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★ DIARY DATES ★

Tuesdays

Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30

Wednesdays

Student Banking

Wednesdays & Fridays

Canteen

Fridays

Assembly 2:30pm

N.B. End of Year Assembly will commence at 12:30pm next week

Tuesday 8 December

Parents & Helpers Morning Tea

Wednesday 9 December

Xmas Carols / Disco

Thursday 10 December

Year 2 visit BBHS for Wizard of Oz

Friday 11 December

Presentation Day Assembly

Monday 14 December

Y6 Farewell

Tuesday 15 December

End of Year Excursions

Wednesday 16 December

Last day of school

2016

Thursday 28 January

Y1-Y6 return to school

Thurs 28/01, Fri 29/01, Mon 01/02

Kindergarten Best Start Interviews

Tuesday 2 February

Kindergarten students commence

Wednesday 24 February

School Photos

★ MUSIC IN SCHOOLS NEWS ★



Instrumental Music Program

Provided by Northern Rivers

Conservatorium 'Music In Schools'

Expert instrumental tuition is delivered during school hours by one of our five tutors. Lessons are provided either in one-to-one or small group settings.

The tutors are:

- Experts in their field;
- Qualified, committed, talented and dedicated;
- Certified to work with children;
- Providing students with a quality and inspiring music education.

At Bangalow PS we have tuition in the following instruments:

- Drumkit
- Piano
- Flute
- Clarinet

- Recorder
- Bass
- Guitar
- Saxophone
- Voice
- Keyboard

School Band Program

On Thursdays Kate runs our school band program. Players are recommended by their tutors for band once they can play at a certain level. Playing in a band means giving meaning to a student's individual instrumental tuition. It encourages team work and teaches listening and cooperation with others.

Last Tuesday the Conservatorium organised their annual end of year concert showcasing those students who were ready and interested to play to a whole school audience.

At this Friday's assembly six students will perform in voice and guitar.



Bangalow PS is a proud member of the Lighthouse Valley Learning Community

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Principal: Susie Boyle



★ PRINCIPAL NEWS ★

Dear Parents

Classroom Celebrations

Last week I had the privilege of spending 1:1 time with each classroom teacher during our Term 4 meeting. We talked about their top three goals for continual improvement in their own teaching and the learning that has been happening in their classrooms. I was totally impressed by the excitement and dedication of each and every teacher around the learning in their classrooms but most importantly by the quality of the student work samples. The student work was of such a high quality that I shared it with my director and wanted to share some of it with you.

How do we ensure you as parents really know about the great teaching and learning that is occurring in our classrooms?

This is a goal of mine for 2016 but for today I shall provide a short summary and my top observations.

Kindergarten classes: these students really impressed with the standard of their reading and writing, L3 has meant that 90% of our students are now working at or beyond their expected level in Kindergarten. Learning and Support groups work to ensure that all students are supported in this early acquisition of literacy skills. Kindergarten has also produced great learning and understandings in Mathematics. Their walls are covered in beautiful creative and quality work and their rooms are full of singing, laughter, questions and positivity.

Year 1 classes: also impressed with their reading and writing progress. The 'Walls for Learning' are particularly useful for our students and it is great to see each Y1 class now really focused on quality vocabulary in writing and reading for understanding (it is not just about what level the child is reading). Reading Recovery in Year 1 ensures that any student who requires 1:1 support with their reading and writing receives it. This positively supports their confidence and skills. Year 1 also undertook some great learning around critical thinking and problem solving in Science and in iMaths investigations. Students were introduced to the 6 steps to find a solution to a problem (Define, Discover, Dream, Design, Deliver, Debrief) and they helped to define the areas of learning based on their previous knowledge and interests.

(Photos and text continued on next page)

Parent Action Symbol!

If you see this symbol next to an item, then it is something that you may either have to action or note in your diary.



★ COMING UP ★



Parents & Helpers "Thank You" Morning Tea

When: Tuesday 8 December, 11am - 12pm

Who: All parents and volunteers who have helped out at school during 2015 - canteen volunteers; uniform shop volunteers; parent drivers; reading helpers; gardeners; fundraisers and so on.



Christmas Songs & Disco with P&C Curry Night

When: Wednesday 9 December, from 5pm

~ See Flyer further on in this newsletter



Y2 Excursion to BBHS for Wizard of Oz

When: Thursday 10 December, bus leaves 9:30am & returns at 3pm

Who: All Year 2 students

Cost: FREE

Please ensure you have returned the permission note for this activity



End of Year Presentation Assembly

When: Friday 11 December, 12 - 1:30pm

What: Class Awards, Overall Achievement Awards, Sports Awards & Special Awards. All parents welcome to come and help celebrate our students' success.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME FOR THIS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

12:30PM - 2:00PM



End of Year Excursions

When: Tuesday 15 December

Where: K - 2 Sea World
3 - 4 Ballina Waterslide & Bowling
5 - 6 Wet 'n' Wild

Cost: \$50 Sea World
\$30 Ballina
\$40 Wet 'n' Wild

Please ensure permission notes and payments have been sent to school





Year 2 classes: Once again L3 being introduced this year into K-2 has produced impressive results. Our Y2 students have really improved in their fluency and expression in oral reading through buddy reading and guided reading, their understanding of the texts at a deeper level and the variety of descriptive language in their writing. Y2 also undertook a critical thinking and problem solving Science unit based on the theme 'Under the Sea'. The students spend a good deal of time building deeper knowledge around each of the 6 steps and really particularly enjoyed the discover and design elements of the unit.

Year 3/4 classes: Once again improving writing has been a focus in these classes in literacy. The students have been learning and utilising the '7 Steps to Writing Success' (Sizzling Starts, Tightening Tension, Dynamic Dialogue, Show - Don't Tell, Ban the Boring, Exciting Endings) and have broken their writing down to explicitly explore and learn each of these steps so their language choices and sentence structure engage and influence the reader. These classes have also undertaken a number of units based on project-based learning in iMaths, Science and Geography. This term the students have worked on group roles, collaboration and communicating their learning following self-evaluations. They have focused on what it would be like to live in another country and culture. What are the similarities and differences? How can we use these understandings to make ourselves a more tolerant and understanding person?



Year 5/6 classes: In Literacy, they have focused on deep understandings of the text, inferential and critical comprehension. The Y5/6 classes have also been using an online program called Literatu. In Mathematics, this allows the students to do a pre-test on a concept (e.g. fractions) and be grouped according to their understandings. Students then receive small group instruction based on their needs. The students are then checked for their understanding midway through the concept unit and teaching modified to meet the specific needs of each group. When the students are assessed again, the data has shown all students in all groups have a deep understanding of fractions. Next year parents will be given information so they can access the assessments etc at home. The students then use 21st century learning skills to deliver their understandings to their group/whole class. The Y5/6 students have also completed a fantastic Science unit based on critical thinking and problem solving. They have applied the 6Ds to create a solution to a hands on science problem.

Library: Due to a community donation Ross McKinnon has been able to completely refurbish our library and update all our books. He has spent a long time researching quality books and surveying our students re their interests to ensure a great range of books is available for all. It is now a real centre for literature. Students love to visit and read either during their lesson time or at lunch time. Bangalow PS was one of the top ten fundraising schools in Australia for Room to Read's 2015 World Change Challenge. This challenge raised just over \$A45,000 for student literacy programs in Nepal.

Next week shall look at celebrations in the playground and extra-curricula activities.

Kind Regards

Susie Boyle, *Principal*





Please place your canteen orders at www.flexischools.com.au

Term 4 Roster

Wednesdays 9.00-11.30am

Fridays 9.00 – 12.30pm

Friday 04/12	Jacqui Thompson Helen Spiteri Bec Stephens
Wednesday 09/12	Juliet Zimmer * VACANT X1 *
Friday 11/12	Jacqui Thompson Amanda Nash Barbara Troy
Term 1, 2016	
Wednesday 03/02	Joelle Baker * VACANT X1 *
Friday 05/02	Joelle Baker * VACANT X1 *
Wednesday 10/02	* VACANT X2 *
Friday 12/02	* VACANT X2 *
Wednesday 17/02	* VACANT X2 *
Friday 19/02	* VACANT X2 *
Wednesday 24/02	* VACANT X2 *
Friday 26/02	* VACANT X2 *

I would like to thank all the canteen volunteers for this year. I had a great time working with all of you. We welcome Jacqui Thompson for next year and hope we get lots of volunteers to help her on her new venture.

Last day of canteen for 2015 is Friday 11 December

We need people to put their name down for at least the first week of Term 1 next year.

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!

Kind Regards

Joelle

LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to all who supported our Book Week book swap for the “Room to Read” project last term, raising funds to purchase native language books for libraries in Nepal. **Bangalow PS was one of the top 10 fundraisers in Australia**, helping them to raise over \$45,000, exceeding their fundraising target for this particular campaign. As a result, we will receive a \$250 book pack for our own library. If you would like to know more about the Room to Read project, please visit www.roomtoread.org.

UNIFORM SHOP

For those wishing to purchase uniforms in the new year, our P&C Uniform Shop (outside the Canteen) will be open on the following additional days:

Wednesday 27 January 8:30 - 10:00am

Thursday 28 January 8:30 - 10:00am

Friday 29 January 8:30 - 10:00am

All stock will be available, including dresses, which have been on back-order for some time. Anyone still waiting on items they have ordered via Flexischools will be contacted to arrange pick-up.

BANGALOW HAVE YOUR SAY! Survey

Included in this newsletter is a survey from the Bangalow Chamber of Commerce seeking your vision for Bangalow. Please get the whole family to complete this form, including the children. Completed forms can be dropped off at the Post Office or the Newsagency in Bangalow.

TERM 4 SPORT

As Sport has wrapped up for the year, here are some photos from the group who did Yoga with Bec Cherry:



CREATIVE PLAY AT LUNCHTIME



★ TERM 4 ASSEMBLIES ★

Week 9	Year 6 Assembly - 2:30pm
Week 10	End of Year Presentation Day - 12:30pm - 2:00pm



END OF YEAR FAMILY NIGHT
**CHRISTMAS DISCO &
SING-ALONG CAROLS**

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2015

5:00 – 7:00pm P&C Curry Night
~ food & drinks for sale
~ BYO Blanket & Picnic (if you wish)

6:00 – 6:30pm Carols & Christmas Songs
~ on the Tree Deck (all stages will sing)

6:30 – 7:45pm Disco in the Hall
~ Glow Candles for sale - \$2

Christmas Giving Tree – leave a present (unwrapped) suitable for a 5-12 year old under our special Salvation Army “Christmas Giving Tree” to brighten the life of a child less fortunate this Christmas. The tree will be proudly displayed in the Hall for you to place your gifts, or you may drop them into the office before Wednesday evening.

All Bangalow PS students (including Kinder 2016) and their families are invited to come along for some Christmas cheer and to celebrate the end of a great school year!

*Wear Your Christmas clothes & bring your picnic blanket!
We look forward to seeing you there.*



Please note: This is an alcohol free event



President - Jenny Kennedy
 Vice Presidents - Peter Doherty & Anouska Gammon
 Treasurer - Bec Sargeant & Kylie Redden
 Secretary - Damion Cavanagh

Gift Giving Charity Tree Last day Wednesday 9 December

We are asking for children and families to think of children in need this Christmas by giving a new toy, book, etc to another child.

We will be collecting new items including books / craft items / sports items / puzzles / etc. for kids aged 5 – 12 years. (We cannot accept any electrical items or stuffed toys.)

Please place **unwrapped** gifts under the tree located in the school office **BEFORE WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER**



Can you help with the School Carols and Disco food?

Wednesday 9th December

Thanks to the parents who have put up their hand to help with cooking the food.

Can you help on the day / night?

Please text Jenny 0400 420023.

All help is appreciated from Dads, Mums and families.

Our Major Fundraiser event “Mad Hatter Tea Party” needs a new team

We are currently looking for volunteers to manage the key roles:

- Raffle co-ordinator
- PR and Marketing support
- Mad Hatters event co-ordinator

As our major fundraiser for the year we raised \$27K and we will be looking to match or better this result in May 2016.

Thanks to the team led by Amanda Chadwick who have seamlessly managed this event for the past three years, just amazing. With much support we are needing a group to come and lead the way for the next year. Could this be you?

Please contact Jenny Kennedy if you can help out or would like to know a bit more. Ph: 0400 420023



Mad Hatters Raffle prizes:

We are seeking some prizes for our bumper Mad Hatters raffle, valued at \$250 and over. If you are able to donate a fantastic prize or help to purchase a prize for us to raffle please contact Jenny Ph: 0400 420023

Can you help with the School Carols and Disco food? Wednesday 9th December

Set-Up 2:30 - 4pm	Serving 4 - 5:30pm	Serving 5:30 - 7pm	Pack-Up 7 - 8pm
<i>Name & Contact Number</i>	<i>Name & Contact Number</i>	<i>Name & Contact Number</i>	<i>Name & Contact Number</i>
Katrina Cavalieri	Kerry Brown	Joelle Baker	Jenny Kennedy
Jenny Kennedy	Jenny Kennedy	Jenny Kennedy	Damion Cavanagh
	Bronwyn Watt	Kylie Redden	

**Trivia fever will be back in 2016 –
Saturday 12th March**

So brush up on all things trivial in the holidays as we will be back to quiz you and make you laugh at yourselves in 2016. The trivia team is busy dreaming up yet another fun night.

When: 6:30pm Saturday 12 March 2016

(So save the date and book your babysitter in advance)

Our last P&C meeting for 2015 last night

Thanks to everyone who came along for the meeting and the catch up last night.

2015 thanks...

In summary for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and admiration for the many people who have helped our school community and the P and C to support Bangalow Public School in 2015. We have made a significant impact on the key learning areas, being maths and literacy, the creative and performing arts, sports activities and additional programs that our children have enjoyed and greatly benefitted from.

Did you know that our school receives government funding of \$64 per child per year? We therefore heavily depend on all P and C fundraising to purchase the additional learning tools and equipment for our kids. Your support is always needed and appreciated.

P and C Fundraising Activities for 2015 included:

- Trivia Night
- Cookbook sales – local business
- School survey BBQ disco
- Bunnings BBQ
- Mad Hatters raffle – major fundraiser
- Mad Hatters event – major fundraiser
- Sports carnival canteen
- Bangalow market parking (charity of the month)
- Bangalow Bluegrass festival stall
- Bangalow Bowling Club raffles
- Art Show sausage sizzle
- Christmas disco curry night
- School canteen
- School uniform shop
- Summerland “Cash for a Cause” Donations

P and C Purchases for 2015:

- Purchased additional Interactive Whiteboard for additional class \$10K
- Purchased 4 netbooks \$2.2K
- Vegetable garden purchases \$200
- Nepal disaster support \$530
- Garden Noticeboard \$300
- Soccer Fence \$3260
- School urn \$400
- \$34,887.80 to cover school classroom wish list including:

All Stages:

- Maker Space Coding Kits -\$2000
- Moveable chairs Hokki stools (10 of) - \$900
- Ipads (10 of) - \$5000
- Ipads tripod stand (1 of) - \$100
- Sound system mobile - \$2000
- Stage 1, 2 and 3 notebooks (10 each for each stage) - \$17,040

Early Stage 1/Stage 1 (L3 materials K-2):

- Magnetic letters (40 sets) – \$472.80
- Easels (5 of) – \$1,500
- Small whiteboards (50 of) - \$325
- Guided readers - \$3,000
- Home readers - \$1,000
- Bag hooks for 2M, S2 and 3/4G - \$500
- Maths equipment 1/2N - \$500

Stage 2:

- Critical Literacy Guided reading kit - \$550
- Tree Deck \$12 320
- Year 5/6 deck \$7850 (materials only, labour donated)
- Funded ‘Overall Excellence Award’ and ‘Public Speaking Award’ for Year 6 student end of year presentation
- Accounting Audit \$275
- P and C insurance \$742

Thank you everyone for making this all possible. Happy Holidays.

Kind Regards,
Jenny Kennedy

Happy Holidays

Bangalow have your say!

What do you think Bangalow should be like in, say, 10 years time? Here is your chance to tell us about ways that our village could be better or different. Do you have future aspirations for Bangalow?

Byron Shire Council have committed to starting work on a master plan for Bangalow in early 2016. We would like to hear the views and aspirations of as many of our Bangalow community as possible and to take these to Council to inform the master plan. To create a successful master plan Council needs to understand the issues and changes the community would like to see in Bangalow.

Please take this opportunity to express your thoughts and ideas about Bangalow, whether you are a resident, business owner, property owner, worker or visitor from the next town or from far away. By giving your views below, you will be helping to paint a picture of the community's vision for our village.

What do you like about Bangalow?

What do you dislike about Bangalow?

What changes (if any) would you like to see in Bangalow?

What is your BIG IDEA or vision for Bangalow?

Name (optional):

Email (optional):

Residential Locality:

Residential Postcode:

Age group:

- 0-15 years 31-45 years 60+ years
 16-30 years 45-60 years

Tick any of the following which apply:

- I own a business in Bangalow
 I work in Bangalow

Please return completed forms to the boxes at the Post Office or Newsagency in Bangalow, or by email to bangalowhaveyoursay@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can have your say online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bangalow> or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone.



Two Final Shows Added for BTC's The Drowsy Chaperone!

Broadway Comes to Bangalow!!!!

The reviews are in! With a final dress rehearsal staged last week for local primary, and high school students (including Stage 3 BPS children) and aged care residents, Bangalow Theatre Company's *The Drowsy Chaperone* has hit the stage to the delight of local audiences.

Now hot on the heels of a sold out run of evening shows BTC is thrilled to announce two additional (and final) performances of its first-ever major production *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

The Tony Award winning musical comedy will grace the stage of the historic Bangalow A&I Hall for two final performances - Friday Dec 4 from 7.30pm and a special matinee performance at 2.00pm on Sunday Dec 6th.

Tickets are just \$25 per person and are on sale now from bookings.bangalowtheatre.com.au and Barebones Artspace in Bangalow.

BTC co-founder Anouska Gammon said, "We're overwhelmed by the support we've received from our community. Not only from the actors, musicians and technical crew but from the broader community who are ushering, cooking, serving and volunteering in so many ways to help make *Drowsy* a success. It was wonderful to stage our final dress rehearsal in front of so many school children. Ultimately these young people are the future of BTC."

Bangalow's Our Corner Kitchen will be on hand during the Dec 4th evening performance to serve up a delicious selection of light dinner offerings. And as a special treat for anyone attending the matinee performance on Sunday Dec 6th, Bangalow Tearoom and Museum will be offering up a selection of their legendary cakes, slices and refreshments.

Early Bird tickets for the two final performances of *The Drowsy Chaperone* are just \$25 per person and are available now from BTC website <https://bookings.bangalowtheatre.com.au>.

The Friday Dec 4th performance commences at 7.30pm with pre-show morsels from Our Corner Kitchen and drinks available from 6.30pm.





We offer a fun School Holiday program at Summerland House Farm Lennox Community & Cultural Centre, and The Farm Byron Bay

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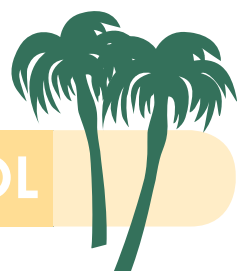


★ BUILDING A LEARNING FOUNDATION TOGETHER ★

The school has established two tax deductible funds to enable families, community members and local businesses to make donations. The building fund will be used to provide **technology centres** in all classrooms, **Wi-Fi**, permanent **shelving** and **storage** cubicles. Our long term goal is the construction and development of an **all-weather, multi-purpose sports area**.

The Library Fund seeks to provide all students with updated printed and digital **literacy resources**. Our long term goal includes classrooms being outfitted with class sets of **laptops** and **tablets**.

You can visit our website to download and complete a donor card. Your support is sincerely appreciated.



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