Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 6 have started their Pigeon House Camp this morning with big smiles and lots of enthusiasm. Our camp program is in full swing with year 5 to shallow crossing next week and year 4 to Lake Tabourie the week after. We thank all the parents and families who support our camps with their time and preparing their kids for camp.

Next Friday 20 March is the National Take a Stand Against Bullying day. Parents can look at www.bullyingnoway.com.au for further support and for parents to discuss bullying with children at home our school will be engaging in a whole school event and your child will be coming home with a BULLYING NO WAY wrist band. Teachers are constantly talking with students about bullying and we work with all students on effective strategies to help them if this situation arises. If you feel your child is having a problem at school see your child’s teacher sooner rather than later. It’s better to nip a problem in the bud, rather than to wait for a bigger problem to arise.

Next Thursday 19 March is National Ride to School Day. What a great opportunity to ride with your children to school and be involved in a healthy lifestyle activity. We look forward to seeing you in school supporting the learning of your children.

Have a great week Learning, Sharing, Caring, Playing

Sue Maxworthy
Deputy Principal

It is that time of the year again for Chocolate lovers—EASTER!

Here at Batemans Bay Public School, the P&C hold their huge Easter Raffle, with the chance to win many Easter Eggs hampers—CHOCOLATE HEAVEN!

We need your help though. PLEASE donate an Easter egg or fluffy bunny to the cause.

Raffle tickets for each family will also come home in the next few days to sell. Once sold please return tickets to school. Each Easter egg donation and raffle ticket book returned will go into the draw for another chance to win a chocolate hamper.

The enormous Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Happy Hat parade at the school on Thursday 2 April 2015 at 12:30pm.

Join in for your chance to win some awesome Easter Egg prizes.

Donations for the raffle prizes can be brought into the office.

Donations are greatly appreciated!

A Community Yarn Up is being held on Monday evening 16 March at 6.00pm in the school staffroom for parents and carers of Aboriginal students. All welcome.
# Term 1 — Calendar of Events

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### Week 7
- Fri 13: Year 6 Camp returns

### Week 8
- Mon 16: Community Yarn Up 6pm Staffroom
- Wed 18: Year 5 Camp
- Thu 19: Ride to School Day
- Fri 20: Year 5 Camp returns
- Fri 20: National Day Against Bullying

### Week 9
- Tue 24: NRL Gala Day Stage 3
- Wed 25: Year 4 Camp
- Thu 26: P&C Meeting 7pm
- Fri 27: Year 4 Camp returns

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### K-2 Assembly News

**1TA** 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**  
Marli Williams, Jayden Denman

**KMC**  
Kayla Smith, Jayden Mission

**KS**  
Aidan Samuels-O’Brien, Bella Stanley

**KST**  
Jami Lakey, Connor Sullivan

**1L**  
Keayne Williams, Cayden Lee, Chloe O’Shea

**1TA**  
Harrison Connolly, Liljana Grubisa

**1W**  
Danielle Dunn, Zachary Suters

**1/2T**  
Ella Matthew, Desmond Rankmore

**2C**  
Talan De Brodt, Portia Jordan

**2M**  
Lachlan Pieren, Asia Chapman

**2T**  
Dan Rowing, Josh Rowing, Akin Suking

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### PELICAN PANTRY ROSTER

**Term 1**

**Week 8**

- March
- Mon 16: Louise Charlesworth
- Tue 17: Judy Charman
- Wed 18: Karen Toms
- Thu 19: Cheryl Healey
- Fri 20: Donna Nielson

**Thank you very much to all our volunteers**

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### UNSW Competitions

Our school is once again participating in the UNSW Competitions which have been running annually for over 30 years. These assessments are open to all students in years 3-6. Children can enter one or all of the subjects but we need entries and payment by this Friday 12 March. Subjects include Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. These tests provide an independent and comprehensive assessment and record of students’ performance in key learning areas mapped against students at the same year level across Australia. All students receive a certificate of either participation, merit, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction. If you require further information go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) or to get another entry note please contact Kathy Usher at the school.

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### 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.

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### Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors. Please support these businesses who support us!!
HEAD LICE
Once again there is an increase in the amount of children who currently have head lice in the school. We ask ALL parents to thoroughly check all their children’s hair and treat where necessary please. One of the simplest forms of treatment is conditioner and diligent combing with a fine ‘nit’ comb. This process must be repeated over the course of 6-10 days (as this is the breeding cycle of head lice). Also, if your child has long hair, we ask that this be put back into a hair band to help prevent the spread of head lice to others. This is a burdensome issue for all families, so if we all make an effort we can hopefully eradicate them. I know with consistent treatment and all families making it a priority, we can significantly reduce the spread and problem with head lice.

Please see Mrs Maxworthy in the front office if you have any queries.

We are a WOW school in so many ways and we talk constantly about Learning, Caring, Sharing, Playing as part of our culture. We wanted to develop this further when we talk to parents and children about Learning. Talk, that we can ALL understand.

Children at BBPS succeed every day in their learning and we want to acknowledge that. This is the beginning of showcasing children’s learning on a regular basis i.e. a child who has shown some improvement in their learning. It could be as simple as learning 5 new words or as tricky as using complex sentences within a persuasive text. These goals are personalised for each child.

What it means is that children, with their teacher, are developing learning goals for them to aim for and talk about and that means that OUR KIDS KICK GOALS.

We have recently had discussions with the Staff, P&C and Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), on the language of learning we are beginning to use in the classrooms to celebrate children’s successes here at BBPS. This is the first step in bringing it to everyone!

Below is an example of this. Kaylee Lloyd in KM has written a whole sentence (with assistance from her teacher). Kaylee kicked a goal!

Please stay tuned for more news on the OUR KIDS KICK GOALS, part of the newsletter

Pictured-L to R Kaylee Lloyd and her friend Lylah Simon
**Basketball**

**Eurobodalla District Basketball Trials**
I had the pleasure in taking away both teams for basketball during the past two weeks. The boys travelled to Berkeley on Friday the 27th February and the girls played at Albion Park on the 4th of March. These students played against other school districts in hope that they may be selected for the regional South Coast team to play in the state titles in May. The teams played very well together as they had no training prior to the event. Jayde O’Shannessy from BBPS was selected for the regional team and will play in Berkeley in May. Congratulations to all students on representing not only your school but also your district, your behaviour and team effort was second to none one the day. It was a pleasure to take you all away! A big thanks must go to the parents for their continued support with travel arrangements and commitment to their child’s chosen sport. Also thank you to Bay Breakers for the use of the basketball uniforms we looked very professional on the day.

Naomi Blunden
**Eurobodalla PSSA Basketball Convener**

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**District Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the District Swimming Carnival held in Narooma on Tuesday 17 February. Special thank you to all the parents and carers for your support and to Mrs Blunden & Mrs Gwynne for organising and supervising the students.

Jayde O’Shanessy   Isaac Wheeler
Kai Canham         Austin Birss
Amy Canham        Kody Thompson
Kai Casben         Alexa Warwick
Zoe Casben        Jenna Edwards-Sangster
Sam Callaghan     Ethan Montgomery-Hardy
Gemma Ferguson    Chloe Hollis
Jesse Thompson    Kirra Blunden
Nioka Kerry       Jayden Mann

Lexie Harris
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Rob Ingram

**Publicity Officer**

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**Robotics**

On Thursday some of the Robotics Club students stayed after school to hone their skills, they may have had a little fun along the way! It’s fair to say that with the extra time all students discovered something new, ironed out some glitches and started working towards new challenges. I know I did! This group are fantastic at helping each other by sharing what they know and working together to solve problems.

This year we have been extremely fortunate to have a parent, Peter Smith, volunteering his knowledge, time and energy into our club. Just what we need to prepare for our inaugural local Robocup competition to be held at Moruya High School early in Term Two.

Attendees included Jordan Eyles, Blake Brodribb, Blake Ponce-Zamora, Gemma Hambly, Ariahn Ingram, Calhoun Meehan and Joseph Nikiforos

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