PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

THE END IS NIGH... OR IS IT?

I don’t think I’m alone in thinking that term four has moved quickly. The beginning of 2015 seems like an ancient memory. It has certainly been a busy year for many students and staff and one that I’ve been glad to report on, due to the many successes in a multitude of fields. It would be easy to sit back and reflect on the year at this point in time, but it would also be inappropriate. There is still so much in front of us.

Today marks the start of week seven. There are still nearly five school weeks remaining – twenty three school days to be precise. In that time, there will be numerous excursions, assemblies and presentations, but there will be even more lessons, assessment tasks and learning opportunities. It is my expectation that students will be meaningfully engaged in curriculum-based school work right up until the last day of the year, excepting specific activities such as Bay Day Out. Every day is a teaching day at Batemans Bay High School and consequently, students are required to be at school and participate to the best of their ability right through to 16 December. Productive lessons during the last few weeks of the year confer a distinct advantage on the students present.

Parents need to know that the rules surrounding the end of Year 10 may be different to those applied in the past, especially since the abolition of the School Certificate and the raising of the school leaving age. The Department of Education is very clear in stating that Year 10 students must complete the whole school year and are not permitted to finish before anyone else. The only students who may leave school are those who have met the requirements for the Record of School Achievement and are entering full-time work or pursuing alternative study for at least 25 hours per week. For the rest, there are still mandatory tasks to be completed, such as the BOSTES All My Own Work course, without which students cannot enter Year 11.

The exams may have finished, but school hasn’t. A track athlete runs all the way through the finishing line and doesn’t pull up short – winning students are no different.

MGOALS

The MGoals program supports Aboriginal culture and education by providing local Aboriginal communities and schools with an online project that assists students to create their goals for living and learning. MGoals has two aspects. The first is a website project which encourages schools to collaborate with their Aboriginal community in building a local website resource. The website is used to share and celebrate local history, cultural information and programs that are being run in support of Aboriginal Education. The second aspect is an online goal-setting program, where students interact with teachers, parents and mentors to set goals for living and learning. Several Year 7 students are now exploring MGoals with their teachers and families in the hope that it will eventually be able to assist all Aboriginal students at school.

Batemans Bay High School has partnered with other schools on the far south coast to offer a Information Technology traineeship to a student entering Year 11 in 2016. After a competitive selection process, Chloe Towney has been named as the school’s trainee. She will undertake the traineeship whilst studying for her HSC and will have an important role in the development of the MGoals website which will ultimately help her fellow students. Congratulations Chloe.

Mr Greg McDonald
Relieving Principal
Student Achievement – Zane Rowley Yr9
Zane is rapidly moving up the ranks in the school’s Student Achievement Program, earning higher level certificates by accruing achievement awards in a wide range of areas. Zane is also a capable photographer and you may see one of his shots published soon.

What’s On Term 4

Week 7
Thur 19 Nov  CIT Music Performance  11am-1.20pm
Thur 19 Nov  Swim School Year 7

Week 8
Mon 23 Nov  Wellbeing Day Year 7 Hanging Rock
Mon 23 Nov  History Excursion
Mon 23 Nov  Assessment HSC Dance Core Composition P5-6
Tue 24 Nov  Performance Assembly P3-4
Wed 25 Nov  Rock Climbing Year 9 1-3pm
Thur - Fri
26-27 Nov  SRC Leadership Camp - Durras

Year 7 SWIM SCHOOL (Sport)
Year 7 sport groups will be able to take advantage of our aquatics programme during Thursday sport. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum and ALL students are expected to attend.

Year 7 Dates:  Thursday, 19 November
Times:  11 - 12.40pm
Venue:  Batemans Bay Swimming Pool
Transport:  Bus

P&C MEETING
School Library - 7pm
16 November
All Parents Welcome
Canberra Oncology Visit

On Tuesday, 10 November, our senior SRC made a special visit to the Canberra Oncology Ward 14B. The students decided to visit Mr Cameron on his birthday and provide a gift to this amazing ward that helps many people in our area when battling cancer.

With the money our school raised from Orange Day in September, we approached Batemans Bay Bunning’s about our idea and they helped us provide some amazing outdoor furniture to the Oncology Garden next to the ward. Our students assembled the furniture quickly and presented Ward Manager Sue Langdon with a plaque and card.

They were able to visit with Mr Cameron for a period of time to celebrate his birthday, during which time the Ward staff brought the students a pizza lunch as a thank you for all their hard work. It was an amazing day for everyone. A huge thank you to all of our students and staff as well as Bunning’s Batemans Bay for helping our vision come to light.
CREATIVE ARTS EXCURSION SYDNEY 2015

On Thursday and Friday 5 & 6 November, Creative and Performing Arts students travelled to Sydney to participate in workshops, see exhibitions, attend galleries, venues and to see a performance of *Matilda*, as an Arts Enrichment Excursion.

After a very early start, we arrived a little late, but the Dance students were still able to go into Ramon’s Jazz class. The Drama students attended a playbuilding workshop at the Australian Theatre of the Arts and the Visual Arts students attended a tour of the Museum of Contemporary Art. We then went to the Queen Victoria Building for some shopping and arrived back at our outstanding accommodation at Aarons with about three quarters of an hour to get ready for our evening attendance at *Matilda*.

We all looked very classy in our ‘theatre clothes’. The show was brilliant, so funny and just wonderful to watch. After the show it was raining, so unfortunately we had to walk back to our accommodation in the rain and discovered how high heels and rain don’t mix.

After a restful night of sleep?? We then headed out for the day with (breakfast bags included). The Dance students went to a lyrical dance class (very hard), Drama students went to a tour of the Sydney Theatre Company and Visual Arts to the White Rabbit Gallery (amazing). We then made our way to Bondi for Sculpture by the Sea. While we were there a great storm cloud hit Sydney, yes the one that was featured on the news!!! Luckily it cleared enough, so off we went to see the sculptures in our raincoats!!!

We arrived home late, exhausted and with lots of great stories to tell.

Everyone who was involved in the trip had an incredible time, and felt very fortunate to have been offered such an amazing opportunity. A big thank you to those who helped make it possible, Mrs Preston, Ms McCutcheon and Mrs Anuyahong.

‘Children are Maggots’ (Famous quote from Matilda)

By Casey Evans Year 11
On Tuesday, 10 November, students from several year 7 classes had the opportunity to celebrate French food and culture by participating in a period of eating and drinking. The students enjoyed the food very much and for many, it was the first time they had savoured some of the delights on offer. Some students brought in food they had made themselves Byron Manning brought in Palmiers and Claire Ison brought in some delicious raspberry soufflés. One student, Lily Wheeler bought in a delicious Paté, made by her mum…thank you Mrs Wheeler!

**The menu consisted of:**
Croissants, Baguettes, Camembert cheese, Paté Made by Mrs Wheeler and Woolworths, Mini quiche, Gluten-free Chocolate soufflé, Tarte au caramel, Tarte aux fruits and Tarte au citron (made by Mrs Ramsland), Raspberry soufflé (made by Claire Ison), Orangina, Fruit juice and Lemonade.

7T with their year Advisor, Ms Leechman and Mrs Ramsland

7A students enjoying a French pique–nique in room 6.

7E enjoying their treats

Reioni Ramsland
French Teacher
**LEAGUE TAG**

Thursday, 19 November at Surfside Sporting Fields, Mundarra Way, Surfside. Registration on the day at 6pm. Cost $20 per child. For 8 to 16 years of age. Both boys and girls of all level of skills welcome. Every Thursday night until February 2016.

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**HOUSE WITH NO STEPS**

Are hosting free NDIS information sessions for families and carers of people with disabilities. Meet the team and find out what services they can provide. Monday, 23 November 3.30-6.30pm. Unit 2,3,4 Northcourt Arcade, 3 North Street, Batemans Bay. To RSVP or for more information contact: mtrick@hwns.com.au or phone 4472 9177 0413 434077

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