NORTH COAST WATERPOLO

Alstonville held the annual Waterpolo Championships again this year, giving our teams a chance to compete against the best in the region.

We had two teams consisting of boys Brendan Irwin, Jacob Ogden, Riley Buckley, Brad Kay, Sean Kelly, Davis Jensen, Brodie Snow, Craig Buchanan and Lorne Greenlaw, and the girls Kisane Irwin, Tegan Nelson-Chapman, Yasmin Nelson-Chapman and Sienne Stewart.

The boys played Maclean and Southern Cross and won convincingly, then met up with Alstonville who are the reigning champions. We put up an awesome fight, but they proved once again too good.

The girls played well, but with diminished numbers, it proved too hard. They gave it their all and they can be proud of their efforts.

Well done to both teams.

SCHOOL CALENDAR - Term 1

15th March: P & C Meeting - 7.00 pm
17th March: Far North Coast Soccer, Tweed Heads
18th March: North Coast CHS AFL, Bang/Ballina
21st March: North Coast Basketball, Coffs Harbour
22nd March: School Vaccinations
23rd March: North Coast Rugby League, Bellingen
24th March: Whole School Parent/Teacher Evening
(4.00 pm - 7.00 pm)
24th & 25th March: NSW CHS Swimming, H'bush
28th March - 8th April: Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams
29th March: North Coast Golf, Yamba
30th March: North Coast Rugby Union, Cudgen
31st March: North Coast Hockey, G’gerry & M’bah
1st April: North Coast Soccer, Yamba
8th April: Last Day of Term 1
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

We now have one half of our school (Years 9, 10 & 11) using DER laptops each day. A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2011 survey. It won’t take you too long. [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RWN6ZS7?c=8577](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RWN6ZS7?c=8577)

Individuals cannot be identified in the data. Thank you for assisting us.

Congratulations to Grace Wilson and Maddisen Davies of Year 11 who have both won Youth Scholarships through the NSW Youth Scholarship Program. The girls have both won $2,000 to assist them in meeting the costs associated with completing Year 12.

Here is my favourite YouTube video at the moment. It’s the winner of Ukraine’s Got Talent. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=518XP8prwZo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=518XP8prwZo)

My second favourite is the Colli crew. They are awesome. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0rJajbls-o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0rJajbls-o)

And lastly although this is an advertisement it is still a good look at the future [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Cf7IL_eZ38](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Cf7IL_eZ38)

*Peter King*

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**YEAR 7 AND YEAR 10 VACCINATIONS**

**Year 7 Vaccinations** - 22nd March:
Please return all forms to the Front Office as soon as possible.
(Boys: green, yellow, blue forms)
(Girls: green, yellow, blue and pink forms)

**Year 10 Vaccinations** - Term 2:
Please return blue form to the Front Office as soon as possible.

Those students who do not have their vaccination forms, please collect them from the Front Office or from Mrs Buchanan in the PDHPE Staff Room.

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**FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT .....**

**HOTmaths**
It has been pleasing to see that many students have joined. It’s now time to ensure that the program is accessed regularly to support work being done at school.

**Year 7** Negative numbers
**Year 8** Percentages
**Year 9: 5.3** Algebra, Binomial Products & Factors
**Year 9 5.2** Statistics
**Year 9 5.1** Expanding and factoring
**Year 10: 5.3** Consumer Arithmetic
**Year 10 5.2** Trig
**Year 10 5.1** Perimeter and Area

I am prepared to work with students and parents to explain how the program works. The best opportunity is before or after school hours.

**Special Advanced Program for Year 9**
An exciting opportunity has been offered to students in 9M1. Students in the top Year 9 class will be able to sit for the School Certificate exam at the end of 2011. Mr. Boyle, the class teacher, will do extra work with students choosing this option so that they complete their certificate early. This will allow us to explore the option of covering the Year 11 preliminary course in Year 10 and the HSC in at least one Mathematics course early.

**Calculators**
I find it hard to believe that we still have students coming to Mathematics classes without a calculator. Once again could parents please help us with this issue.

**Quiz Interest Activity: Infinity**
Use your calculator to work out 1/9, 2/9, 3/9, 4/9, 5/9 etc. From this pattern what does 9/9 equal?

Answers to the last quiz: (i) 60 (ii) 1 hectare (iii) 14 (iv) 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8

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**SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE**

School Contributions and Subject Fees are an essential source of funds for our school and they play a very important part of our school budget.

When a student elects a subject with an associated fee, we take this as a commitment by the student to pay the relevant fee.

School accounts are being posted this week. School fees can be paid at the Front Office, credit card details can be taken over the phone or by direct debit.
Year 10 - Meebunn-bia
Outdoor Adventure Camp

Rathdowney, Qld.; www.meebunnbia.com.au

Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th August 2011
(Week 5, Term 3)

Cost: $360 (includes all food, camp fees and bus travel)

Meebunn-bia’s programs encourage young people to take responsibility for themselves and others in a simplified bush setting.

This is an outdoor experience. Students will be expected to organise their own shelters using materials provided and will be responsible for all duties including setting up and breaking camp, cooking, cleaning, etc.

Teamwork, Adventure, Leadership, Challenge (by choice), Responsibility, Co-operation, Having Fun, Support, Decision making, Enjoyment and Appreciation of Nature are some of the many benefits of the program.

An equipment list is supplied with the permission note. Plan to borrow or buy a very warm sleeping bag and a thin foam ‘yoga’ mat.

Travel:
- Bus departs Byron Bay High School at 7.30am Tuesday 16th August
- Bus returns to Byron Bay High School at 5.00pm Friday 19th August

Cost: $360
- $60.00 non-refundable deposit by 18th March 2011 - with permission note
- 3 x $100 instalments due on 20th May, 24th June and 29th July

You may wish to pay any or all of the above amounts earlier.

We strongly encourage you to find the means to support your student in this program. Lessons will be as normal at school for those not attending.

A representative from Meebunn-bia will come to the school to discuss the program in more detail. Please do not hesitate to phone if you have any questions.

Permission notes available from Mr Graham, Year 10 Adviser.

SAE SHORT COURSES - Discounts for High School Students

SAE Institute Byron Bay is currently running a variety of short courses in film, audio, music production and photography and would like to offer Byron Bay High students ongoing discounts of between 50% - 80%.

You must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid student ID.

Please ask your Careers Adviser, Mr Graham, for details on how to take advantage of this discount offer.

For more information about current courses or to enrol please visit: http://byronbay.saeshortcourses.com
For a live RSS feed of all current courses subscribe using: http://www.eventbrite.com/rss/organzerlistevents/875394163

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‘BAGS FOR CAMBODIA’

Reminder to all students about Bags for Cambodia. If you have any unused backpacks at home, bring them into school. You can hand them to either Mr Lane in Science or Mrs Butler.

Cash donations may also be given. Two money tins have been placed around the school – one at the Canteen and one in the student office entrance.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS THIS FORTNIGHT
(14th - 27th March)


HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!
How proud we are of

Kalinda Witchey and Luke Oliver
from Year 12, 2010. Both of their HSC Artworks have been exhibited in Sydney at the Art Express Awards.

Luke’s work is to be purchased by the Department of Education and Training to form a part of their permanent collection.

Kalinda’s beautiful painted portraits have been used as promotional material to advertise the Art Express Showcase at The Rocks in Sydney.

Congratulations to these talented individuals

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NORTH COAST SWIMMING RESULTS

STUDENTS OFF TO STATE!!!

Tazi Murray-Woodhouse (14 yrs): 50 Freestyle Relay, 100 Freestyle Relay
Lorne Greenlaw (15 yrs): Regional Champion - 100 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 100 Butterfly, 200 Freestyle, 400 Individual Medley, 200 Individual Medley, Medley Relay (Backstroke)
Jackson Hagley, Lorne Greenlaw, Brad Kay and Davis Jensen (15 yrs): Relay
Tazi Murray-Woodhouse, Jacob Ogden, Riley Buckley and Jy Patterson (14 yrs): Relay
Jacob Ogden (14 yrs): 200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 100 Breaststroke, 200 Individual Medley
Matt Ogden (17 yrs): Medley Relay (Breastroke), 100 Breaststroke
Ruby Koutsoubos (15 yrs): 100 Butterfly
Toby Pauling (13 yrs): 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly
Davis Jensen (15 yrs): Medley Relay (Butterfly), 100 Breaststroke, 50 Freestyle
Cameron Green (16 yrs): Medley Relay (Freestyle)

Far North Coast won overall. Byron Bay High School came 4th overall.

Good luck to everyone!!

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MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDING GROUP

I am seeking Mountain Bike riders interested in forming a youth riding club. We need some adults, at least 3, to make it happen.

Riders need a safe bike with gears and helmet. It would be great to ride these fabulous local trails on a monthly basis.

Any adults wanting to put any energy into making this happen please ring Natalia on 6684 9314.

Science Quiz Questions:

1. How many years does Earth take to complete an orbit of the Sun?
2. There is only one metal which is a liquid at room temperature. What is it?
3. How many shells would a univalve mollusc have?
4. Which planet is home to the Great Red Spot, thought to be a perpetual cyclone larger than the Earth?
5. What process involves the plating of steel with zinc to provide protection from rust?
FOR TENDER:

- 1 x 3com 16port 10/100MB Ethernet network switch (two ports faulty, otherwise operational)
- 1 x Allied Telesyn 24port 10/100MB Ethernet network switch. Faulty
- 2 x Dlink 8port 10/100MB Ethernet network switch (DES1008) - operational
- 1 x Dlink 24port 10/100MB switch - operational
- 1 x HP 208T 10MB Ethernet managed switch - operational
- 3 x Lantech 16port 10MB Ethernet hub with optical fibre module - operational
- 1 x NEC VHS VCR - operational
- 1 x Panasonic VHS VCR, Multi-format - operational
- 7 x Fenton UPS units (these are non-functional, probably requiring battery replacement)
- 2 x wall-mounted, lockable Network Switch Rack cabinets

For more information on the above items, please see, or phone, Garry Booth or Jim Richardson. Bring your tender to the Front Office in a sealed envelope. All tenders will be handled according to the School Manual on Financial management.

Tenders close on Friday 26th March 2011

For sale:
- Parallel printer cables: $1.00 each, from the Library
- Serial computer cables: $1.00 each, from the Library

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES

**Fiction Books:**
- Black Mamba Boy
- Click Here: (To Find Out How I Survived Seventh Grade)
- Cry of the Hunter
- The 4 Powers of Daren Saner
- September
- Ship of Rome
- The Twilight Circus
- The Undrowned Child
- The Vampire Prince
- When I Was Joe

**Non-Fiction Books:**
- Issues in Society:
  - Children and Young People at Risk
  - HIV and AIDS
  - Poverty and Social Exclusion
  - Social Impacts of Digital Media
  - Terrorism and National Security

BASKETBALL

Byron Bay High School’s Under 16’s Basketball team went to the Far North Coast Opens last Friday at Southern Cross and Ballina High Schools.

The boys team worked hard on court and came away with a very close loss and a draw in their second game. The girls won both their games and worked incredibly hard with only having five players, due to injury.

Four of the five girls were selected to go through to Regional Trials. Well done to Bethany White, Tori Bullard, Danielle Rowland and Joanna White who all now represent the school in the Far North Coast Team. The girls will have the chance to try out for the North Coast Team in Coffs Harbour at the end of March.

Good luck to them and well done to all who played!!!

Jess Eke

On a side note ......

**NSW STATE TITLES SURF LIFE SAVING**

Three of our students had some fantastic results recently and are worthy of a mention.

**Tazi Murray-Woodhouse, Kisane Irwin & Brad Kay** - Gold metal for the Under 14’s Cameron Relay

Tazi also was a part of the team, to come third in the Board Rescue. Well done!

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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

Wed. 16th March:  Sonya Wright, Lorraine Blumberg
Thurs. 17th March:  Rona McDonnell,
                    Catherine McDemid
Fri. 18th March:  Jo Kay, Karm Irwin, Johanna McCallum
Mon. 21st March:  Debbie Tygh, Paul Tischler,
                   Frances Legg-Bagg
 Tues. 22nd March: Linda Vincent, Sue Chakos
 Wed. 23rd March:  Sonya Wright, Jacqui Thompson
Thurs. 24th March: Jocelyn Pegoretti,
                   HELP NEEDED TODAY
Fri. 25th March:  Trish Pasanitti, Vicki Barnes
Mon. 28th March:  Lynda Ducasse, Keri Smith
 Tues. 29th March: Claire & Ian Oelrichs, Pam Sandiford

NEWS FROM THE
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Study plan
Maths teacher Mrs McGuire at Mullumbimby High School shared with me this simple study plan, which is particularly useful for years 11 and 12. It doesn’t take a lot of time to create –
1. Get a scrap of paper, turn it to landscape view
2. Put subjects down the side
3. Rule horizontal and vertical lines
4. Each time you do ½ hr of study you put a tick in the column
5. At the end of each week draw in a thick vertical line, to give you a sense of how your study is going.

Ros McGuire says the beauty of this plan is to give students a quick visual reminder as to where they are up to with their study – for example if the student plans to study maths this weekend and looks at the plan and sees they’ve barely touched English, then they can easily revise their schedule.

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Year 7 2012 Information Evening
Last Thursday night I attended the school’s information night for 2012 prospective Year 7 students. Being new to the school, I took the opportunity to go on the tours of classrooms led by Head Teachers. I was incredibly impressed with the calibre of facilities and the passion shown by many of the teachers showcasing their faculties to parents. Snippets which stand out in my mind are:

- the non slip surface in the Sports Centre which has ‘memory’ so that if something like a weight gets dropped on it reforms back into original condition;
- visiting the Agriculture plot and learning about the breeding program of Japanese quail to produce specific colours;
- being in the Library finding out that students have access to World Book Online;
- in the Maths classrooms, we were shown an electronic whiteboard display of various methods of solving a maths problem (to cater for different learning styles);
- Technology teacher, Garry Booth, showed us SketchUp, a 3D Google app - Years 7 and 8 are working on designing houses as part of a general increasing familiarity with technology. Parents and year 6’ers were visibly excited by the educational smorgasbord our school has on offer.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence  –  Friday 18 March 2011
This day will focus on bystander behaviour and the slogan is ‘Take a Stand Together’.

All Australian Education Ministers endorsed an annual National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence to highlight the efforts of schools and communities to prevent such behaviour from occurring. This year’s National Day will focus on bystander behaviour and the slogan is ‘Take a Stand Together’. Visit this site with your child where they can design their personal Avatar with an anti-bullying statement and then post it onto a virtual wall, with others who have declared a stand against bullying. Bullying, No Way! website: http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/

Amanda Hallinan,
Community Liaison Officer

HSC Tutor  -  English, Modern History, Legal Studies
My name is Yanya and I graduated in 1999 with an ATAR in the mid 90’s, which enabled me to study Law and International Relations (Arts/Law) at the Australian National University and go on to become an experienced and highly qualified lawyer who has worked as a prosecutor and for the UN.

I offer one-on-one private tutoring or group sessions and mentoring for any HSC student in English (including Extension), Modern History (including Extension) and Legal Studies. I will assist you in a friendly and focussed atmosphere with your study skills, essay writing and structure, exam technique and study motivation. I have experience in tutoring and would love to help students in the Byron Shire achieve highly in the HSC and reach their potential.

Please email me at yanyitalena@gmail.com or give me a call on 0423 602 481 or 6685 6604 if interested. Cost: $40.00 per hour.

Yanya Viskovich