PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NEW APP
The school will be moving to a new mobile app to distribute alerts and newsletters next year. Perhaps somewhat counter intuitively, the decision to move to School Enews comes after a substantial increase in the number of users of the current app. This has shown that more than enough families are willing to adopt this method of communication.

The move will mean that parents from two of our feeder schools, Batemans Bay and Broulee, will be able to use a single app rather than two. The existing platform has served its purpose but is significantly more expensive than the alternatives and has a level of complexity and detail that has made it difficult for some to manage.

Families can freely download the new School Enews app from the iTunes store (for iPhone and iPad), the Windows store (for Windows Phone and Windows 8/10) or Google Play (for Android). Reminders will also be sent using the existing platform until it is deactivated at the end of the year.

YEARLY CELEBRATIONS
The next two Tuesdays have been set aside to acknowledge and reward those students whose performance over the last twelve months has been exemplary. A recognition assembly for students reaching the higher levels of the school’s Student Achievement Program will be held on Tuesday, 8 December. Three students, Grace Rutherford, Carly Hay and Siobhan Fembock attained Honours level during the year, and over one hundred others have received certificates of merit.

The following Tuesday, 15 December marks the school’s annual Presentation Day. Both events commence at 9am and parents are invited to attend. Special award recipients have been notified.

The ‘Battle of the Seniors’ is held on the last day of the year, Wednesday, 16 December. Students compete against the staff in a series of sporting activities and challenges in this eagerly anticipated contest (more so by students than staff where the more physical challenges are concerned).

After the holidays, Year 7 and 11 students will return to school Thursday, 28 January with the remaining years on Friday, 29 January.

As this is the final edition of School Matters for the year, I would like thank the entire school community for their support over 2015. It has been a year of growth.

When I walk into classrooms, I see students actively participating in lessons and genuinely learning. When I walk through the playground, I hear students acting in accordance with our core values of safety, responsibility and respect. When I walk through town, I feel a sense of pride in the positive comments I receive about the school and its students, realising that this is a welcoming place where every child can succeed.

I’m sure you’re familiar with the proverb “it takes a village to raise a child”. Regrettably, its meaning is lessened when unctuous leaders talk of their desire for community involvement in their schools. Nevertheless, the proverb remains true and it should be central to our attitudes and beliefs when it comes to providing for our students and your children. Let it be a guiding principle in 2016 and to all families, have a happy, safe and peaceful holiday.

Mr Greg McDonald
Relieving Principal
What’s On Term 4

Week 10
Mon-Fri
7 - 11 Dec  Aust Volleyball School Cup - Melbourne
Tue  8 Dec  Student Achievement Program Assembly and Movie Day
Wed  9 Dec  Bay Day Out Hanging Rock 11am
Fri  11 Dec  Jamberoo Excursion Year 7 and 8. 7.30am - 5.30pm

Week 11
Tue  15 Dec  Whole School Presentation Day
Wed  16 Dec  Battle of the Seniors
Wed  16 Dec  LAST DAY OF TERM 4

2016 - TERM 1
Thur  28 Jan  Students Resume Years 7 and 11 only
Fri  29 Jan  Students Resume Years 8, 9, 10 & 12

SUNDAY MARKET
BATEMANS BAY
Batemans Bay High School
P&C Markets
3rd Sunday Each Month

9am to 1pm
Corrigans Beach, Batehaven
Sunday, 20 December 2015
hsbsundaymarket@gmail.com
ALL WELCOME

P&C would like to acknowledge the years of service of our outgoing Treasurer, Jan Lloyd.

Jan has regularly volunteered her time in a variety of different roles over a long period of time. Jan’s commitment to P&C has given many opportunities to our students.

On behalf of Batemans Bay High School, thank you Jan, for making a huge difference.
## Batemans Bay High School
### Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

### 2016

**Daylight**

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**THEN EVERY**  **TUESDAY & THURSDAY**  **8.00 – 11.00**

**Price List on the Back**

**Cash or Card**

**Mastercard & Visa Accepted**

**EFTPOS Available**

**No Cheques Accepted**
## Batemans Bay High School UNIFORM SHOP
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☐ CASH

☐ CREDIT CARD

TO PAY: $

PER............................................
Present this book at the School Uniform Shop to purchase the 2016 Year 7 complete pack with 15% discount

**GIRLS PACK:**
- 3 White Blouses or Polo Shirts (or combination)
- 2 Tartan Skirts or 2 Black Shorts (or combination)
- 1 Hooded Fleecy Jumper
- 1 Microfibre Sport Shirt
- 1 Microfibre Sport Shorts

**BOYS PACK:**
- 3 Polo Shirts
- 2 Beltloop or Elastic Waist Shorts
- 1 Hooded Fleecy Jumper
- 1 Microfibre Sport Shorts
- 1 Microfibre Sport Shirt
ALKYRA REYNOLDS YEAR 7

Alkyra is a promising young writer. She has just won a Patrick White Young Writers Award for a poem she recently composed. She is also part of Ms Rayner’s media group who regularly contribute articles to the School Matters and other media outlets.

Batemans Bay High School
ZOOM Calendar
2016

The Batemans Bay High School ZOOM Calendar for 2016 will be on sale at the Student Achievement Program Assembly and the Administration Office.

The calendar was compiled by Year 9 & 10 Photography students.

Cost $5.00
Great Christmas Filler
The extension of our Sensory Garden has really ramped up in the last few weeks. Our successful application for The School to Work Grant in 2015 has enabled us to build a bike track for students in Special Education classes.

Mr Guy Smith has been instrumental in making it all happen by organising materials and working bees with some very hard working Year 10 students, who have been working alongside students from Special Education.

We are well on the way to completing our track, which has created an additional space for students to learn and practice new skills. A huge thank you to Mr Smith and all the students who worked tirelessly to help improve our school environment!
BATEMANS BAY HIGH SCHOOL BIKE TRACK

On 27 November, students of Year 10 were participating in the construction of the Batemans Bay High School bike track located next to the Support Unit.

Harry Aiken, Brody Johns, Rhys Keller, Rhys MacDonnell, Jacomb Graham, Connor Art, Luke Chase-Dunlop, Matt Asher, Noah Hudson and Nathan Meacham spent a day out in the field working on the track with Mr Smith.

The Special Education Unit provided a BBQ and drinks for the workers. Brody said, “We raked the ground to get all the grass and weeds and to mark out the track and then we destroyed rocks and cut down a few bushes impeding the progress of constructing the track. We then shovelled some dirt and moulded it into some small jumps.”

They all said they had lots of fun and thought that when it’s finished it could be used for Time Trials.

Story and photos by Alexander Graham Year 8

PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, 25 November a performance assembly was held. The students who participated created a lively and professional atmosphere. Thank you to all the performers and teachers who helped to plan and execute the event.

Both original and popular songs were performed at high standards. The photos on the following page, taken by Mrs Preston & Stella Cross, reflect the variety of performances and skills of our students.

Report by Stella Cross
Drama

Circus

Junior Band & Mr Dexter

Kevin O'Kelly & Tyler Struchlak

Photos by Mrs Preston and Stella Cross
THE ENJOYABLE LIFE OF ‘WRITE IT RIGHT’

*Batemans Bay High School* runs a program called ‘*Write It Right*’, on Wednesdays after school until 5pm. ‘*Write It Right*’ is for Aboriginal students between year 5 and 7 who come to learn how to improve their writing skills.

This year at ‘*Write It Right*’ we have done a variety of different writing and cultural activities. Some students bring homework and assignments to work on during these sessions and are given help with their literacy. One other memorable activity at ‘*Write It Right*’ was when an Aboriginal dancer came in to teach us the traditional dances. We got to wear ochre on our faces and then we were given specific animals such as kangaroos, eagles, emus and goannas to dance as.

I attend ‘*Write It Right*’ each week and have seen an improvement with my marks in most subjects. When I first attended in primary school, I found that ‘*Write It Right*’ helped me with feeling more confident in my work. It also helped me find where most of the rooms are and I got to meet some teachers at *Batemans Bay High School*. Akasha (11 years old) agreed with me and said that, “The best part for me is being at the high school and getting used to the environment.”

Some personal responses from *Sunshine Bay Public School* show just how enjoyable ‘*Write It Right*’ is for students to attend. Keira (10 years old) said, “What I like is when I get off the bus and meet the other students from *Batemans Bay Public School*.” Sarah (11 years old) said, “What I like about this program is being able to be here as a buddy because I am not aboriginal but I like doing writing and all the activities.”

Ms Koprivec, the teacher who facilitates ‘*Write It Right*’, commented that, “I see vast improvements in the literacy of all students who participate and pride in their work.” Overall, the ‘*Write It Right*’ programme is a fantastic place to improve your literacy, make friends, meet teachers and get used to being at *Batemans Bay High School*.

Report by *Alkyra Reynolds* Year 7

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*Joelene Brierley* serves up some delicious snacks to *Jayden Mann*.

*Taylor Kilby-Connelly* Year 7
While Louise Charman waits for her HSC results, she also begins an exciting opportunity with Elizabeth Fleming & Associates in Moruya. Wynta McLachlan interviewed her to find out more.

Where did you hear about the Law Program and why did you want to do it?

“I heard about the program during Year 11 as Ray and Charlie Hall had both received a placement. However it was in Year 12 when Mr Rowing received an email from Elizabeth Fleming & Associates claiming that the program was running again, that I decided I wanted to apply. The benefits of the program are fantastic and at the time I was seriously considering a career within the legal field and the program would be helpful in determining if I would enjoy the practical side of law.”

Could you explain what was necessary to get a placement in the program?

“To receive a placement in the program there was no major requirement, only that applicants be interested in practicing law in the future. The rest of the process was similar to any other job.”

What do you hope to achieve in the future?

“In the future I hope to finish a law degree and begin practicing although I don't know what area I would like to specialise in yet.”

In what ways will the opportunity with Elizabeth Fleming & Associates be helpful in achieving your goals?

“The opportunity with Elizabeth Fleming & Associates will assist me in achieving my goals as it will provide practical experience within a legal office and allow me to discover if practising law is something that I will enjoy before I go to university. Also the practical experience will make getting an internship during my study at university easier, whether it’s with Elizabeth Fleming & Associates or another law firm.”

Would you recommend the program to other students and why?

“I would recommend the program to any student who is interested in having a career in law, as it would be excellent in assisting them to discover if a career in law is for them; also the program is very organised and professional from my experience so far.”

By Wynta McLachlan
2016 Summer School Holiday Fun
@ your Libraries

Sean Murphy Comedy Show

School-aged children and their families are welcome to come to this comedy show.

Hear stories from comedian Sean Murphy about his time as a children’s entertainer including surviving presents, piñatas and purple-faced tantrums. The kids will laugh thinking it’s fiction, adults will cry knowing it’s true and everyone will leave knowing how to tie a balloon sword!

Narooma Library  10.00am – 11.00am Tuesday 19 January  4476 1164
Moruya Library  1.00pm – 2.00pm Tuesday 19 January  4474 1333
Batemans Bay Library  3.45pm – 4.45pm Tuesday 19 January  4472 5850

Bookings essential
Free Event

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