be inviting all Year 9 students and parents to a one hour information evening very soon. You will need to attend this meeting in order to be eligible to get your new laptop. If you are a new student in Year 10 or Year 11 and you have arrived from a non-government school, you are entitled to a laptop from the previous rollout. You should make an appointment to see Mr Brettell so that he can start that process.

It has come to my attention that a small number of students have returned to school with Head Lice after the holidays. Following is the link to the NSW Department of Health site for treatment of Head Lice.


If you would like to view some of the brilliant HSC ArtExpress compositions go to http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2011Painting.html
Our own Kalinda Witchey is at the bottom of the page!!

The American Super Bowl is as much about the adds as the football. Here are the top 10 adds without having to sit through the four hours.


Peter King
Principal
BYRON BAY HIGH SCHOOL
SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2011

A fantastic day last Friday, plenty of records broken and lots of fun was had by all. A big thank you to all the students who made it such a success.

The following are our Age Champions for 2011:

12 Yr Girls: Sara Graham
13 Yr Girls: Jemma Pollock & Trilby Keller
13 Yr Boys: Toby Pauling
14 Yr Boys: Tazi Murray-Woodhouse
14 Yr Girls: Ruby Koutsoubos
15 Yr Boys: Davis Jensen & Lorne Greenlaw
15 Yr Girls: Kisane Irwin
16 Yr Boys: Cameron Green
16 Yr Girls: Kirsten Ogden
17 Yr Boys: Matthew Ogden
17 Yr Girls: Yasmin Nelson-Chapman

TOTAL HOUSE POINTS

1st: Tallows - 767
2nd: Pass - 510
3rd: Dolphins - 419
4th: Wategos - 328

NEW RECORDS

14 Yr Boys 50m Breastroke - Jacob Ogden (39.20)
15 Yr Boys 50m Breastroke - Davis Jensen (36.78)
17 Yr Boys 50m Breastroke - Matthew Ogden (33.50)
15 Yr Boys 100m Freestyle - Lorne Greenlaw (1.00.60)
14 Yr Boys 50m Freestyle - Tazi Murray-Woodhouse (28.70)
15 Yr Boys 50m Freestyle - Lorne Greenlaw (27.20)
13 Yr Boys 100m Butterfly - Toby Pauling (1.23.70)
15 Yr Boys 100m Butterfly - Lorne Greenlaw (2.07.90)
17 Yr Boys 100m Butterfly - Matthew Ogden (1.10.00)

UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE

Friday 4th March
9.00 am - 10.15 am in the MPC
Year 12 Compulsory Attendance
PARENTS WELCOME
Short talks followed by a marketplace of Northern NSW and Queensland Universities. Representatives on hand to answer questions.

CAFNENT

ROSTER

If you need to contact the Canteen for any reason, please ring Margaret or Robyn on 6685 5381.

Tuesday 15th: Gina Keller, HELP NEEDED TODAY
Wednesday 16th: Sonya Wright, Lorraine Blumberg
Thursday 17th: Rona McDonnell,
Catherine McDermid
Friday 18th: Jo Kay, Carin Erwin, Johanna McCallum
Monday 21st: Amelia Batson, Mandala Diehl
Tuesday 22nd: Linda Vincent, Sue Chakos
MATHS NEWS …….  

I enjoyed meeting a group of parents at the HOTmaths introduction last Thursday afternoon. Parents can contact me through the office or catch me at upcoming school/parent events. I hope some of you caught the great maths program on SBS which, among other thing, showed the importance of prime numbers.

1. **HOTmaths**: A number of students had paid prior to the end of last week. These names have been forwarded to Sydney and passwords should be with me early in Week 4. Students can join at any time by paying $20.00 at the front office. Names will be forwarded regularly. All subscriptions expire February 2012, so the earlier you join the more use you will have. I again strongly recommend that students join and use this program.

2. **Calculators**: The recommended calculator is $24.00 from the school office. Batteries rarely go flat in a calculator; the usual problem is poor contact (due to moisture). Carefully remove the backing and spin the battery. I am willing to help students. All students studying Mathematics require a calculator for every lesson.

3. **Textbooks**: We are expecting the finalisation of the new national curricula soon and we are reluctant to purchase text for our shortages. Many of our school texts are available on disc/thumbdrives and can be downloaded onto laptops for Years 9 - 12 or onto your home computer for Years 7 and 8. Talk to your Maths teacher about this.

*Chris Mills, Head Teacher Mathematics*

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 1**

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**Science Quiz Questions:**

1. What name is given to the theory that heat-trapping pollutants in the atmosphere will cause dramatic changes in climate around the globe?
2. What force dominates ocean tides?
3. In the fossil record, Archaeopteryx is thought to be an important stage in the development of what sort of creatures?
4. What is the layer of the Earth between the crust and the core called?
5. How many minutes do the Sun’s rays take to reach the Earth?

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**STUDENT BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following students who have recently celebrated or are celebrating their birthdays this week:

- Indi Anderson
- Julia Upson-Shaw
- Ruby Begg
- Natalie Blackstock
- Rusty Blewitt
- Audrey O’Carroll-McRae
- Lana Parkes
- Christopher Woodward
- Isaiah Tomkinson
- Talahna Bashford
- Javi Franco
- Cally Winfield
NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES

Fiction Books
♦ The Crowded Shadows
♦ The Dwarves
♦ Fierce September
♦ Hardragon
♦ H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute of Villainous Education
♦ The Nightmare Factory - Vol.2
♦ The Red Pyramid
♦ Scared to Death
♦ The Temporal Void
♦ Twelfth Grade Kills

Picture Books
♦ Palazzo Inverso

Non-Fiction Books
♦ The Definitive Guitar Book
♦ The Greatest Show on Earth: The Evidence for Evolution
♦ Introducing Ethics
♦ Newton & Gravity
♦ The Grand Design
♦ Not for Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities
♦ Every Man in this Village is a Liar: An Education in War
♦ Bushwalking in the Rainbow Region
♦ The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Composting
♦ Essential Guitar: From Bach to Rock: Everything you Need to Know …
♦ Sew What: 18 Pattern Free Projects you can Customise
♦ Cheesecakes and Other Tarts
♦ A Special Kind of Vision: Contemporary Aboriginal Art from the Northern Rivers
♦ Native Plant or Weed: Pick the Difference
♦ Mandela: The Authorised Biography

LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS - SIGN-ON

Bangalow Rugby Football Club
Junior Sign-On Days: Saturday 19th February and Saturday 26th February from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Bangalow Bowling Club.
Contacts: Dave Phillips 0412 080 614 or Paul DeFina 0400 572 028

Ocean Shores Basketball Association
All games are played at the Ocean Shores Public School Indoor Stadium. Games start week commencing 14th February. Contact Michelle Tree 6680 5072

Brunswick/Byron Netball Association
Trials commence on Tuesday 8th February at Mullumbimby Netball Courts from 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm for 12's, 13's, 14’s and 15’s. Under 17’s commence on 22nd February at 5.30 pm. Enquires: Michelle 0412 540 890

Byron Bay Football Club (Soccer)
Junior Sign-On Days at Byron Bay Rec Fields:
- Thursday 17th February - 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
- Saturday 19th February - 9.00 am - Midday
Registration queries: juniors@byronbayfc.com.au

Lennox Head Rugby Union Club
Sign-on at the Williams Reserve, Park Lane at Lennox Head on Wednesday 23rd February and Wednesday 2nd March from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm. New players welcome!!! Contact Mark McDonald on 6687 4856 for more information.

Bangalow Netball Club
15’s and Under and Senior Sign-On:
Wednesday 23rd February and Wednesday 2nd March from 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm on the back deck of the Bangalow Bowling

Science Quiz Answers:
1. Greenhouse effect
2. The Moon’s gravity
3. Birds
4. Mantle
5. Eight

Northern Rivers Writers’ Centre presents
Writing for the Children’s Market Workshop
10.00 am - 4.00 pm, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th February at Byron Community Centre

Do you want to write for children?
Learn about the tools and techniques used by published authors to create stories that kids will love. Explore your publication options, including educational publishing and the role of the agent and the publisher.
Presenter: Tristan Bancks is the author of numerous popular books for children and young adults.
Cost: $135 NRWC members or $160 non-members
To book, call 6685 5115 or email siboney@nrwc.org.au
Junior Youth Program in Suffolk Park

The Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program is a program for young people in the community between the ages off 11 and 14 that builds on their acute sense of justice and their desire to contribute to the construction of a better world. This Junior Youth Program promotes personal expression through group consultations and a variety of activities, and engaged them in acts of service to the community, friends and family.

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND JUNIOR YOUTHS

Friday 18th February from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Suffolk Park Community Hall

For further details call Helene on 0413 484 833 or email junioryouth2481@gmail.com

This is a community service project supported
by the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of Byron Shire