PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

A popular quote in the business world is “a happy customer tells a friend, while an unhappy customer tells the world.” There may be some truth to this, but when it comes to Batemans Bay High School, the maxim is being challenged by our students. Increasingly, people with no connection to the school are passing on their positive experiences. Here are just three comments that I have received in the past week.

On the Fast and Fresh performance: “I found the theme to be refreshing and different, it was quite mesmerising. I enjoyed watching the group work incredibly well together… congratulations on a very thought provoking piece.”

On community involvement: “I consider Batemans Bay High School to be the premier school in the area… we can always rely on the students”.

On excursions: “Your students are the politest and best behaved of any high school we deal with.”

All students should take pride in this kind of feedback. It illustrates the improved public perception of the school and provides a sharp retort to anyone who speaks poorly of our students. I think we need to tell our friends AND the world that the achievements of this school matter and that our students make a difference.

CLASS CHANGES

As you may be aware, the school reviews Stage 4 class placements twice a year to ensure all students are in the most appropriate group. This is particularly important as students are placed in a common class for all core subjects in Years 7 and 8. The school executive will consider changes for the second semester and finalise any decisions at the end of this term. A number of factors are considered, such as:

- academic ability and performance based on assessment,
- learning or welfare needs, including interactions with other students, and
- class teacher professional judgement.

Students will be advised of changes at the start of Term 3. Although we attempt to minimise the number of changes, we anticipate quite a few students will be affected. This is primarily due to the substantial increase in enrolments which have rendered three out of four of the existing Year 8 classes full to capacity.

Greg McDonald
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL DROP OFF AREA

The school drop off area (old bus bay) outside the MPC is needed throughout the day by parents and other visitors. Please observe the parking time limits which are restricted to five minutes before 9.30am and after 2.30pm.

This especially applies to senior students who should not park there at all during the day.

SUNDAY MARKET BATEMANS BAY

Batemans Bay High School
P&C Markets
3rd Sunday Each Month
Corrigans Beach, Batehaven
Sunday, 21 June 2015
hsbbsundaymarket@gmail.com
ALL WELCOME
## What’s On Term 2

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**Term 3, School Photos**

**Tuesday, 4 August**

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### Principal for the Day

On Wednesday, 10 June, *Leonidas Katsanis* (Year 10) was Principal for a day.

Leon explained that “my experience was eye opening in what a Principal has to accomplish everyday. Mr McDonald does not stay in his office all day, but needs to attend to many matters around the school. I appreciate the opportunity that was given to me”

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### Year 11 HOSPITALITY

On Friday, 5 June our year 11 Hospitality class completed their practical assessment - rustic chicken tart with fresh garden salad.

Orders were taken, and approximately 30 meals were provided to very happy teachers. *Delicious!*

**Kris O’Brien & Jacquie Meacham**

*Hospitality Teachers*

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_Brodie, Emily & Kylie - part of the Year 11 Hospitality class_
As a part of our HSIE studies this term, various classes are collecting items to pack for Operation Christmas Child. Students will pack boxes that will be sent to under-privileged children aged between 10 and 14 in South East Asia and the Pacific. Year 11 Work Studies have set up a collection point in the school front office. Please see the following list and donate what you can. Students will also be raising money in the future as each shoebox needs $9 to cover sending costs.

**Toys:** include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

**School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, colouring and picture books

**Non Liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths

**Accessories:** Tshirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewellery, watches, torch (extra batteries)

**A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back

**Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans

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**SNAPSHOTS**

On Saturday, 6 June the cast of “Snapshots” participated in the Grand Final of “Fast+Fresh” at the Canberra Theatre. Batemans Bay High was the only NSW School in the Grand Final and they did a fantastic job. The judge’s feedback was very positive and our students were given a special mention as “most creative” in the festival. A number of audience members were crying at the conclusion of “snapshots” because they were so moved by the story of “Isaac”; the central character and his journey into adulthood.

Special thanks to all students and parents who supported the festival and the Canberra Theatre for our opportunity.

“Snapshots” will be featured in the upcoming school production “Saltwater”. Tickets are available through the school office now.

Sharon McCutcheon
Drama Teacher
School Matters regularly includes community information and advertisements. The School does not endorse or accept responsibility for these activities. Attendance at or use of these services is at the discretion of the students.

**RIVER OF DIVERSITY**
27 June - 12 July 2015

**Winter Holiday Camps**
- Qualified instructors
- Ski / snowboard camps
- Aged between 7 - 16 years
- 24 hour supervision
- Accommodation and meals

Contact 13 13 02 or dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps

**ICAS English Competition**
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools English assesses reading and language skills in a range of contexts.

The test is available for all students from Year 7-12
$8.00

Sitting date: Tuesday, 28 July 2015
Final payment to Bay High 25 June 2015

**HEYWIRE**
The ABC’s Heywire competition is calling for students from rural and regional Australia.

Visit the website: abc.net.au/heywire for further information. You can see last years winning entries and upload your own.

Competition closes Wednesday, 16 September

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