Dear Parents & Carers,

Thanks to all the families that supported our ‘Meet the Teachers BBQ’ last Wednesday. It was great to see you here and the teachers certainly appreciated you making the effort. Please keep the lines of communication open with your child’s teacher throughout the year. A huge thanks to the P&C for organising all the food and drinks. Cooking 1000 sausages is a WOW effort.

Our school camping program is getting closer and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us. I am so looking forward to it. Notes have been or will be going out this week. There is a lot of information on them regarding times, dates and deadlines. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

We are replacing the shade shelter over our sandpit area as it has been vandalised over time especially with people climbing on it on the weekends and evenings. This sandpit has a special significance and it is known to many of the staff as ‘Dylans Playground’. Dylan was a student at Batemans Bay Public School when we were at our previous site (Village Centre) and was looking forward to coming to our beautiful new school. Unfortunately he drowned one weekend and as you can imagine it was a very traumatic time for the family and the school. His parents wanted him to be remembered and to be at the new school he was so much looking forward to. As he loved to play in the sandpit so much they built a sandpit area so all kids could enjoy playing in it and that has certainly been the case over all the time we have been here. In the middle of the structure there is a plaque with Dylan’s handprints with the words ‘Forever Five’. I thought it important to share this piece of our school history.

Have a great week Learning, Sharing, Caring Playing

Tom Purcell
Principal

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.

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
TERM 1 — 2015
Calendar of Events

TERM 1

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

Week 7
Wed 11 Year 6 Camp
Fri 13 Year 6 Camp returns

K-2 ASSEMBLY NEWS
1W 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.

KM Ryder Freya, Xanthe Shaw
KMC Bimi Freeman, Chloe Verrent
KS Elise Clark, Jaxon Pindor
KST Summer Curby, Jack Curby
1L David Daltry, Autumn Curtis, Grace Colebrook
1TA Emily Mohammed, Archie Hancock
1W Jarrah Guerin, Tristan Smith
1/2T Liam Flower, Linkin Hollis
2C Ryan Maeseele, Kailey-Jane Knight
2M Toby Charlesworth, Letesha Van Lent
2T Jasmine Crawford, Sky Webb

Support a local business who gives committed support to our school. Thank you Bakers Delight for 9 years of continued support in our Breakfast Club.

Cut out this coupon and present it to Bakers Delight to receive a free loaf from Bakers Delights Healthy ‘Loafstyles’ range when you buy a 6-pack of Hot Cross Buns. Offer valid until 4/3/15

Congratulations to our Dollarmite award winner this week.
Alexa—6N
Well done Alexa keep saving!!

Banking day is Wednesday.

Receive a free loaf from our Healthy ‘Loafstyles’ range when you buy a 6-pack of Hot Cross Buns.

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We’re for real.

Available at participating NSW Baker’s only. Valid until 4/3/15. Loafstyle refers to Hi-Fibre Lo-GI, Wholesome Chia Omega-3, Wholesome and Wholesome Country Grain ranges only. Subject to availability. Must be redeemed by user and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers.

Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors. Please support these businesses who support us!!

[Images of sponsors]
This beautiful quilt has been generously donated to Year Six by the Batemans Bay Quilters. It will be the first prize in the Year Six raffle which will help them raise funds for their trip to Sydney at the end of the year.

Pictured here are Mrs Nicholas and Jonathan Worthy who accepted this amazing gift from Vere Grey on behalf of the quilters.

Thank you Batemans Bay Quilters.

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**App of the Week**

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

**Name:** Sharp Minds

**Cost:** FREE

**Recommended age level:** 6+

**Helps your child with:** Numeracy—addition

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Leadership Induction Ceremony

Bligh House Captains
Tabitha Beauchamp & Kai Canham

Swimming Champions
Kirra Blunden, Jai Bunn, Gemma Ferguson, Jayden Mann, Zoe Casben, Kai Canham

Hunter House Captains
Alex Gadsby & Harrison Gleeson

Leadership Team
Finn Cody, Kody Thompson, Jayden Mann, Jared Crosby, Abby Maxworthy, Jayde O’Shannessy, Ella Dexter, Alexa Warwick

King House Captains
Charlotte Knox & Riley Little

School Captains
Abby Maxworthy & Jared Crosby

Phillip House Captains
Zarley Vidler & Jonathan Worthy
Our Breakfast Club is a wonderful place to come and meet friends of a morning, sit and eat some delicious breakfast and start the day in a healthy way. As you know, we rely totally on volunteer help to run the Breakfast Club and we are calling for your help to keep this going. It doesn’t take a lot of time, just an hour a fortnight. Please call the school if you think you would like to get involved and be part of our amazing Breakfast Club.

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.

**Breakfast Club**

BBPS was very fortunate to receive another batch of iPads that will be used in classes across the school. We kindly thank the P & C for their support in the donation of funds towards 36 iPads to our school. A big thank you to Manager Jason Cooper and the team at Harvey Norman for their assistance in the purchase of the iPads and their support to our school.

**Pictured L to R:** Bridgette Lannstrom, Liam Styles, Jason Cooper, Madi Cooper, Sasha Cody, Mikayla Helms, Jai Bunn, Brodey Coulter

Thank you to our P&C President Donna Good, Carol & Owen Ferguson, Kerry Flower, Sharon Hanlon, Tyson Helms, David Williams, Tim Blunden, Margaret Smith & the canteen helpers for all your assistance in making the Meet the Teachers BBQ a great afternoon.

**Pictured L to R** Kerry Flower, P&C President Donna Good, Sharon Hanlon, Carol Ferguson & Sam Hanlon
The start of the 2015 is now fast approaching. The Batemans Bay Tigers Junior Rugby League Club would like to welcome back all players that were registered in the 2014 season and also a big welcome to all new players joining the club and their family & friends.

To Register in 2015 go to
bayuniortigers.sportingpulse.net

Please click on the following icon

Once you have done this you will then be redirected to the secured NRL League net site where the registration will be done in 4 simple steps.

And for Coaches and Volunteers please look for the icon

to register as a volunteer for the 2015 Season.

Please keep checking bayuniortigers.sportingpulse.net for updates on when training commences and also for any of the following in the upcoming 2015 season:
- Weekly & season draw
- Courses (coaching, first aid & school holiday courses)
- Club General Meetings
- Messages from the club

Auskick & Junior Seahawks Registration day 2015

WHEN: Auskick and all Juniors Registration Day is 4:30pm – 5:30pm Thursday 5 March 2015
WHERE: Hanging Rock AFL ground Batemans Bay
COST: Auskick: $110 (includes training shirt and Auskick bag) OR $150 combined with Seahawks Player Kit U10’s: $110 (includes training shirt), OR $150 combined with Seahawks Player Kit Juniors (U12 - U16) $110 (includes training shirt), OR $150 combined with Seahawks Player Kit Seahawks Player Kits (contain sports bag, shorts, socks, polo shirt, drink cooler & team stickers) are available separately at the canteen for a low price of $50

START TRAINING: Junior Seahawks 12/14/16’s Season Training starts on Rego Day, then each Tuesday and Thursday afterwards

MISSED REGO DAY? Online Rego’s coming soon in 2015, or register during training days, or call Rob on 44 718 228.

Batemans Bay Junior Boars Rugby Union

Batemans Bay Junior Boars Rugby Union Club is now taking registrations for the 2015 competition.
Registration costs are $90.
For further information, https://www.facebook.com/bayboarsjuniors or contact Ronnie: 0408247644 or Kylie 0428743471 email: juniorboars@gmail.com

Waves/Seahawks Netball

Yes, it is true, Waves Netball has merged with Seahawks AFL club, to make a bigger, stronger sporting club for everyone involved in Netball and AFL. We will be taking Netball registrations at the AFL oval on Thursday 26 February 3.30pm til 5.30pm.
You can register individually or as a team.
Forms are available from www.eurobodalla.netball.asn.au
Registration fees and further info available on our facebook pages, Bay Waves Netball and Eurobodalla Netball Association. For further info you can call Georgie on 0407 923 092 or Laynie 0428 191 091.