Dear Parents & Carers,

Our camping program for Years 3 to 6 is one of the many exciting activities happening this term. Our school is so proud to be able to provide such an experience for our kids. Camping can be a great lifestyle and we have so many great places to enjoy such a pastime. I am looking forward to trying to conquer Pigeon House Mountain for the 13th time (and the physio bills that go with it.)

Our flute and recorder groups have started under the excellent tutelage of Sandra Smith. Peter Rich has started the band again this term. Our school choir is also being formed at the moment. Our swimmers are preparing for the District Carnival and I have started selection trials for the boys softball team. What a vibrant school we have!

Our Breakfast Club has commenced this week and is as popular as ever. We have great volunteers and a wonderful array of fruit, cereals, juice and spreads. It makes a difference. Next Monday the school will be holding a special assembly to induct our School Captains, Leadership Team and House Captains. We will also be presenting trophies to our swimming champions for 2015. A big thanks to the Phegan family for donating the trophies.

Health Update
There is a confirmed case of chickenpox in the school. Information was sent out in an e-news bulletin earlier in the week. If you need more information please contact the school for a copy of the letter sent out by Southern Area Health.

Have a great week
Tom Purcell—Principal

Please make sure your child is ready to start the school year with having their maths text book paid for as soon as possible. The cost is $17.95 for Year K to Year 6 students.

Please give notes and payments to your child’s teacher.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Leadership Team/ House Captains Induction Ceremony Assembly
Monday 16 February
10:30am
in the school hall

Meet the Teachers BBQ
Wednesday 18 February 5:00pm
on school grounds

Please do not allow your children to bring POKEMON cards to school they will taken and returned at the end of the week. Enjoy Pokémon cards at home.
TERM 1—2015
Calendar of Events

TERM 1

Week 4
Mon 16  Leadership Team Induction Ceremony
Tue 17  Scripture Starts
        District Swimming Carnival—Narooma
Wed 18  Meet the Teachers BBQ 5pm

Week 5
Fri 27  Clean Up Australia Day

Week 6
March
Wed 4  Year 3 Camp
Thu 5  P&C Meeting 7pm School Staffroom
Fri 6  Year 3 Camp returns

K-2 ASSEMBLY NEWS

2M will be hosting this week’s K-2 assembly on Friday. Assembly begins at 9am in the school hall. Below are the award winners from last week.

1L  Vanessa Martin, Kodi Perkins
1TA  Heath Samuels-O’Brien,
     Tamara Martin
1W  Gypsy Waterson, Tyler Brodribb
1/2T  Memphis Bass, Kaine Keenan
2C  Brodie Forner,
     Cheyanne Townsend
2M  Aaron Welsh, Tayarha White
2T  April Lloyd, Angus Nicholls
K-6K  Brittany Morris

PELICAN PANTRY ROSTER

Term 1
February Week 4
Mon 16  Rosie McClelland
Tue 17  Judy Charman
Wed 18  Tina Thompson
Thu 19  Kylie Gilligan
Fri 20  Donna Nielson

Do you have a spare few hours?
Do you want to invest some feel good energy into your child’s school?
Do as many or as few hours as you can.
Volunteer to help support your child’s school.

If you are able to volunteer call in and see Wanda or Margaret in the canteen

Breakfast Club is open 8:15—8:45 every school morning.
If you are doing your weekly shop please think of buying a spread, some fruit or even a box of cereal for our Breakfast Club. Donations can be left in the office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all our Breakfast Club volunteers.

Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors. Please support these businesses who support us!!.
WHY DO P&C?

Volunteer at your child’s school, your local school. Giving up an hour or two of your time once a month to attend our meetings where we as a group get to have direct impact on the children’s learning is priceless. Understand the fundraising your P&C needs to do to ensure that our children have access to educational materials and great facilities. Your children will love that you are involved in their school life and love to see you helping out at school community events.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month and are an enjoyable way to interact with the school community and to create life-long friendships. Be involved as much or as little as you like, all help is greatly appreciated.

If you find it hard to come to meetings but would like to help, please don’t hesitate to approach a committee member to ask how you can contribute.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR P&C PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESIDENT DONNA GOOD AT THE SCHOOL ON 4472 4059

THE NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY 5 MARCH IN THE STAFFROOM AT THE SCHOOL

Each week BBPS will review an Apple/Android App that you can use to assist your child with their learning at home.

Name: Hay Day
Cost: FREE
Recommended age level: 5+
Helps your child with: working memory
WE GIVE IT ★★★★★
IMPORTANT—ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

In the past, when families have had an extended absence from school due to a number of reasons, they have been able to apply for an EXEMPTION, which allowed for the child to be away from school but it did not affect the child’s attendance results.

Due to the National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting and the recommendations for the Department’s Audit Directorate this has been changed. Children who are away for an extended absence; say for example due to a family holiday that can not be taken during school holiday time will now be marked as LEAVE and this will affect their attendance results.

An exemption is now only granted for:

- Exceptional circumstances of the child’s health
- The child being prevented from attending school because of a direction under the Public Health Act 2010 (infectious disease—The parent is not required to complete an application for exemption)
- Employment in the entertaining industry—refer to children’s employment,
- Participation in elite arts and elite sporting events.

We strongly encourage you to speak with your child’s teacher in regards to their absences and as always, please send a note in with your child after they have returned from an absence.

Parents as Partners Play Session- Playgroup will be starting this Friday
9.00-11.00
Pick up zone
If you are collecting your child from school please pick them up from the ‘Walkers line’ to ensure the safety of everybody.

Community News

Batemans Bay Junior Boars Rugby Union
Batemans Bay Junior Boars Rugby Union Club is now taking registrations for the 2015 competition. Junior Teams aged from Under 9, will be playing in the ACT Junior competition on a Saturday, playing both home and away games. Training is held at Hanging Rock. Registration costs are $90. Program is fully supported by ACT Brumbies.

For further information, [https://www.facebook.com/bayboarsjuniors](https://www.facebook.com/bayboarsjuniors)
contact
Ronnie: 0408247644
Kylie 0428743471
email: juniorboars@gmail.com

Event Details
Date: Monday 16 Feb 2015
Time: 4:30pm—5:30pm,
Venue: Mackay Park—Batemans Bay

For more info contact Matt Cross 0407 445 290

A reminder that our school is a 40km zone and this continues almost to the roundabout. Parking areas need to be adhered to as there has been an increase in police presence to monitor this.

BEING SAFE & USING THE CROSSING IS EASY!

OFFICE NEWS
Office Hours 8:15am—3:00pm
General Enquiries phone: 4472 4059
Email Julie.miles@det.nsw.edu.au
Please type SCHOOL ENQUIRY in the subject line
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My child ___________________________________________ Class_______________________
was absent on ___________________________________________
due to ________________________________________________________

Signed__________________________________ Parent/Carer ____________________
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