ENVIRONMENT ACTION TEAM NEWS

Byron Bay High School Action team consists of a group of students wishing to improve school sustainability, grounds beautification and lower the school carbon footprint.

The team wish to announce the following actions:

* **Palm Oil** - The canteen is working towards being free of all palm oil products.

* **Energy Use 1** - Shade sails will be installed over the windows of the very hot upstairs rooms to decrease use of new air-conditioners, and improve the light and ambient conditions.

* **Energy Use 2** - Staff are being offered kettles to use instead of the energy expensive wall urns, which keep water constantly boiling. The team applauds the departments which are using kettles - **HSIE, English, Maths, Art, Music, Drama, Photography and Library**.

* **Recycling** - The school is beginning to work with Council towards recycling all refuse.

* **Zero Carbon Emissions** speaker Mark Ogge addressed the team, and participated in a videoconference with Mullumbimby High School students. We hope this is just the first of many such events.

The Environment Action Team wish to say thank you to the **P & C** for support and assistance with shade, kettles and the school beautification. Also congratulations to the **PE Department**, which has done so much for the gardens.

The Environment Action Team meets at least fortnightly. For further information contact Jim Richardson, Teacher Librarian.
EUAN MACLEOD
@ THE TWEED RIVER GALLERY

On 18th March a collection of Year 10 and Year 11 Visual Art students attended the Tweed River Gallery to view an exhibition by the acclaimed landscape painter, Euan Macleod. All 42 students were very impressed by the strength, subject and painterly quality of Macleod’s work and spent quite some time viewing the brilliant exhibiton.

Later in the day an art studio emerged from the depths of the Blanches coach and the students immersed themselves into the local landscape and painted the unfolding scenes before them. It was beautiful to watch the students totally embrace their artmaking and achieve great results in plain air painting as well as interacting with a stimulating environment.

I was proud to be associated with this fine bunch of enthusiastic young artists as their manners were exemplary, their engagement with the exhibition was 100% and their work output was consistent, experimental and inspiring.

Leanne Cramp & Jess Eke, Visual Arts Teachers

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Year 12 students start their mid course exams this week which form part of their assessment requirements, and also provide them with valuable practice performing under exam conditions similar to the actual HSC.

Mid course exams for Year 11 start at the beginning of week two next term (2nd May). Between now and then Year 11 students need to focus on completing their course work and undertaking a study program in preparation for these exams which form part of their Preliminary Course assessment requirements.

The first day back at school for all students next term is Thursday 28th April.

It is anticipated that over the holidays work will commence on upgrading the school canteen and continue for several weeks into next term. Unfortunately, this will mean that the canteen will not operate during this time. Options for a temporary alternative are being investigated. Further details will be provided via email.

This will be the last newsletter for this term, so on behalf of the staff here at Byron Bay High School I wish all the students and their families in our school community an enjoyable vacation and a Happy Easter.

Warrick Simmons
Relieving Principal

STUDENT LEAVE

In the School Attendance Policy PD200050259 it is stated that: Parents are responsible for:

- Ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- Explaining the absences of their children from school promptly to the school

(PLEASE FIND “EXPLANATION OF STUDENT ABSENCE” SLIPS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE)

(The students’ absence is unexplained or unjustified if no notice has been provided by parents within seven days of the occurrence of the absence OR the absence has been explained by the parent, but the reason provided, eg. shopping trip, birthday, is not accepted by the Principal.)

If the student has a request for LONG LEAVE, 15 DAYS OR MORE, then an “Application for Exemption from Attendance from School” MUST be collected from the front office, completed and returned. A Certificate of Exemption, signed by the Principal/SED/Regional Director, will then be forwarded to you if the application has been successful.

LOOKING FOR LEGO …..

Do you have any Lego at home that is no longer being used? Sonya Wright (School Canteen) would like to buy any surplus.

Please contact me on 6685 7678.
FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Homework and HOTmaths
I am prepared to help parents and students in getting started in using the HOTmaths online program. I extend the invitation I made to parents at our recent parent teacher evening. Some of my available times are Monday morning from 9.00 am to 11.00 am, Thursday afternoon from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm and Friday morning from 9.00 am to 9.30 am for any parent or student who would like a lesson on how to use HOTmaths. Of course students alone can see me during any of the school breaks. I have noticed that some students are having trouble getting started with their work online.

Parent Teacher Night
Any parents who missed the evening and would like to see me about any matters relating to Mathematics can contact me through the school office. One way to see what has been happening at school in Mathematics is to look at student workbooks each day to see what work has been done and discuss the material in the workbook.

Quiz Interest Activity
Triple J recently held a radio discussion on car odometers. This led to talk of our own human odometer and listeners were calculating their age in months, days, etc. Visit http://www.wolframalpha.com/ and type in your date of birth.

Answers to the last activity:
1 = 9/9 = 0.9 repeater - this creates some interesting thoughts around infinity.
Another example 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + 1/16 + 1/32 = 1.

Mr. Chris Mills
Head Teacher Mathematics

STATE VOLLEYBALL SELECTIONS

Year 12 student, Jack White, has been selected in the NSW Combined High School’s Volleyball Team.

Jack played for the North Coast Team at the State Titles in Tamworth. He was also awarded the Coach’s Award for his outstanding team play.

Jack will now play against New Zealand and Queensland teams in Sydney.

This is an outstanding effort from a very talented all-round sportsman.

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.

All school accounts have been posted. School fees can be paid at the Front Office, credit card details can be taken over the phone or by direct debit.

SCHOOL FEES and STUDENT PRINTING

A reminder that when General Fees are paid, students will have an additional printing allocation added to their quota at the end of term. For Seniors this is an extra $12.00 worth of printing, and for Juniors, $6.00.

Students can also purchase more printing quota in $10.00 lots from the Front Office.

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SCIENCE FACULTY

2011 SCIENCE COMPETITION

Test Date: Wednesday 8th June 2011
Entries close: Wednesday 4th May 2011
Cost: $7.00 (pay at the Front Office)

For the last 30 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in 2011.

Byron Bay High School students traditionally excel at this test. Class teachers have access to practice questions from past papers and you can access practice questions on the website below.

This test is excellent practice for your major exams and all entrants receive Award Certificates.

Further information can be obtained from this web site: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/prepare
GOLD  GOLD  GOLD
SILVER  SILVER  SILVER
BRONZE

We had some sensational results from the swimmers who attended the **State Swimming Championships** last weekend at Homebush. Up against the best in the State, our students held their own and can be very proud of their results.

Lorne Greenlaw:  Gold - 200m Freestyle
NSW CHS 15yrs  Gold - 100m Freestyle
Age Champion  Silver - 50m Freestyle
                          Silver - 100m Butterfly
                          Silver - 100m Backstroke
                          8th - 400m Freestyle

Lorne Greenlaw, Brad Kay,  Bronze - Boys 15 yrs
Davis Jensen, Jackson Hagley  Relay

Jacob Ogden:  6th - 100 Ind. Medley
              11th - 100m Backstroke
              13th - 100m Breaststroke
              16th - 200m Freestyle

Ruby Koutsoubos:  19th - 100m Butterfly

Matt Ogden:  9th - 100m Breaststroke

Tazi Murray-Woodhouse:  18th - 50m Freestyle

Jy Patterson, Jacob Ogden,  5th - Boys 14 yrs
Riley Buckley, Tazi Murray-Woodhouse:  Relay

Davis Jensen:  12th - 50m Freestyle

Toby Aitchison-Pauling:  19th - 50m Freestyle
                        16th - 100m Freestyle
                        17th - 100m Butterfly

Matt Ogden, Tazi Murray-Woodhouse,  7th - Medley
Lorne Greenlaw, Davis Jensen:  Relay

Great results !!!

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**STUDENT BIRTHDAYS**

**THIS FORTNIGHT**

(28th March - 3rd April)

Liam Gibney  Davis Jensen  Kiel Lobe  Lachlan Walsh
Julian Alcorn  Craig Buchanan  Zoe Challis  Cody McGrath
Elliot Wykehman  Jack Christian  Caroline Loder  Flynn Brown
Aris Kyprianidis  Holly Hunt  Jules Amsden  Bach Bendle
Lohara Nicholas  Benjamin Bewley  Adrian Oliver
Wilbur Pearson  Aja Hosking  Natasha Holland
Garth Leslight  Zali Melhuish, James Davis-Hall
Stephanie Gasbarrone  Toby Aitchison-Pauling  Joel Shayer
Dasan Connors-Hart  Kai Cleary  Emily Mitchell

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!**

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**NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER**

**CLICK - Technology Guide for Parents**

This is a very useful site to have some of the often bewildering array of new technology explained. For example, you can get a feel for Moodle, the Learning management Software that Byron Bay High School teachers and students use, learn about blogs, podcasting and vodcast and much more. The A - Z guide is useful:


**Supporting our Year 12 Students - Half Yearlys, Trials and HSC ....**

**Remember, as a parent:**

- Your attitude will make a difference
- Keep smiling
- It is temporary
- Sometimes keeping the peace by saying nothing is a better option
- Talk to other parents who are having the same experience
- Support is available for you or your child
- This is the true culmination of 13 years of schooling

**Things you can talk calmly about:**

- Create a daily “to do” list
- List goals and set priorities
- Do the most important things first
- Ask “what is the best use of time right now?”
- Learn to say “No” to distractions
- Celebrate small steps towards goals set each week

**Study tips you share:**

- Get past exam papers - Board of Studies website:  
  www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au
- Make sure all aspects of the courses are studied - check syllabus ‘dot points’
- Be organised so that class and study notes can be easily accessed for revision
- Teach it to someone else - shared study can be very valuable
- Practise answering exam questions in designated time
- Know your glossary of exam terms, understand what the question wants you to know and do
- Encourage students to discuss study strategies with teachers/mentors

**Farewell from me**

This is my final newsletter contribution. The school has decided that funding for the position of Community Liaison Officer will cease at the end of this term. While my time here has been short, I have very much enjoyed meeting a number of you and contributing to Byron Bay High School.

Warm regards,

Amanda Hallinan
Community Liaison Officer
Science Quiz Questions

1. Starting with 'I', which organ of the human body gives us our voice?
2. The mathematical formula “half base times height” gives the area of what two-dimensional shape?
3. What do geologists call the huge slabs of rock which together from the Earth’s crust and which are slowly moved around by the magma beneath them?
4. How far away from the Earth, in light-years, is Alpha Centauri?
5. Which element is the most abundant in the Earth’s crust?

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 simplistic 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 7.30 am Tuesday 16th August
- Bus returns to Byron Bay High School at 5.00 pm Friday 19th August
Cost: $360
- $60.00 non-refundable deposit by 8th April 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.

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES

Fiction:
- Judging Meghan
- Almost True
- Reaver’s Ransom
- The Flood
- Dracula, My Love: The Secret Journals of Mina Harker: A Novel
- 365 Day Conspiracy: October
- The Blood Countess
- Killer Pass
- Serpent’s Eye: Hostage
- 365 Day Conspiracy: November
- The Prow Beast
- Zac and the Dream Pirates
- #7: Hunters of the Dust
- Night Angel Trilogy 2: Shadows Edge
- Leviathan
- The Chosen One
- The Poison Diaries
- The Replacement

Non-Fiction:
- A Brief History of Robin Hood
- Dragon Art Evolution: How to Draw Everything Manga
- Guantanamo: Why the Illigal US Base Should be Returned to Cuba
- Lady Gaga: Extreme Style
- Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: A Special Edition
- Soap Maker’s Workshop: The Art and Craft of Natural Handmade Soap
- Speeches that Changed the World
- The Complete Book of Hairstyling
- The Documentary Movie Making Course: The Starter Guide to Documentary Filmmaking
- Lost on Earth: One Man’s Journey … Australia to the Arctic Circle
- The Manga Guide to Physics
- Martin Luther King

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed, 30th: Sonya Wright, Sue Christian
Thurs, 31st: Cornelia Schyle, 2 HELPERS NEEDED TODAY
Fri, 1st: Bronwyn Watts, Sandi Banister, Wendy Becker
Mon, 4th: Frances Legg-Bagg, HELP NEEDED
Tues, 5th: Skekinah O’Hara, Magira Holmes
Wed, 6th: Sonya Wright, Sherry Cooper
Thurs, 7th: HELP NEEDED TODAY
Fri, 8th: Joanne Walsh, Trish Passanitti

Happy Holidays !!!
Thank you to all volunteers and see you next term.
On Tuesday 15th March a special Assembly was held to induct our Student Representative Council for 2011. We also used this opportunity to acknowledge the students who have reached Lighthouse Level. These students are awarded this level because of their consistent application and attitude across all areas of school. Below are a list of all our well-deserving students.
**Science Quiz Answers:**

1. Larynx
2. Triangle
3. Tectonic plates
4. 4.5
5. Oxygen

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**Friends of Ballina Shire Libraries**

**APRIL BOOK SALE**

Saturday 16th April 2011 (9.00am - 12 noon)

In the Richmond Room (behind the Ballina Library), River Street, Ballina. Hundreds of books will be on sale for **50c**.

**Enquiries:** Phone Ballina Library on 6686 2831.

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**NSW POLICE FORCE - ‘MYNITE’**

When planning for a huge party or just chilling with some friends, the main objective is to create memories and have a great time. The last thing you need is to remember the broken plasma, the hole in the wall or the vomit stain on your carpet.

**Mynight** is a NSW Police Force initiative which will help keep your, or your teenagers’, parties safe. You can register your party on line and your local police will be informed.

You can go to www.mynight.com.au where you can register your party, or we have party notification forms and party tips checklist at the Front Office of Byron Bay High School.

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**BANGALOW SOCCER CLUB** has positions in our competitive teams for players ranging in age from 12 to 17 years of age, both boys and girls. We are especially looking for players aged 12 or 13 to play in our Grade 13 / 1st Division team.

If you are in interested, please contact Lyle on 0418 432947 or 6687 1644.

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**AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

**Date:** Friday 1st April 2011

**Venue:** Mullumbimby Community Health (Mullumbimby Hospital)

**Time:** 9.45 am to 12 noon

For further details contact:
- * Joy McGrath, Child & Family Counsellor on 6684 1677
- * Gayle Moore, Support Teacher Autism on 6685 1204
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Explanation of Student Absence

I advise that my child (full name) __________________________ of roll call class ____
was absent from school from ___________ to ___________.

Category of Absence (please tick the appropriate box)  SICK  LEAVE

Nature of absence (eg. Flu, family bereavement, etc)
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Signed: (Parent or Guardian) ________________________________
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