

# On The Waves

## Banora Point High School



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Term 4 Week 2A

Monday 14 October 2013

# DEBATING

by Louise Nizette

*Sorry for late inclusion to Newsletter!*

Wednesday 28th August saw the year 7 /8 debating team travel to Mullumbimby to debate in the Zone 1 versus Zone 2 decider.

Mullumbimby won the debate but our team can certainly be proud of their strong efforts. The topic was 'that public transport should be free' and Banora Point was the affirmative. Our team has certainly developed its skills this year in both quick thinking and speaking effectively.

I'd like to thank both the students who have participated this year and their parents / carers who have supported them by allowing them to travel away when needed and picking them up late after school.

Keep tuned for the Public Speaking Competition for years 7 and 8 being held soon!



**REACH FOR THE STARS**



## From the Principal

**Mr Greg Smith**

A working bee will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October (9.30 – 1.30) to help ensure that our school continues to be a great learning environment for our students. Some of the activities being planned for the day include:

- Garden development (vegetable or native)
- Painting (internal or external)
- Pressure cleaning steps etc.



### BBQ

We are looking for volunteers to be a part of a team or co-ordinate activities. Please email the school if you are available to assist on the day. [banora-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:banora-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

The second test window for the 2013 Literacy and Numeracy tests will be available from Thursday, 24 October to Wednesday, 30 October 2013. This test window is designed for those students in Year 10 and Year 11 who intend to leave school prior to May 2014, when the tests will be offered again. Year 11 students who leave school prior to October 2013 are also eligible to sit the tests during this window. Students involved should discuss the tests with Ms Dreyer or their Year Advisor.

Each year the NSW Department of education and Communities presents Callback, a selection of outstanding performances and projects from Higher School Certificate Dance students. We have been informed that two of our HSC students, Symiko

De Van Der Schueren and Holly Mackie have been nominated for possible inclusion in Callback. This indicates the high quality of work that our students display and is credit to them, their teachers and the support they receive from home.

Year 12 commence their HSC exams today. Students are reminded to check their examination timetables carefully and ensure that they are familiar with the Board of Studies examination rules. The initial two days will be held in the hall, with the remaining exams occurring in A block. If any student needs to put in an illness/misadventure appeal during the exams, please contact myself or Mr Randle so that you fill in the correct paperwork. It is essential that an appeal due to illness is supported with a medical certificate and wherever possible, the presiding officer (Mrs Nelson) is informed. I wish all of our students success in their exams.

NAPLAN results arrived at the end of term 3. The individual student reports will be distributed this week. We had a team work on the NAPLAN analysis last term and they will share their findings with staff this afternoon along with strategies to assist our students. The overall results looked very pleasing with students showing strong growth in most areas, and a significant improvement from some of the school's previous results.

## CAREERS NEWS by Jess Dreyer

Welcome back to Term 4. There has been a constant amount of students in and out of the careers office over this first week, with some new enrolments, so a special welcome goes out to all our new families. Year 11 students have begun HSC course work and Year 12's have been finalising preparations for the HSC exams. There are quite a few excursions up and coming in the careers department, so please check the date section of this newsletter, to make sure you don't miss anything important. If you would like to discuss anything with me, please send an email with your contact details and I will phone you as soon as I am free.

[jessica-lee.dreyer@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jessica-lee.dreyer@det.nsw.edu.au).

Have a great fortnight.

### YEAR 12 NEWS

Year 12 students start the HSC this Monday the 14th October. It has been pleasing to see them all coming in to school to get extra tuition from their teachers and studying for those extra marks. Good luck to all students in all of their exams over the next few weeks. See you at the Formal.



### YEAR 11 NEWS

Year 11 students have begun the HSC Course for each of their subjects this term. They need to work hard and knuckle down from the beginning to try and achieve those top class ranking and marks.

In Year 11 (Preliminary), students must study 12 Units or more (6 + Subjects). In Year 12 (HSC), students have the option to study 12 Units or more (6 + Subjects) or 10 Units. The Board of Studies uses your best 10 Units to assess your end results. Students who keep their 12 Units give themselves a back up to achieve success. Students who only study 10 Units have to achieve well in only those 5 subjects.

Some Year 11 students have been rushing into my office asking to drop from 12 Units down to 10 Units. This decision is not to be made lightly, and discussions with students, staff and parents need to occur, followed by a specific process of paperwork. If a student does decide to go to 10 Units of study, then the student is required to attend the library for study sessions on regular occasions, it is certainly not free time, or time to leave the school. It is time to focus on your remaining subjects. This will be discussed in more detail with students in Week 2, when the HSC Assessment Schedule is handed out to them.

Please contact me if you are unsure about any of this information and its process.

### DATES UP AND COMING

- Year 12 Graduation Ceremony 9am, BPHS Hall, Friday 20th September 2013.
- Year 10 Bond University Head Start Day, Monday 21st October 2013.
- Year 11 Senior Schools Workshop Southern Cross University, Thursday 24th October 2013
- Year 10 & Year 11 Online Literacy & Numeracy Testing, Tuesday 29th October 2013
- Titans Girls Academy Workshop Thursday 31st October, Tweed River High School
- Year 11 Industrial Technology – Multimedia Excursion to SAE Institute Byron Bay, Thursday 31st October 2013.
- Year 12 Formal, Bond University, arrivals 4.30pm QLD, Wednesday 13th November 2013.

**CAREERS NEWS continued**

A huge congratulations goes out to our 2 students in Year 12; Tiana Chudleigh and Ryan Idder, who have received well-earned scholarships from Bond University. Both students have received HALF SCHOLARSHIPS valued at approximately \$48,000. Tiana received the Collegiate Leadership Scholarship is planning to study a Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) and Ryan received the Collegiate Dux Scholarship is planning to study a Bachelor of Economics (Finance) Banora Point High School has had a valued partnership with Bond University since 2004, and this year is the first time that we can acknowledge 2 recipients. I must take this opportunity to thank Mr Tom Betts for his support throughout this year, and also to Miss Erica Russell for attending the graduation ceremony. These students have worked extremely hard, and have achieved academically at a very high level. We are so proud of you.

***Congratulations!***

**CURRENT VACANCIES****FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS**

- School-Based Apprenticeship in Tweed Heads in Automotive.
- School-Based Traineeship in Tweed Heads in Hospitality (Food and Beverage)
- School-Based Traineeship in Tweed Heads in Hospitality.

***REACH FOR THE STARS***

## CAREERS NEWS continued

### YEAR 12 GRADUATION

Friday 20th September, saw our hall filled with students and their families and staff to celebrate the end of schooling for our wonderful year 12s. The ceremony saw our new 2014 school captains and SRC inducted, and we farewelled the class of 2013 with interactive displays, musical and dance performances and a flash mob that portrayed a lot of character. *Congratulations!*



## CAREERS NEWS continued



### SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

School-Based Traineeships have been a feature in a few newsletters this year, and I do encourage students to seek them and apply when there are vacancies. It's a great avenue to complete your schooling with an extra qualification. Please check the current vacancies of this newsletter for the recent availabilities and please see me ASAP for the appropriate paperwork to apply.

An employer only needs to give a student 8 hours per week to assist them in their SBT. Students doing an SBT or SBA can achieve their HSC with also a minimum of a Cert II to their credentials. Some students work 1 day a week during the school week and get paid, and go to TAFE (or have their course delivered onsite) For some students a SBT can be the perfect way for them to complete their schooling that suits their needs and their employer.

If you would like more information on SBT and SBA please contact myself or got to the website: [www.sbatinnsw.info/traineeships.php](http://www.sbatinnsw.info/traineeships.php)

### COLLEGIATE CAREERS

Once a Term, all Careers Advisers from this region meet as part of our Professional Development and Learning. We work together to research and source all possible pathways to assist your children in their paths to success. Late last term, we all met at the SAE and Quantm Creative Media Institute in Byron Bay to have our meeting, and we found new knowledge regarding the courses and future opportunities if students were to attend this institute. We were given the full tour of the audio production rooms, and saw its massive amount of equipment. We were also introduced to the staff, and checked out the film production locations, and the electronic music production areas. It was phenomenal to say the least. I'm very excited to be able to take some Year 11 Multimedia students for a special tour and field trip of their own on the 31st October, thanks also to their teacher Mr Andrew Smith. It's going to be an unforgettable excursion.



### SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIP- Congratulations!

**PATRICIA COMMINS**, in Year 10, has been successful in obtaining a School-Based Traineeship in Hospitality at Kathmandu Restaurant in Kingscliff. We wish her every success in this new venture and will keep updating on her accomplishments. Of course a big thank you to the amazing Lisa Coughran from HVTC who has helped secure another student from Banora Point High School this traineeship.



## CAREERS NEWS continued

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MONEY AND THE FINANCIAL FIELD???

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT A CAREER WORKING IN FINANCE & ECONOMICS??

There are many rewarding jobs that you can work within the finance industry, helping others currently in high demand:

- Accountant
- Financial Planner
- Bank Manager & Teller
- Insurance
- Investment Banker
- Marketing
- Stock Broker
- Real Estate
- Economics Analyst
- Rading



## RYTS – ROTARY

RYTS is an initiative of Rotary District 9640. The RYTS program serves to inspire our young folk to believe in themselves and their own ability and to understand that they have a place in the world.

They learn they can achieve that which they wish to achieve, to develop self confidence and to recognise that they are important in the whole scheme of things. They understand that they are important to family and communities; locally, nationally and internationally.

**RYTS 2013 Camp Details** — Applicants : Year 11 & 12 Students or Students ages 17 & 18

Tyalgum Ridge Retreat - 783 Tyalgum Road, Tyalgum NSW 2484

Dates: Saturday 30th - Friday 6th December 2013

**Ken Barker** - Chairman

Ph: 02 6734 2333

E-mail: [kjbarker48@gmail.com](mailto:kjbarker48@gmail.com)

**Tanya Miller** - Team Leader

Ph: 0416 929 802

E-mail: [ryts@live.com.au](mailto:ryts@live.com.au)

Year 11 Student Kasey Paget attended this camp in 2012, and said it was an amazing experience. Please contact me if you are interested in applying and attending.



turning conversations into Actions

**TALENTED ATHLETES PROGRAM** by Nathan Williams

The first week back to school saw the Talented Athlete students head out to Camp Goodenough to participate in teamwork and initiative games. These games had a major focus on communication, listening and working together to achieve a common group goal. One of the activities saw the students try to balance a board whilst two students pumped water from a bottom canister into the top canister. The water could only be pumped when the board was balanced which made this task difficult however the students did achieve this after much discussion and hard work in pumping the levers.

Another example of the games that the students played was a communication game whereby two students had a code that they had to signal to their team standing 30 metres away. Through sign language only, students had to decipher the message and stand at the corresponding point on a large compass that was built into the ground. Each person in the group would stand at the point given to them holding a rope. Where the rope intersected with the other rope a number would be on the ground. Students had to remember this number and complete a 4 digit code. Once they had the code they had to move onto the next activity and unlock a pulley that helped the students complete the next task. This task was very difficult and students quickly learned that the messages being sent had to be clear and effective.

Overall we would like to thank Camp Goodenough for their time and hopefully we will be back there soon to experience some of there other exciting high ropes activities.



# TALENTED ATHLETES PROGRAM (Continued)





# Junior Leadership Camp



Over the school holidays fifty seven Indigenous students from the Titans 4 Tomorrow I Can and Girls Academies attended the four day Junior Leadership Camp. Students in grades 7 to 10 from Banora Point, Tweed River, Murwillumbah, Wollumbin, Redland Bay and Surat Basin towns such as Roma, Dalby, Chinchilla and Tara were selected for the live-in camp as a reward for engaging well in T4T programs. Banora Point High School had 5 lucky students selected to attend. The students were educated on opportunities available through TAFE and how to prepare for and best present themselves at job interviews as well as gaining an insight into tertiary education from Griffith University’s GUMURRI student support unit. They also visited the Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Burleigh Heads, engaged in sports challenges and watched performers from the Aboriginal Cultural Performing Arts.

*“I made so many new friends, I didn’t want to go home“ Kyeisha,*

*“I learnt about teamwork and how working together can improve the outcome” Courtney*

*“I learnt so much more about my culture and also about myself” Holly*

*“I learnt about the Yugambeh and Bundjulong People” Vanessa*

*“I learnt what Griffith Uni had to offer me for my future education” Ebony*





## Woolworths Work Experience

School to Work Participant Tom Ruben-McCoy in Year 10 undertook 4 days of Work Experience at Woolworths, Tweed City.

Tom worked so well in the Fruit and Vegetable department that he has now been offered casual work for after school and on the weekends.

Congratulations Tom!

## High Performance Centre

The High Performance Centre has resumed this term and will be temporarily re-locating to the Library for the next 3 weeks due to the HSC Exams being held in A-Block. The Titans 4 Tomorrow Team wishes all Year 12 students well for their exams.



On behalf of



## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE

**The best seat in the house is on the beach!**

Tickets for the highly anticipated Opera on the Beach event have only been on sale for two weeks and they're already being snapped up fast.

There are three performances of the enchanting fairy tale, *The Magic Flute*, being presented on Greenmount Beach, Coolangatta: Friday May 9, Saturday May 10 and Sunday May 11 (which is also Mother's Day).

Full adult ticket prices start from just \$39 and range up to \$79 for premium seating (all ticket prices include booking fees). Premium tickets include exclusive access to a premium bar and performance seating on a comfy beach chair.

Opera on the Beach will be a stunning event simply not to be missed.

For all the details and tickets, visit our website.

<http://bleachfestival.com.au/events/>

### WHAT'S COMING UP

**Monday 14 October**  
P&C Meeting 7.00pm

**Monday 14—Thursday 24 October**  
HSC Written Exams

**Wednesday 16 October**  
'Ride to work/school day'

**Sunday 20 October, 9.30am—1.30pm**  
School working bee—volunteers needed!

**Wednesday 23 October**  
Talented Athlete Squad—excursion to Sunshine Coast

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*Education is the power  
to think clearly;  
the power to act well  
in the world's work,  
and the power  
to appreciate life.*

*Brigham Young*



## Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

FREE workshops for parents and supervising drivers

**To provide practical advice about:**

- Current laws for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising learner drivers.
- Completing the Learner driver log book.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.

**The next workshop in your area will be held:**

Time and date: <b>Monday 25/11/2013</b> 5:30pm – 7:30pm	Venue: <b>Banora Point High School – Library</b>	Book now on: <a href="http://www.stcfd.com.au/rms">www.stcfd.com.au/rms</a> Ph: (02) 6648 5435 Freecall 1300 359 968
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# Tweed Coast Driving School

## (07) 5524 5180

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Experience Life As A French Teenager with WEP



From Jonathon in France:

My summer holidays have started really well and I seem to be getting a lot into them. I think that today must be one of the first days I have had to just be around the house. The school year rounded out nicely with some great memories including the school ball which was a great event with all my friends and I from school dressed up and having a good time to enjoy freedom one last time before they had to study for the Baccalaureate. The teachers were very pleased with how I was progressing and although my marks are not officially counted in the system I think that the school side of the program is going well.

I've had the chance to do some really interesting things and see some wonderful places with my host family and friends and just yesterday I saw for the first time Le Mont Saint Michel which is exactly as incredible as it is acclaimed to be. I've been able to be a bit more autonomous as the time has passed and especially now that it is light until nearly 11 and the weather is warm enough to allow me to ride or walk to friends houses nearby or to the local towns.

So basically the point is that my exchange is still going very well and it's incredible how fast the first six months have already passed, it doesn't at all feel like such a long time.

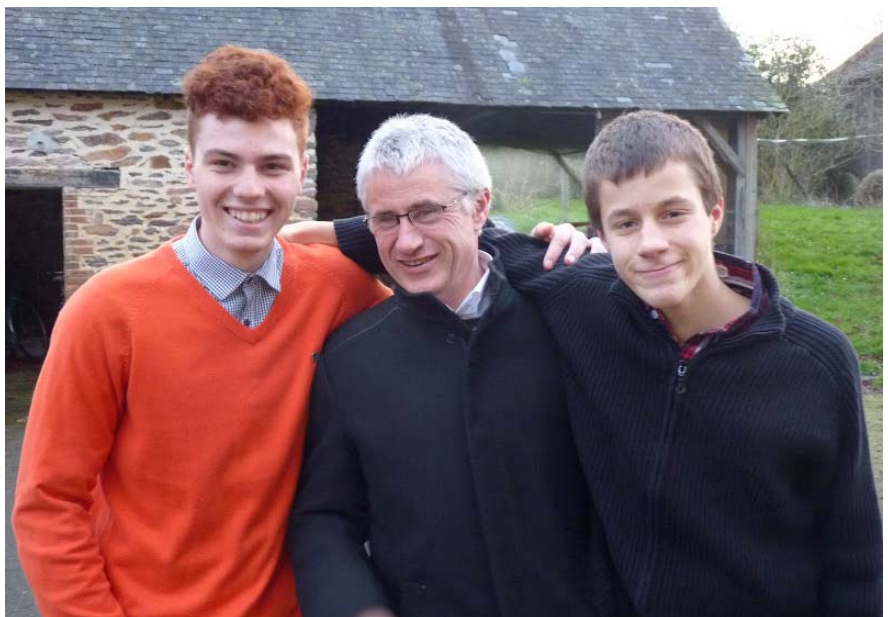
#### Find Out More!

WEP's not-for-profit student exchange programs give secondary students the opportunity to choose from over 20 countries to live and study for a summer, semester or even a year. Our programs are designed to fit into the academic schedule to complement your secondary studies with an international exchange experience!

#### Request Information

If you would like to go overseas or invite an exchange student into your family, simply request a FREE information pack, including our brochure, fee sheet and FREE application form:

- visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)
- email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au)
- call 1300 884 733



COMMUNITY NEWS

# Understanding Teenagers



WHEN: Saturday 9.30am—3.30pm

DATES: October 26 & November 2

VENUE: The Family Centre

Cost: \$30

Supporting yourself and your child through adolescence.

A 2 day course for the parents of teenagers.

It can be difficult to know how to respond to challenging behaviours. Knowing more about how to support and communicate with your teenager can assist to get them safely through adolescence.

Topics include: the impact of managing tension points and behaviour, and talking through challenging issues.



Bookings are essential (07) 5524 8711

Contact the Intake Worker between 9am—12.30pm Mon—Fri

Run through The Family Centre's high schools programs



Course Fees: Course fees cover part of the cost of refreshments & resources provided for course participants. The Family Centre is committed to providing equal access to all the courses we offer. An inability to pay course fees will not restrict your access to the courses we offer. If you are unable to pay course fees please talk with our intake worker or the course facilitators.

For up to date info go to [www.thefamilycentre.org.au](http://www.thefamilycentre.org.au)



**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

**The Back to Basics Schoolwear and Sportswear uniform shop** endeavours to supply Banora Point High School with good quality uniforms at the lowest prices. To achieve this we must keep our running costs to a minimum. Please note the opening hours for the beginning of 2013. Back to Basics take cash and EFTPOS/Credit Cards – we do not accept cheques.

The hours for the Uniform Shop for Term 4 are:

Tuesdays 12.30—3pm  
Thursdays 8—11am



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**ARE YOU GOING AWAY?**

If you are taking leave from school (holidays) for 5 days or more, it is essential that you call into the office to collect an **EXEMPTION FORM**.

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**P & C MEETING**

The next P&C Meeting for 2013 will be held on

**Monday 14 October**  
at 7.00PM DST

All new parents are most welcome to come along to support your child's school and meet other parents!

*We would love to see you!*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



REDUCE RISK - INCREASE STUDENT KNOWLEDGE

[www.rrisk.com.au](http://www.rrisk.com.au)

### Young Drivers aged 17-25 years. Why are they at risk?

#### Facts:

1. Road crashes are one of the leading causes of injury, disability and death among young people.
2. Young drivers are over-represented in road crashes compared to other age groups especially young males.
3. Drivers in rural areas experience a higher rate of fatalities than those from urban areas.
4. Speeding is the major cause of road crashes in NSW and crashes which involve speeding are more likely to result in fatal crashes.
5. Other high-risk behaviours that significantly contribute to road crashes and injuries include:
  - Drink driving
  - Driver fatigue and distraction
  - Not using seat belts

**Driver inexperience:** Often young drivers don't realise that it takes time and lots of practice to develop safe driving skills.

**Developing brain:** Parts of the brain responsible for self-control and for recognising and managing hazards do not fully mature until after the teenage years, so young drivers are more likely to experiment and take dangerous risks.

**Overconfidence and risk taking:** Young drivers can be over confident about their driving ability and underestimate dangers on the road.

**Having friends as passengers:** Young drivers may be distracted by passengers or may feel pressured to take risks, such as speeding. Every extra peer passenger carried by a young driver increases the chance of crashing.

**Alcohol and other drugs:** Young people often do not understand that alcohol and other drugs affect a driver's skills, mood and most importantly behaviour. Safe driving requires clear judgement, concentration and ability to react to what's happening on the road.

**Busy lifestyles:** Work, sport and study often mean busy lifestyles for young people, which may cause them to drive when tired – especially late at night. Driving tired significantly impairs driving, even if the driver doesn't feel sleepy.

The RRISK program aims to increase awareness of these risk factors and how to improve road safety. For more information about the RRISK program and risk taking, visit our website [www.rrisk.com.au](http://www.rrisk.com.au)



COMMUNITY NEWS



Surfside Bus lines are presently conducting a program encouraging students that do not have a bus pass, to obtain one. If you are eligible, you travel FREE on their buses and this in turn helps the environment with less fuel emissions, mums and dads time, congestion at school entrances and buses run on time with less traffic congestion.

Application forms are at the school office so fill one in and see if you are eligible. Surfside also state that if you have a bus pass, then you are also eligible to enter a future completion with a HUGE first prize!!! Details in the coming weeks.

Budget Driver Training

Very patient and experienced instructor

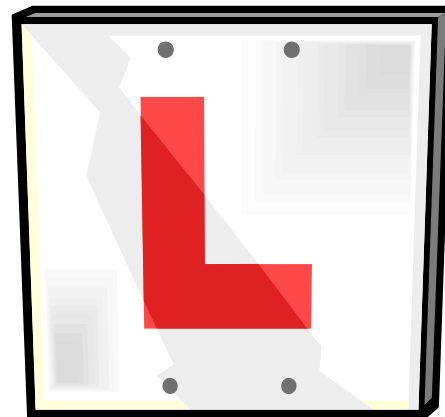
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- B Bus Pass - Remember to show your bus pass EVERY time you travel or have the correct change for your fare.**
- C Check out [www.surfside.com.au](http://www.surfside.com.au) for full details on bus timetables and how to apply for a bus pass.**

Application forms are available from your school Administration office.  
When complete, mail the application to:  
Surfside Buslines, PO Box 3036, Robina QLD 4230.

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PO. Box 3036, Robina 4230  
p. 07 5571 6555  
f. 07 5571 6556  
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## STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

**FOCUS:** I respect myself in all settings of the school

**This means:**

- Wearing the correct school uniform
- Ensuring I have all the equipment required for classes and sporting activities this term
- Preparing a revision timetable so that I am prepared for examinations
- Asking my teacher for extra help if I do not understand something

## CHANGE OF INFORMATION

The school is installing a new roll marking/sms network system which requires up to date changes in email addresses and mobile telephone numbers of carers/parents. If you have changed your mobile in the past and feel you may not have informed the school would you please complete this form along with the email address.

Student Name..... Year: .....

Father's Mobile No..... Mother's Mobile No.....

Home Telephone No..... Emergency Contact No.....

Comments.....

## PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We now endeavour to email our School Newsletter to parents directly to their email address. Our goal is to have our Newsletter a paperless one. We would appreciate it if you would update us with changes to your email address in order for us to keep you in the loop. Please fill in the section below and have your child bring it to the front office.

Our fortnight Newsletter is available on our website at [www.banorapnt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.banorapnt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Student Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address School Newsletter to be forwarded to: \_\_\_\_\_