Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Many of the members of our school community would be aware of the passing of Joanna (Jo) Timms on Sunday 23rd January 2011. Joanna was the dux of Byron Bay High School in 2004 and went on to be a successful academic at Queensland University lecturing in British history.

Jo was the sister of this year’s school captain, Nick Timms, and another former student Mike Timms. Her father, John (Jack) Timms, was on the English staff at Byron Bay High School and her mother, Pam, is a local TAFE teacher. All are well known by staff and community members.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to express our sympathy and condolences to the Timms family. The school has decided that all our Cancer Council fundraising efforts this year will be sent to Melanoma Research on behalf of Jo.

Jack and Pam have decided to create a perpetual award to be presented to the most outstanding Year 12 English student each year in memory of Jo. The Jo Timms Award will be presented at the final Year 12 Assembly.

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Welcome back to school, I hope you had a fabulous holiday!! A warm welcome to over 150 new Year 7 students and a large number of new students in other years. Welcome to the Byron Bay High School family.

Our numbers at school are growing as we continue to demonstrate that we are the school of choice in the Byron Bay area. We now have over 800 students enrolled at Byron Bay High School. We also have two new demountable classrooms which have been set up on site.

I read this article in the Sydney Morning Herald over the holidays. It is very sensible.


And for those who love their slam poetry check out What Teachers Make:

Congratulations and good luck to ex-student Katherine Hicks:

Peter King
My name is Chris Mills; I am pleased to have gained the position of Head Teacher Mathematics at Byron Bay High School. Mr. Lovell is also a new staff member for 2011. This brings to six the number of full time mathematics staff.

I am a keen user of technology in my classroom. Technology opens up options to look at mathematics in different ways. I intend to introduce options for students and staff to use technology in mathematics. Visit: www.wolframalpha.com and explore this mathematics search engine, it will do anything mathematical e.g. differentiate, integrate, solve equations etc.

Some key points to start 2011

HOTmaths

Every student (years 7 - 10) has been given a letter to take home inviting them to join this online mathematics tutoring program. The program cost is $20.00 for a 12 month subscription. I strongly urge students to join this program. If they wish, parents and students are invited to an introductory meeting in Room 5 on Thursday 10th February at 4.00 pm. I will answer any questions and show how the program works. Alternatively, I can be contacted through the school office. Visit www.hotmaths.com.au and have a look at the material offered.

Calculators and Equipment

All students studying mathematics need to have the necessary tools for their lessons. Too many students come to class without a calculator (these are available at the office for $24.00.) A workbook, pens, pencils and rulers are also needed. A pair of compasses and protractor will be needed for specific geometry lessons.

Homework

As with all learning activities, practice helps develop your skills. Homework options vary from class to class. Students need to be aware of the expectations and complete work provided. An excellent starting point is to take all your books from your bag and review the work covered in class, finishing off exercises, ruling up new pages and preparing for the following day.

HOTmaths is another opportunity to do that bit extra, catch up on skills missed or not fully understood in class.

I look forward to meeting parents and students through upcoming school activities.

Mr Chris Mills
Head Teacher Mathematics
Hello everyone

My name is Amanda Hallinan and I have been asked by the Principal to come on board as the school’s Community Liaison Officer. Essentially my role is twofold. Firstly, I have been asked to look at some of the methods by which the school communicates with parents and carers and suggest improvements. My second role involves looking at ways to foster closer partnerships with some of the key organisations in our community such as Byron United, Byron Youth Service and Byron Shire Council.

I welcome any suggestions you may have that can help us improve the way we communicate with you and our community – ideas however large or small, please feel free to contact me on amanda.hallinan@det.nsw.edu.au or at school on Tuesdays and Fridays on 6685 8188.

I look forward to getting to know you!

Amanda Hallinan

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 1**

11th Feb: North Coast CHS Volleyball, Port Macquarie
14th Feb: CHS Cricket (Boys)
16th - 18th Feb: Year 7 Camp
22nd Feb: Far North Coast Swimming, Mullumbimby
24th Feb: Far North Coast Touch Football, Cudgen
1st March: Far North Coast AFL, Ballina
2nd March: Vaccinations
3rd March: Year 7 Meeting - Teachers
8th March: Far North Coast Rugby Union, Kingscliff
9th March: North Coast Swimming, Banora Point
11th March: North Coast Touch Football, Coffs Harbour
15th March: Year 6 Information Evening
17th March: Far North Coast Soccer, Tweed Heads
18th March: North Coast CHS AFL, Bangalow/Ballina
          Far North Coast Hockey, Murwillumbah
21st March: North Coast Basketball, Coffs Harbour
23rd March: North Coast Rugby League, Bellingen
24th & 25th March: NSW CHS Swimming, Homebush
28th March - 8th April: Year 12 Half-Yearly Examination
29th March: North Coast Golf, Yamba
30th March: North Coast Rugby Union, Cudgen
31st March: North Coast Hockey, Goonengerry & Murwillumbah
1st April: North Coast Soccer, Yamba
8th April: Last Day of Term 1

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**Student Representative Council**

Nominations forms for this year’s Student Representative Council for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 are available from the Library. Nominations will close on Friday 11th February, so get in quick.

There are three positions for Years 8, 9 and 10, and six positions for Year 11.

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Congratulations to the following students who are our House Captains for 2011:

**TALLOWS**: Brendan Irwin, Matt Ogden and Lana Parkes

**WATEGOES**: Matt Slee and Katie Pearson

**PASS**: Nick Enter and Lexi Goffett

**DOLPHINS**: Layton Barton and Kamala Costigan

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Our weekly School Newsletter can be viewed on the website: byronbay-h@schools.det.nsw.edu.au
SCHOOLS BAGS FOR CAMBODIA

Have you updated your school bag and left your old bag sitting unused?

Then why not bring it in to be sent to a child in Cambodia.

WHY?

School is really important in Cambodia. Completing school will help improve opportunities for employment. In Cambodia students walk or ride long distances to school.

Byron Bay Public schools have decided to help Kampong Leaeng, a school of great need.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if you have a back pack at home which is in reasonable condition please bring it to the school office by Monday 28th February.

If you wish to bring any spare stationary supplies, including exercise books, pens, pencils, textas, cardboard, folders, sleeves, please do, as these can be sent to the school along with the bags.

This small donation from YOU will make a huge difference to them.

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LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS

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.

Enquiries: Michelle 0412 540 890

Byron Bay Football Club (Soccer)
Junior Sign-0n Days at Byron Bay Rec Fields:
- Saturday 12th February - 9.00 am - Midday
- Thursday 17th February - 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
- Saturday 19th February - 9.00 am - Midday

Registration queries: juniors@byronbayfc.com.au

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

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

Zac Mardon  Jayden Wills
Mathilda Tonkin  Nicholas Sherman
Tess O’Carroll-McRae  Jaiden So
Georgia Rankin  Brendan Hill

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

CACTEEN ROSTER

Welcome to our new year. If you need to contact the Canteen for any reason, please contact Margaret or Robyn on 6685 5381.

Wednesday 9th: Sonya Wright, Kay Sanden, Abby Bliss
Thursday 10th: Bahati Salima, Lynda Ducasse
Friday 11th: Paul Tischler, Joanne Walsh, Trish Pasanitti
Monday 14th: Gail Christie, Liette Snow
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