

Bateau Bay Public School Newsletter



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School P&C Meets on the second Tuesday of month during school term. All members of the school community are invited to attend.



Upcoming Events...

Tue 7 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival - Mingara
Thur 9 Mar	Selective High School Test
Tue 14 Mar	P & C AGM 7pm
Fri 17 Mar	Harmony Day
Tue 28 Mar	PBL Rewards Day
Tue 4 Apr	Easter Hat Parade
Fri 7 Apr	Anzac Ceremony 10.30am Last Day Term 1

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO LATE CHANGE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NEWSLETTER WEEK 6 TERM 1, 2017

LINES OF COMMUNICATION

A gentle reminder to all families that the first line of communication regarding any questions or concerns you may have are to be directed to your child's class teacher. Our teachers who work closely with the students are in the most suitable position to support them if there is an issue. Should further assistance be required, your child's Stage Assistant Principal is the next person to contact.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions are designed to support areas of the curriculum studied by students to reinforce learning. Over the last few years, schools have been introducing the new Australian syllabi for English, Mathematics, Science and Geography, with other Key Learning Areas to follow. The new curriculum has meant teachers have had to evaluate current content and plan excursions to blend with the changes. Some changes may be required regarding the types of excursions and the venues used in our future excursions. Any excursions planned, will be age appropriate, linked to the syllabus and provide exciting learning opportunities for the students.

THANK YOU MARY

Mary Cowan has been an active volunteer at BBPS since the school opened in 1980, close to 30 years of volunteer service! Mary has worked tirelessly in the school's canteen, supporting our children and families. She has decided to hang up her apron. Always happy to see people, Mary has served generations of families attending our school. We thank Mary for her time, dedication and efforts in supporting our school community and wish her nothing but the very best.

P&C AGM MEETING

The annual AGM for our P&C will be held on Tuesday 14 March 2017. The meeting will commence at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Our P&C is a terrific group of parents working to support the interests of our students and school community. We would love to see more families involved! The meetings are also an opportunity for families to hear about current initiatives within the school. We understand the pressures of busy family lives and ensure that our meetings conclude in a timely manner.

VOLUNTEER SAFETY BRIEFINGS

As a part of our Workplace Safety procedures, we are required to inform visitors and volunteers to our school of our safety and evacuation routines. If you volunteer at the school in any capacity you are required to attend a briefing. I will be holding these briefings immediately after the morning assembly next week. These are short and will not take up too much of your time, but they are necessary. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS EXAM

Students in Year 6 who elected to sit for the Selective High School Placement Test are required to take the exam on Thursday 9 March 2017 from 9.00am to 1.30pm. The test centre for our students is - Terrigal High School, Charles Kay Drive, Terrigal.

Families who completed the application for this placement exam would have received a letter outlining the details of the exam and the requirements students will need to take with them. Any further inquiries, please contact Mrs Taylor.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH THE LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEAM

Students at our school achieve maximum outcomes when they are able to work in a caring, secure and supportive environment. The whole school community works together to provide quality educational programs and to meet the personal, social and learning needs of all students. Our Learning and Support Team is a group that meets regularly to discuss specific strategies to assist students requiring additional support in areas of learning, emotional and social development. The team consists of the Principal, Deputy Principals, learning and support team coordinator, learning and support teacher, School Counsellor, the child's class teacher and the Stage Assistant Principal. The Learning and Support Team coordinates the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of learning support plans.

PROCESS OF REFERRAL TO THE LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEAM

Students requiring additional support at school may be identified by teachers and/or parents. Through teacher and parent consultation these students may be referred to the school's Learning and Support Team. This team then discusses the most appropriate form of support and intervention for the student and communicates this outcome to parents/carers. In some cases, a referral to the Learning and Support Team may subsequently result in a referral to

the school counsellor. In all cases, parents are asked to complete a referral to support the initial meeting and possible outcomes. All referrals to the school counsellor are prioritised by the Learning and Support Team according to level of need at school. Following intervention by the school counsellor, parents will be invited to discuss the outcome. Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss any issues affecting their child with the classroom teacher in order to determine whether a referral to the Learning and Support Team may be appropriate.

BOOK PACKS (Repeat article)

As you would be aware all schools have a 'school fee' system which is a voluntary contribution made by parents. Under this system, families are often unsure what school fees are actually used for.

After consultation with the school community, the P&C and staff, our school decided instead of asking families to pay school fees, we would ask families to contribute to the book pack so they could see how their 'fees' were being used. We have used this system for the last few years. The book packs provide the equipment, resources and materials the students use on a daily basis.

The school continues to cover the cost of numerous other resources and 'replacement' usable items ie paint, pencils, glue, paper, lamination etc. throughout the year.

As in previous years, book packs are \$70 per child and payments can be made through the usual channels. For the convenience of families an invoice will be sent home each term so families may pay in full or by instalments.

Ms Michelle Dwyer
Principal (Acting)

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS REPORT

P.B.L THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

PBL Term 1 Week 5 & Week 6 Focus: WALK SAFELY

Safe: Walk on the left

Respectful: Right voice 0-1

Responsible: Allow others to pass



Marley Playground Community Rewards for Term 1 Week 5 and 6: Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 5 and Week 6 Marley playground community reward winners:

Kindergarten: Indi H – KB, no winner
Year 1: Will H – 1D, Cade G – 1M
Year 2: Hannah P – 2L, Emelia W – 2J
Year 3: Madison S 3-4F, Taylah T - 3P
Year 4: Kyra D – 4W, no winner
Year 5: No winners from year 5 this week
Year 6: Macey K – 6B, Lily P – 6S

Property Central Citizenship Award: The Term 1 Week 5 winner of the Property Central Citizenship Award is Ebony F of 6S. Her award read "for being a thoughtful, caring and conscientious student who is always trying her best." Congratulations Ebony.

The Term 1 Week 6 winner of the Property Central Citizenship Award is Sophie C. of 6W. Her award read "for always displaying a perfect example of what a safe, respectful and responsible student should be" Congratulations Sophie. One student per week will receive a Citizenship certificate from Property Central and a \$20.00 book voucher. There will be a different grade chosen each week.

The Dare to Lead team news: The Dare to Lead team works to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students and their families within the Bateau Bay school community. The Dare to Lead team would like to: Congratulate the ATSI families and friends who attended our welcome BBQ on Tuesday morning, February 28. It was great to see so many families in attendance.

Congratulate the Koori Choir, under the leadership of Ms Pizzuto and Mrs McVey, who attended recent performances and workshops at Chittaway Bay Public School and Camp Breakaway.

The 2017 GulangFest has been organised for the Tuggerah Lakes Learning Community at The Dolphin Theatre, The Entrance campus of Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College for Thursday August 10 (Term 3 Week 4). The evening will commence at 5.00 with tea being served from 3.30 onwards. Further details will be released in the coming months.

Harmony Day / National Day of Action against Bullying – Bateau Bay Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day / National Day of Action against Bullying on Friday March 17 2017 (Term 1 Week 8). A parent information note was sent home this week. Students are invited to wear orange, yellow or red mufti (at no cost) on this day. All students will be participating in 6 activities on 20 minute rotations during the middle session of the day. We look forward to an exciting day.

2017 Bicycle Licence: It is recommended by Services NSW that children under the age of 10 do not ride their bicycles on busy roads unless under the direct supervision of a responsible adult. At Bateau Bay Public School we encourage students ten (10) years or older to obtain a school bicycle licence in an effort to promote bicycle safety awareness. Students, in consultation with parents, are asked to follow the Bicycle Safety rules: these are: always ensure that your bike is in good working order, your brakes, chain and steering are safe, always wear an approved helmet, bring a safety lock to lock up your bike, walk your bike on pedestrian crossings or traffic lights and follow the road rules. Bike licences can be obtained from Mr Waite's office,

signed by parents (after family discussions about safety) and returned to Mr Waite. Please note that the riding of skateboards, scooters, roller skates and roller blades are deemed too dangerous to ride to school.

Mr Mark Waite
Deputy Principal

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERYTIME **TERM 1 "MARLEY MERITS REWARDS DAY"**

Bateau Bay Public School we will be hosting our PBL rewards day on Tuesday 28 March, Term 1 week 10.

This is a MUFTI day for all students.

Through negotiations with the Student Representative Council of the school, your child will be offered the opportunity to participate in the following rewards:

Wear slippers, bare feet or thongs in class only
Bring a pillow to school, Bring an electronic device to school (3-6 only) parent permission needed, Use a school Ipad (K-2 only), Oz Tag (3-6 only) Novelty Games (K-2 only), Cricket (3-6 only) Dodge Ball (1-6 only), Drawing/art pass, free time in class.

They may choose to save some or all of their Marley Merits for the major end of year activities offered in Term 4.

1. Movie and Popcorn at school
2. Pizza luncheon
3. Morning Tea with the Principal

In week 8 your child/ren will use their Marley Merits to buy into the activities they wish to participate in. A note informing you of the activities they have chosen will be sent home by the class teacher. A permission slip will be sent home with all Years 3-6 student's choosing to bring your own device to school. This will need to be signed and returned to their class teacher.

Mark Jennings
Deputy Principal

OPAL

The school has been advised the Moratorium (Grace Period) for School Opal Travel ended Friday 24 February 2017.

Students are now required to tap on & off with Opal cards or pay the appropriate fare.

If students are still waiting for School Opal Cards a printed copy of the receipt of application is sufficient for travel.

Thank you.
Office Staff



REQUESTS FOR TEACHER INFORMATION FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES OR SPECIALISTS

ften, if your child is being seen by a specialist (eg. paediatrician, psychologist, speech therapist), they may ask you to give a checklist or form for the Class Teacher to fill out so they can have some information about how your child is functioning at school. Teachers need to ensure that anything they are filling out on behalf of your child is done confidentially and professionally. The process for this is as follows:

- The specialist will provide the checklist or form and a covering letter stating the purpose of the assessment or requested information, and a return address. This will need to be seen and approved by the Principal.
- Once approved, the Teacher will complete the information requested and return this directly to the specialist.

Many specialists are aware of this process, but it would be very helpful if you are asked to give something to your child's Class Teacher that you ask them to request the information in the above way.

If you have any questions, please contact either Ms. Dwyer or myself to discuss it further.

Sandra Bowden
School Counsellor/Registered Psychologist

CHAPLAIN CHAT

"I'd just prefer to stay home today thanks"

It's Week 6 so it's not a surprise if you've heard the words "I'd just prefer to stay home today thanks" from one or more of your school-aged children. They're beginning to find a rhythm with teachers, who they sit next to, after school activities but sometimes it all feels a bit clunky, a little bit too much hard work and a day in front of the TV with everything familiar can seem like a great option. Unfortunately, the day off might just be opposite of what you were hoping for!

When we model "you can do it", we reinforce resilience in our kids. We don't promise easy, but we encourage them to tackle the next step in front of them. We can't promise to "fix" every hard circumstance, friendship misunderstanding or difficulty in school work, but we can support them to get through hard days. So next time you get the "Can I stay home please?" comment coupled with sad puppy-eyes, keep the big picture in mind. We can affirm the hard situation "I can see how hurt you have been by your friend" and we can set our kids up for a resilience win by encouraging them to do just the next thing in front of them "I'll be cheering you on today, give it your best go".

You can do it!! Have a great week.

Sue Cornish
(BBPS Chaplain)

2017 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The 2017 Challenge kicks off Monday 6 March and closes Friday 25 August (midnight) for students.

Bateau Bay Public School is participating in the Challenge again this year. All students will be registered for the Challenge.

Students who complete the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and their name may appear on the PRC Gold or Platinum Honour Roll. The certificate will have the student's name and school printed on it and the Honour Roll has their names in alphabetical order without the school's name.

If you do not want your child to receive a certificate or be on the Honour Roll, please let me know.

K, 1 & 2 classes are to read 30 books from the PRC reading list to complete the Challenge. We will read the books with the students during their library lessons and record them in their Student Reading Record.

3-6 students are to read 20 books themselves and record the books in their own Student Reading Record.

The students' PRC username and password are the same as their DEC username and password.

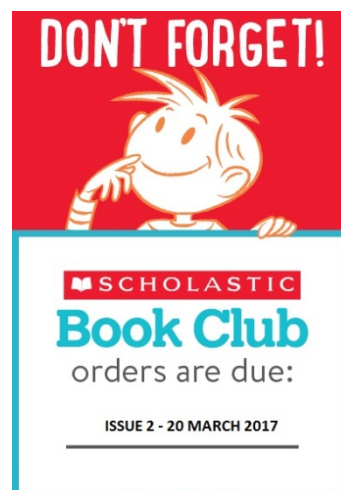
LIBRARY BORROWING

Kindergarten classes will start to borrow books next week. Please ensure the children have a library bag to carry the books.

All students should have a library bag to protect the books. Books must be left in the classroom if a student doesn't have a library bag.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Buscombe



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SPORTS UPDATE

The sports committee have had a busy start to the year. All the school sporting policies have been reviewed, updated and communicated to everyone involved in coordinating sport at the school.

Trials for Sporting Teams

Trials for teams that take part in Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) competitions in AFL, basketball, cricket, netball, soccer, rugby league and touch football will commence soon. There will also be trials for Under 9s, 10s and 11s rugby league teams and trials for girls and boys teams taking part in a 7s rugby league competition. It is every student's responsibility to listen out for trial information when morning messages are given out. Trials will start in Week 5 and continue into Term 2 (depending on when competitions are due to commence). Information about trials will be posted on the school's sports web: bbpssport.org.

Selections

At trials, teachers always do their best to make fair, impartial team selections based on the skills students demonstrate. Once a team selection has been made, a team sheet is placed on the school sports noticeboard. Teachers' decisions are final.

Thank you

Teachers who take on sporting teams are volunteers who have agreed to take on additional duties so students have the opportunity to play sport for their school. It is important to recognise their contributions to the school community, THANK YOU SPORTS TEACHERS OF 2017! It is also important to recognise the support of Ms Michelle Dwyer (Principal) who is strongly supportive of student involvement in physical activity and sport at Bateau Bay Public School.

Questions

If you have any questions about trials and sporting teams in 2017, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Adele Strange and Kyle Webb
Sports Coordinators

HOME READING SCHEME

Congratulations to the following students from last year who have received book prizes for their enthusiasm and dedication to home reading



➤ Taylah 3P	➤ Hunter KL	➤ Benny 1E
➤ Ollie 1F	➤ Nash 1/2J	➤ Isabella 1E
➤ Will KM	➤ Indianna KAL	➤ Morgan 2TL
➤ Sophie 2P	➤ Payton KD	➤ Dean 2C
➤ Avalon KM	➤ Maliya 1E	➤ Evie 2S
➤ Sunny KM	➤ Rhys 1/2C	➤ Ineka K/1C
➤ Lily 2P	➤ Ineka 1/2C	➤ Tyson 1/2J
➤ Levi 1M	➤ Jake 2P	➤ Isaac KL
➤ Sienna 1T	➤ Eva 1/2J	➤ Chex 1F
➤ Jack 1T	➤ Chloe 2P	➤ Freya 1F
➤ Jack 1 F	➤ Ava KL	➤ Stella 1H
➤ Kye KL	➤ Noah 1T	➤ Toby KAL
➤ Ava 1H	➤ Asher 2S	➤ Ada KAL
➤ Matilda KD	➤ Madison 2S	➤ Faythe KAL
➤ Summer KAL	➤	➤

CANTEEN ROSTER WAVES AT THE BAY NEWS

CANTEEN ONLINE ORDERING:

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Week 7	Monday	Nicky J & Kath
	Tuesday	Kirrili, Dani
	Wednesday	Mel & Mel R
	Thursday	Mary, Justine
	Friday	Erin, Tabitha
	Help needed please	
Week 8	Monday	Kim B
	Tuesday	Kirrili, Dani
	Wednesday	Mel, Mel R & Peta
	Thursday	Mary, Justine
	Friday	Erin, Tabitha
	Help needed please	



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Sporting News



Please look at bbpssport.org for all the school's latest sporting news, information and dates.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER:

Kids need to be at school every day.

If your child is sick you need to; phone the school, or use the Skoolbag app, send in a note immediately your child returns to school notify the school within 7 days of the first day of absence; and for absences of 2 days or more, it is a good idea to provide a Dr's certificate.

Sometimes there are family issues; you will need to let the school know your child will be away.

Let the school know if you intend to take a holiday during the school term.

Celebrate that your child is meeting new friends and growing up.

Ask them "What was the best part of the day" or "What did you like the most".

Help your child get organised the night before, pack bags, get uniform ready – this can help avoid the "morning rush".

If there are any concerns speak to your child's teacher or a staff member at the school.



Education
Public Schools

Running late?		What are they missing?	
Kinder – Yr 6	A student misses	Kinder – Yr 6	A student misses
1 hr per week	Almost one term	1 day per week	1 ½ years of school
½ hr per day	2 terms of school	1 ½ days per week	2 ½ years of school
1 hour per day	One year of school	2 days per week	3 years of school

Mark Jennings
Deputy Principal

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBERS OR YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON?

It is very important that we have the correct details for your children.

Student's Name: Class:

Address:

Mother/Carer Phone No: (H) (M)

Father/Carer Phone No: (H) (M)

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