PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PARENT PORTAL

As part of our commitment to improving communication between school and home, we are launching our Parent Portal this week. The facility allows parents to view their children’s attendance, timetables, extra-curricular involvement, NAPLAN results and school reports over the Internet. I believe the attendance and report information will be of most interest, particularly now that attendance is recorded and reported on a period by period basis. Timely information is valued by parents, as is the ability to seek that information independently and not rely on the traditional note in the school bag (which may or may not arrive home).

It is a big step for the school to make this data available online. It demands accuracy and introduces a new level of accountability. Teachers have been working hard towards ensuring every avenue of communication with parents is meaningful and professional. We need to make our data as accurate as possible, but please understand that mistakes do happen. If you discover an error, contact the office staff and they can direct you to the teacher best able to assist. On the other hand, you may discover something about your children that you didn’t otherwise know.

Being a Computing Studies teacher, I am also conscious of the social and ethical issues associated with the introduction of new IT systems. Privacy concerns become relevant when we start to publish student information online. I am satisfied that appropriate security measures are in place and I can discuss the technical aspects with anyone interested. The Parent Portal only contains data that we produce, rather than personal details that are stored by the DEC in other databases. The main concern will be the security of the access key we provide to you. That allows you and you alone to access your children’s details. Do not provide it to anyone else.

Parents who have already provided an email address to the school will receive an email with instructions for accessing the Parent Portal. Otherwise, contact the school to register an address. You do not need to activate an address if you do not want to use the service.

Please have patience during the roll-out period. You may experience difficulty logging on or linking your account to your children. It may also take a little time for us to respond to requests for assistance. If you can bear with us, I’m sure you’ll find this innovation worthwhile.

STUDENT PRINIPAL FOR A DAY

Student Principal for a Day is an initiative of the Principals Australia Institute. It gives students the chance to step into the shoes of the principal for a day, take part in a number of negotiated leadership opportunities, and contribute to a national online student conversation about leadership and the issues relevant to today’s students. If your child is chosen to be student principal, he or she will be one of a select few around the country taking part.

From my perspective, this is a hands-on leadership development program that gives me an opportunity to listen to the voices of students from here and around the country. This is a national event that will help raise the profile and importance of quality school leadership.

The event will be open to students from all years. I will be selecting one student principal on the basis of a written application. The process is simple. Students need to tell me, in no more than 300 words, how they would make the school a better place. Students can collect application forms from my office and are due back by Friday, 22 May.
What's On Term 2

Week 4
- Mon 11 May: School Plan Q&A 5.30pm
- Tue 12 May: Early Intervention Tackling Domestic Violence, Year 10
- Tue to Thur 12 to 14 May: NAPLAN Year 7 and 9

Week 5
- Tue 19 May: Open Netball at Bega
- Thur 21 May: School Social 7-10.00pm
- Fri 22 May: Superhero Day - Fundraising for Interact

Student Wellbeing Initiative

Description:
Year 10 students have the opportunity to engage in a student well-being workshop that centres on the early intervention and prevention of domestic violence. It is called “Tackling Violence” and is a DEC approved learning experience. **Nathan Merritt** is one of the presenters and this workshop is a shared project with the NRL and local sporting team – the Bay Tigers.

Date: Tuesday, 12 May, 2015
Organisation: Periods 3&4 - boys
- Periods 5 & 6 – girls
Venue: TLS and school oval
Supervision: **Mr Gerard O'Keeffe & Mrs Chantal Bradshaw**
Cost: Nil
Dress: Sport uniform for practical session

Please return the permission note to school if you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate.

**Ms Fiona Saunders**

BBHS SUPPORT CLASS JUMPING TO GET FIT

Bay High Support Class students are trying a new way of getting fit. The **Big 4 Camping Park** has kindly supported our endeavour in showing the students how to get fit by jumping on their giant jumping pillow. Students will visit the park each week for one of their PE lessons and have fun bouncing around on the pillow. “It’s actually a good way to get fit” said one of the students. Another said “It’s fun”. The teachers also participate and have found that while it’s a lot of fun, it’s also quite hard. There are lots of smiles all round.

BBHS would like to say a big **thank you** to the Big 4 for allowing us to use their facilities.

**Ms Kerryl Davie**
Teacher
Interested in part time employment?

Batemans Bay High School Canteen is looking for motivated, reliable people to work in our canteen to assist our canteen supervisor, Sammy O'Kelly.

We are looking for people interested in being trained to fill in for Sammy when she is on leave. It would involve undertaking a one day Food Handling course through TAFE with the view of being trained to manage the canteen in the supervisor’s absence.

This person must be available to fill in at short notice and also be available to cover extended periods as required.

This position would be ideal for someone with children attending Batemans Bay High School or will have children attending Batemans Bay High School in the future.

For further information please contact: Janine Smeaton 4478 3600

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ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) 2015

Writing:
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Writing is an English language writing test perfect for assessing a student’s writing skills. The ICAS Writing assesses students’ ability to write an extended response to a given task. Two forms of writing, narrative and persuasive, are assessed in alternating years. The test is available for all students in Year 7-12.

Sitting dates: Monday, 15 June to Friday, 19 June 2015.

English:
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English assesses reading and language skills in a range of contexts. Students read a variety of texts which narrate, describe, explain, argue, persuade and review. The test is available for all students in Year 7-12.

Sitting date: Tuesday, 28 July 2015.
**12 Years Girls**  
Zoe Andrew  
Emma Backhouse  
Lara Vincent  
Tyla Kelly  
Kelarney Blunden  
Chloe McLaughlin

**12 Years Boys**  
Sam Reedy  
Kyle Zylstra  
Angus Knight  
Triston Henderson  
Dayne McCartney  
Logan Hambly

**13 Years Girls**  
Tayah Hancock  
Claire Ison  
Stephanie Wadley  
Jasmine Jarrett-Glasser  
Tori George-Bartle  
Abbey Rashleigh  
Abbey Duncan  
Georgia Freebody

**13 Years Boys**  
William Graham  
Hamish Laverack  
Dylan Coulter  
Calum Macdonnell  
Hector Brewer  
Cain Williams  
Ethan Jackson  
Cody Thomas

**14 Years Girls**  
Raine Dexter  
Ellijay Dorn  
Abby Talmadge  
Judith Charman  
Claire Tumblin  
Lexus Knight  
Stella Cross

**14 Years Boys**  
Jade Eaton  
Harry O’Keefe  
George Moran  
Mitchell Hill  
Kyle Hogan Grimm  
Alexander Graham  
Joshua Despues  
Will Aiken

**15 Years Girls**  
Clare Meacham  
Samantha Hanlon  
Zoe Vandenberg  
Georgia Laverack

**15 Years Boys**  
Ethan Thomas  
Jacomb Graham  
Torren Mann  
Blayne Abela  
Mitchell Hockey  
Brody Johns  
Daniel Terry  
Owen Gordon

**16 Years Girls**  
Topaz Eaton  
Chelsi-Lee Dorn  
Krystal Abela  
Becky Doherty  
Molly Wilkinson  
Aisha Roman  
Fie Sorensen Wilson

**16 Years Boys**  
Rhys MacDonnell  
Blake Westbrook  
Rick Siecker  
Bradley Jones  
Riley Wade

**17 Years Girls**  
Erin Warwick  
Tess Rowley  
Destini Azzopardi  
Carly Hay  
Elle Roberts

**17 Years Boys**  
Andrew Regan  
Lachlan Evans  
Jordan Crooke  
Jesse Craven  
Corey Thomas  
Thomas Culic  
Joshua Brown  
Jayden Hodge
Congratulations to all competitors. Students ran well and conducted themselves in an outstanding manner while on the course.

Thanks to all staff who volunteered their time to ensure the afternoon ran smoothly and our appreciation goes to those parents who came along on the day to spectate and support their children.

Zone cross country is on this Friday at Wolumla, good luck to all competitors.

Mrs Mathie & Mrs Cameron
Cert III in Horsemanship provides relevant units of competency to equip you with appropriate skills and confidence to benefit horse and rider and promote safe riding and handling practices. Pathways to employment opportunities in the equine industry.

The course can be completed part time, with flexible study and assessment.

Face to face learning, including weekend clinics or online.

To enrol and for more information go to: www.horsecourse.com.au

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

Corrigans Beach, Batehaven
Sunday, 17 May 2015
hsbbsundaymarket@gmail.com

P&C MEETING
School Library
next Monday 7pm
18 May

All parents welcome

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