Dear Parents & Carers,

Last Monday morning’s assembly made me feel especially proud of our school. The great welcome I get when I speak to the kids always raises my spirits and makes me realise what terrific kids we have at our school. At the assembly our school was treated to an ‘I Movie’ presentations and an explanation from a group of senior students who were involved in an environmental day at Broulee hosted by the Eurobodalla shire council. It was both informative and highlighted some very advanced technology skills. Fantastic!! We then had a presentation of awards to a number of our children in the ‘Robotics’ group. These awards were from a day at Moruya High where a number of schools were involved in competitions, problem solving and programming. So impressive. Our boys and girls dance groups and chess club were told of sessions they would be having during the week, and there is more!! Lachlan Rowing was congratulated for his efforts in the regional tennis team and JC Lole-Ngarima, Jerome Chatfield and Riley Smith were praised for their performances in the district Rugby League team. JC Lole-Ngarima went one step further to be selected in the regional team. AWESOME! As if this was not impressive enough, at an Educational Dinner last week hosted by the Catholic University our Koori Choir sang two songs, Trish Towers and Jayden Mann (Yr6) gave the ‘Welcome to Country’ and Kellie Whittington also sang (beautifully) on the night. I am not sure about you but WOW.

Our P&C will be running the ‘Mothers Day’ stall this Thursday with gifts ranging from 50 cents to $10. There will also be an opportunity to purchase gifts on Friday morning. A huge thanks to the P&C for providing this opportunity for our students.

Enjoy the week Learning, Caring, Sharing, Playing

Tom Purcell
Principal
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!**

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**NAPLAN TESTS — Year 3 & 5**
- **Tuesday 12 May** Language
- **Wednesday 13 May** Writing, Reading
- **Thursday 14 May** Numeracy

**National Assessment Program**

**Literacy and Numeracy**

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Only 1 week away
Students from KST kicking goals with their writing this week

KICKING GOALS!!!

I USE SPACES IN BETWEEN MY WORDS!

KICKING GOALS!!!
NSW PSSA State Tennis

Last week Lachlan Rowing (Year 6) played as the number one boy in the South Coast Tennis Team at the NSW Primary School State Championships. The event was held across four days in Sydney and involved 13 Teams selected from public and private schools across the State. Lachlan played some exceptional tennis throughout the week, beating the number 1 players from Sydney West, Polding, Western and North-West. Overall the South Coast boys' team finished equal 5th out of 13 teams, a fantastic effort.

NRL GALA DAY

The NRL Gala Day was held on Friday 1st May for students in Stage 3 at Surfside Sporting Ground. The day was also attended by students from St Bernard’s and Moruya. Once again the students from BBPS showed exceptional sportsmanship and team work when playing against the other schools and teams from our school. We had 9 league tag teams and 1 tackle team. All teams showed improvement in their skills and as always the teachers were surprised by the skills and ability of many students! Thank you to Matt Cross our local NRL Development Officer for his organisation on the day. The Stage 3 teachers would also like to thank the three students from Batemans Bay High School for their help with refereeing. It was loads of FUN!

Mrs Nicholas, Mrs O’Neill, Mr Eager, Mrs Coubrough, Mrs Blunden and Mr Wright.
Robotics Competition Moruya High School

Last Friday eleven students from BBPS Robotics Club went to compete against local high schools in the ‘dance’ category. Robotics competitions have three categories: dance, rescue and soccer. All of these involve constructing and programming Lego robots equipped with a range of sensors to meet specific challenges. The day began with some training and ended with the three competitions. BBHS students remained focused and engaged for a long day of learning, showing great perseverance and solving problems as they arose. This resulted in one of our three teams being confident enough to enter Rescue against experienced high school students. They had great success, coming away with an Innovation Award after achieving a target their competitors were not able to. In the Dance category we received another Innovation and an Encouragement Award. And our girls Dance team showed great confidence, opening the competition, dancing enthusiastically in their onesies with their robots. I would like to acknowledge the amazing assistance we get every week from volunteer Peter Smith, who again gave up his day to come and support us in Moruya. Rob Satherley also volunteers his time to drive our bus whenever the Robotics Club needs transport. The kids began buttering him up on the way home, so he has agreed to driving us to a Canberra competition later this year if we go ahead with that.

Very Proud Teacher, Tina Sorensen

Pictured
On Thursday the 30\textsuperscript{th} April the students, teachers and SLSO's from the support unit visited the high school agriculture block, as an ending to their unit on Farm Animals. The students joined with the high school support students and had a great time petting the pigs, rabbits and chickens. The day ended with a visit to the park at Batehaven and a sausage sizzle. What an awesome day!

Support a local business who supports a local school. Batemans Bay Public School would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Nathan McGregor from Sportfirst Batemans Bay for his very generous donation of 80 AFL bears. The children are going to love winning these at our School Fete later in the year.
What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving Year 5 and 6 academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Parents normally apply when the students are in Year 4. Students who are placed then attend the opportunity class full-time in Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases, students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class. There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement only.


For an Aboriginal perspective of selective high schools and opportunity classes refer to: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/aboriginal-ss-oc/index.htm

OFFICE NEWS
Office Hours 8:15am—3:00pm General Enquiries phone: 4472 4059
Contacts: Kelli, Michelle & Carla
School Administrative Officers

Alternatively you can email the School Administrative Manager Julie Miles.

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Please write ‘SCHOOL ENQUIRY’ in the subject line.

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: Bugs and Buttons
Cost: $2.99
Recommended age level: 3+
Helps your child with: Reading

WE GIVE IT ★★★★★

Breakfast Club is open from 8:10am—8:45am on school days.

Donations of spreads such as vegemite, cream cheese etc would be greatly appreciated. These can be left at the front office. Thank you to all the volunteers who work hard each and every morning and to our sponsors who make it possible to keep our Breakfast club running. What a WOW program in our school!
Do you have any unwanted glasses?
Southland Church together with Specsavers & OPSM are heading over to Indonesia to do eye tests and hand out free glasses. They are looking to get 200 pairs! If you have any 2nd hand glasses that you or your children may have grown out of please consider donating them to this cause. You can drop them into either the local Specsavers or OPSM stores where they will be cleaned and kept aside for the trip in June.
Any enquiries can be directed to Garren Walton 0412 448 004 or Cassia Walton 0412 878 772 or garrenwalton@netscape.net

FREE DENTISTRY FOR CHILDREN
Parents can access up to $1000 for their children’s dental work over 2 years. It covers a variety of services including examination, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. It’s for children between 2 and 17 years old who are eligible for Medicare and who are part of a family that receives Family Tax Benefit A. See further info at: http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule

INTERESTED IN PART TIME EMPLOYMENT
Batemans Bay High School Canteen is looking for motivated, reliable people to work in the school canteen to assist the canteen supervisor. People interested in being trained to fill in for the supervisor when she is on leave. It would involve undertaking a 1 day Food Handling course through TAFE. This person must be available to fill in at short notice and also be available to cover extended periods as required. This position would be ideal for someone with children attending the High School or will have children attending in the future.

For more information contact Janine Smeaton at the High School 4478 3600