Banora Point HIGH SCHOOL

On The Waves

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Term 1 Week 8A Monday 16 March 2015

Relay Swimming Champions

Congratulations to our U14 girls relay team who achieved 1st place at the North Coast Swimming Carnival. They will now represent North Coast in the State Swimming Titles from Thursday 26th March to Saturday 28th March at the Olympic Swimming Centre, Homebush, Sydney .

L-R: Christine Bacala, Zoe-Taylor-West, Bindi Ware and, Ciara Landon.

From the Principal

Mr Greg Smith

Last week the Family Centre conducted a program with our Year 8 students called 'Take A Stand'. We are very fortunate to have this type of support from outside agencies. There were very positive comments regarding the behaviour of our students and the mature, respectful manner in which they treated each other during the forums. I would also like to congratulate our Year 8 Advisor, Mrs Plater, for the wonderful organisation that she put into place.

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held several weeks ago and the 2015 executive were elected. The executive members are:

a. President – Ros Foley
b. First Vice-President – Brad Pullen
c. Second Vice-President – Paul Knight
d. Secretary – Lisa Naumovski
e. Treasurer – Stacey Bech

Congratulations and thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

The following information is provided from the 2015 Handbook for NAPLAN. In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015

Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing	Reading	Numeracy

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.
Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.
A student with a significant intellectual and/or functional disability may be exempt. However, all other students are expected to participate in NAPLAN and disability adjustments may be made to support individual students. Adjustments to testing conditions should reflect the normal support the student receives in the classroom. Parents should discuss the adjustments that can be accessed by their child with the child's teacher and the deputy principal, Mr Bristow. Large print, braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students registered with the NSW DEC, NSW CEC or NSW AIS as vision-impaired.
The completed parent-carer consent form for access to disability adjustments must be lodged with the school by **1 May 2015**.

Please make an appointment if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

SRC BONDING AND PLANNING DAY

Last week our Student Representative Council went to Coolangatta to participate in a bonding and planning day. The day was a success with a ten pin bowling competition in the morning, which was followed by bonding games and lunch in the park. The afternoon session was dedicated to brainstorming ideas to focus on for the upcoming year. The discussions covered the health and wellbeing of both staff and students, charities that our school will fundraise for, and what the students would like to see changed in our school. There were some great ideas brought forward and the students are looking forward to making them happen this year. Well done SRC!

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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/attendance.php

The school leaving age:
http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129
www.dec.nsw.gov.au

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SCHOOL NEWS

MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website (*www.banorapnt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au*) by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

the students name, and
class and reference number OR
the students name, and
date of birth.

Please do not pay for uniforms online as the uniform shop is privately owned.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.
You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

CANTEEN MENU

2015 MENU
Banora Point High School

Daily Specials – pls order

Monday
Check Specials Board (specials will change weekly)

Tuesday
Check Specials Board (specials will change weekly)

Wednesday
Check Specials Board (specials will change weekly)

Thursday
Eagle Boys Pizza (equal to 2 slices)..... 3.50

- Hawaiian
- Meatlovers
- Vegetarian
- Cheese

Friday
Nachos 3.50
with sour cream and sweet chilli sauce

Drinks

Bottled Water – 600ml 1.20
750 sip cap 1.80
Milk – Plain small 1.20
Poppers – apple, orange, tropical 1.60
Focus Water 1.80
Crazy Lemon Lemonade – small 1.80
Large 3.00
Slushie – small..... 1.50
Large..... 2.50
Glee 2.00
Up N Go – choc, strawb, banana,, vanilla 2.00
Flavoured Milk – 300ml 2.00
500ml 3.00
Iced Coffee 3.50
Hot Chocolate 2.50
Juice – 500ml 35% 2.80
500ml 100% 3.00
Iced Tea 2.70

Ice Treats

Frozen Juice Cup ..... .70
Mony Frozen Cups ..... .70
Calippo 1.00
Icy Twist 1.20
Paddle Pops 1.50
Paddle Pop Shaky Shakes 2.00
Frozen Yoghurt 2.00
Sorbets 2.50

PLEASE NOTE: Limited items will be available over the counter. To guarantee your choice is available, please pre-order . This can be done at the canteen at any time. Orders can be places for recess or lunch.

Sandwiches

Vegemite 2.00
Cheese 2.50
Egg – plain or curried 3.00
Tuna..... 3.00
Lean Ham/Chicken Breast..... 3.00
Salad 3.00
Baked Beans/Spaghetti 3.00
Salmon 4.00

Salad = lettuce, tomato, beetroot, carrot & cucumber

Extras

Salad 1.00
Cheese/ Egg/ Avocado ..... .50

Fresh Wraps

Salad with mayo..... 3.00
Chicken & Salad with mayo 4.00
Ham & Salad with mayo..... 4.00
Tuna & Salad with mayo 4.00

Special Wraps

Comes with lettuce, tomato, cheese

Mexican Wrap 4.00
Taco style mince with corn, avocado & sour cream

Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap 4.00
Sweet chilli coated chicken tender with sweet chilli sauce

Burgers

All burgers include lettuce, cheese tomato & beetroot with your choice of tomato, BBQ, sweet chilli, aioli or mayo.

Cheese Burger – beef & cheese..... 3.50
Hamburger..... 4.00
Chicken Burger 4.00
Fish 4.00
Vegie 4.00

Pies & Sausage Rolls

Sausage Roll 3.00
Plain Pie – small 2.50
Large 3.50
Spinach & Ricotta Roll..... 3.50
Lamb & Rosemary Triangle 3.80
Flavoured Pies 3.80
Sauce – Tomato or BBQ ..... .20

Toasted Turkish Bread

Ham and Cheese 3.50
Chicken, cheese & Avo 4.00

Others

Corn on Cob 1.20
Potato Wedges (cup)..... 3.00
Hot Dogs – fat free 3.00
Chicken Chipees 3.50
Macaroni Cheese 3.80
Lasagne 3.80

Fresh Sushi

Fresh Sushi 2.70
Chicken & Avo, Chicken Teriyaki, Honey Soy Chick, Tuna & Avo, Tuna, Prawn Tempura, Prawn Sweet Chilli, Salmon & Avo, Salmon & Cream Cheese, California (crab, avo & egg), Vegetable Tempura, Salad, Avo, Inari

Salad Boxes

Fruit Salad..... 3.50
Salad 3.50

Extras in Salad Boxes

Egg ..... .50
Avocado..... .50
Chicken, Ham, Tuna..... 1.00

Snacks

Sumo Biscuits ..... .50
Eucalyptus drops ..... .60
Fruit – banana, orange, apple, seasonal fruit 1.00
Assorted Chips 1.20
Cheese & Bacon Rolls 2.00
Yoghurt 2.00
Finger Buns 2.00
Vegemite & Cheese Scroll 2.00
Muffins 2.50

NEED HELP MANAGING STRESS OR ANXIETY?

The Brave Program.

If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of *beyondblue,* this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 -17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Rhythmic Gymnastics combines elements of ballet, dance & gymnastics performed to music with the use of hand apparatus such as rope, hoop, ball, clubs & ribbon.

PCYC TWEED HEADS

COME ALONG & TRY THIS BEAUTIFUL & ELEGANT SPORT

Corner of Florence & Adelaide Streets Tweed Heads

MONDAYS
- 4.00 - 4.45 - Juniors - Level 1
- 4.30 - 6.30 - Seniors - Level 1 - 4

- Develops posture & confident body movement
- Focuses on body awareness, hand-eye co-ordination, team spirit, confidence building & problem solving
- Provides a unique opportunity for children to express themselves to music

(07) 5599 1714

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Learn about Your World

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2015 like Nele, who is 15, is outgoing and positive and who likes being involved in her community. Together with her school-mates, she had organised a fundraiser effort involving participation in a 300-km hiking trail into the Black Forest. Besides playing the piano and saxophone in a band, she also performs in street festivals and helps out at the farmers' market. **Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.**

Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www.scce.com.au, email us at scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.

*photo of previous student

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home

Hosting – An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

student exchange
AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of local call)

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Want to get your Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate?

Coolangatta SLSC is starting a Bronze/SRC course on **Sunday 22nd March starting at 10am** (9am Qld time) and training Sunday mornings for approximately 8 weeks with an expected assessment date being 17th May. To complete the Bronze medallion you need to be 15 years of age at the date of the assessment and complete a 400m pool swim in 9 minutes or less. To complete the Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) you need to be 13 years of age at the date of assessment and complete a 200m pool swim in 5 minutes of less. If you are interested in becoming a member and completing these awards please contact Belinda Doman for more information on 0438 204 479 or cto@coolangattaslsc.com.au

S.L.S.C. COOLANGATTA

AUSTRALIAN LIFESAVING ACADEMY SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Training and Assessment Guide to the
BRONZE MEDALLION

Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
PUA21004

SURF LIFE SAVING ™

Casuarina BEACH RUGBY

U15 Rugby Union Players Wanted

Do you love Rugby Union but can't find a team to join?

Are you a Rugby League player that wants to try out another code?

Casuarina Beach Rugby Union Club is looking for players (born in 2000) to join our U15 team.

Casuarina U15's will be competing in the NSW Far North Coast this season. Competition starts mid-April. Games will be played on **Friday** nights.

Casuarina is a friendly community focussed club with low registration fees.

If you are interested contact Belinda on 0419 245 996 or drop in to training on Tuesday or Thursday night (from 5.30pm) at Casuarina Rugby Fields, Coast Road, Casuarina.

COMMUNITY NEWS

friends OF THE POUND TWEED INC
www.friendsofthepound.com

Friends of the Pound and their sponsors will be offering Low Cost Dog and Cat de-sexing in the Tweed Shire thru the month of March. Conditions will apply, POA. Bookings and payment will be at our Rehoming Booth, Petbarn, Harvey Norman Centre 29-41 Greenway Drive, Tweed Heads South NSW.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The first P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held tonight otherwise due to Easter the next meeting will be

Monday May 4

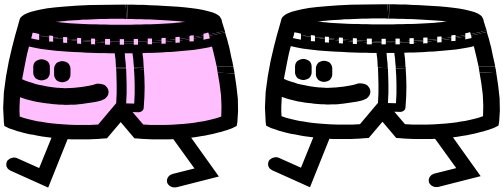
at 7.00PM DST

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!

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Parents, if your child has some school shorts that are no longer required and you are happy to donate them back to the school, the Support Unit would GREATLY appreciate these!



SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Banora Point
HIGH SCHOOL

BACK TO BASICS

Schoolwear & Sportwear

UNIFORM STORE

OPENING HOURS

2014-2015

TERM 1 & 4

Tuesday 12.30pm—3.00pm

Thursday 8.00am—11.00am

TERM 2 & 3

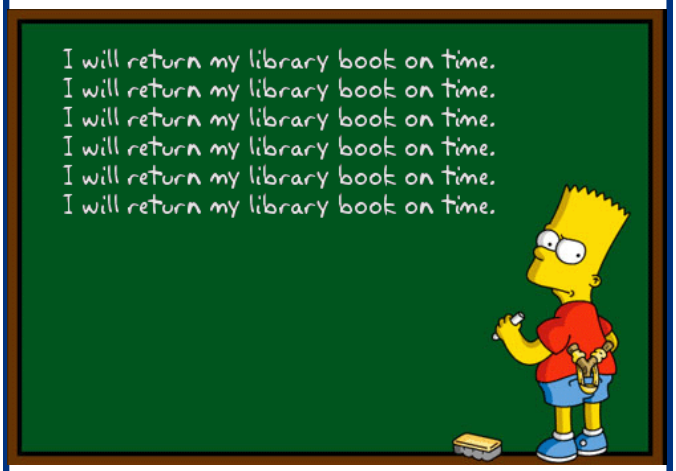
Thursday 8.00am—11.00am

Uniform Store is located upstairs in J Block

Credit Cards and EFTPOS accepted—sorry no cheques

OVERDUE BOOKS

Students and Staff



There are a number of overdue library and text-books that need to be returned to the school ASAP.

Please return all staff resource books and/or student text books, novels etc. borrowed from the library either straight to the front office team or back to the library directly.

PARENTS: May you please help your children to look for their books at home.

BANORA POINT
DRIVING SCHOOL

SETTING DRIVING STANDARDS

- 1st Class Driving Instructor
- One-to-one Learner Lessons
  (1hr=3hrs for 120hr quota)
- Automatic & Dual Control Manual
- Accredited RTA Age Testing Examiner

Lic No 9809

Contact Brian
5524 7682
0412 363 392

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

nothing is impossible
the word itself says
"I'm possible"
- Audrey Hepburn

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL
7–9 AUGUST 2015

Primary and Secondary Schools Program 2015

New Sessions - New Times - New Venues

Primary Schools Sessions with:
Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton
Feature events for YEARS 4-6

Lismore Venue TBA - Tuesday 4 August, 9.30am-11.30am
Ballina RSL - Tuesday 4 August, 12.45pm-2.45pm
Byron Bay, Sports Complex - Wednesday 5 August, 10.30-1.30pm

Primary Schools Session with:
Jackie French & Jacqueline Harvey
Feature events for YEARS 4-6

Murwillumbah Civic Hall - Tuesday 4 August, 10am-12.00pm

Maclean Venue TBA - Wednesday 5 August, 10.30am-12.30pm

Exclusive Secondary Schools Day,
Thursday 6 August

This year we welcome ALL senior students from Years 7-12

We urge you to mark these dates on your school calendar immediately

Booking forms and details of these events and venues will be emailed to all schools in March and will also be downloadable at that time via www.byronbaywritersfestival.com

For further information please call Byron Bay Writers Schools Coordinator Penny Leonard on 02 6685 5115 or email *penny@nrwc.org.au*

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Student Name/s: _____Year: _____

Email Address School Newsletter to be forwarded to: _____