PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
RECOGNISED LEADERS IN STUDENT WELLBEING
Schools often downplay their achievements as organisations and workplaces, primarily because teachers don’t see what they do as out of the ordinary. They understandably prefer to promote their students over themselves. They also assume that since everything they do is in the interests of their students, they are simply doing their jobs. This is regardless of their extra commitment in time and energy and independent of the voluntary nature of much of their work.

In light of this, it deserves to be mentioned that Batemans Bay High School was the first school in Australia to be awarded gold status in Mental Health First Aid. This award recognises the skills our teachers and support staff have developed in being able to assist students who experience social and emotional difficulties. The school didn’t set out to achieve such status, nor was the training part of mandatory or targeted professional learning. It shows that teachers recognise, of their own accord, that it is just as important to care for the wellbeing of students as it is to cater for their academic needs.

One teacher in particular deserves special recognition. Mr Perry, the school’s accomplished and tireless counsellor, has trained staff from this school and many others in Mental Health First Aid and continues to provide a valuable service to the students of Batemans Bay. He is an asset to the school.

REPORTS
Reports for students in Years 7 to 11 will be issued this Thursday. In addition to the traditional hard copies that students will bring home, you will be able to access the reports through the school’s Parent Portal after that time. Contact Mr Attwood at the school if you still require access.

A BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL TERM
With half the year nearly over, this is a good time to thank everyone for the work they have done so far. I hope all students, teachers and support staff (and even some fortunate parents) enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday, and recuperate for an even more demanding second semester. For me, the holidays are a time to prepare for the term ahead, which often involves a lot of reading. I’ve recently finished What Makes A Good School? by Chris Bonnor and Jane Caro. It’s a clearly partisan tome promoting public education and contains many meaningful insights that strike a chord with anyone with an interest in schooling, parents included. I could add many of my own opinions about what makes a good school, but I’ll settle for one the authors mention fleetingly. I think a good school is a happy school, and whilst it may not be the easiest outcome to measure, I’ve seen a lot of progress made towards this goal this year.

Greg McDonald
Relieving Principal
What's On Term 2

Week 10
Monday to Friday
22 - 26 June Year 10 RFS Training - Mogo
Mon 22 June PDHPE First Aid Course
Mon 22 June NSW Junior Chess League
Mon 22 June NAIDOC Dance Workshop
Tue 23 June Taste of TAFE
Tue 23 June Koori Games
Wed 24 June PA for a Day - Fundraising Year 12
Thur 25 June NAIDOC Cultural Workshop
Thur 25 June Outreach - Mini Golf
Fri 26 June NAIDOC Cinema Visit
Fri 26 June Saltwater Dress Rehearsal

Term 3
Mon 13 July Staff Development Day
Tue 14 July All students return

Academic Challenge Day

On Thursday, 18 June, I had the pleasure of taking six talented year 7 students to Broulee Public School for the Academic Challenge Day. James Dickinson, Emily Dickinson, Claire Ison, Kelarney Blunden, Lara Vincent and Hartney Figg shone with a comprehensive win.

Throughout the day they took part in multiple challenges where they took on the subject of education with technology as their theme. They needed to come up with data from the 60 students competing followed with presenting their findings to the audience. They won full points for the bonus challenge which was a word scramble using QR codes. All students looked fabulous in their mathematical themed costumes.

Congratulations to these students as they performed amazingly and were excellent representatives of Batemans Bay High School.

Claire Leechman, Year 7 Adviser
CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY

Over the past three weeks Batemans Bay High School students have had the pleasure of accessing The ANU Art and Environment: Exhibition in a Suitcase.

The Suitcase is a travelling exhibition of artworks by a range of professional practicing artists. The pieces relate to the environment and are produced using a variety of forms, media and techniques.

CAPA Staff and their students have enjoyed exploring the Suitcase with their classes. Students explored the artistic processes, diverse materials and significant ideas that go into making art objects. Each artwork was made in a different form including ceramics, glass, video, printmaking, painting, digital photography and sculpture.

Students then used their knowledge to write about and create artworks inspired by the environmental themes they studied.

Michele Anuyahong, Art Teacher

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ZEAL PERFORMANCE

On Friday, 12 June, Zeal theatre performed ‘Stones’ in our school hall. Year 9 and 10 watched the show as part of learning the consequences of risk taking. It was fantastic.

My favourite part was when the two performers changed from students to police.

The play was funny and sad. Mostly it taught us that there are always consequences for our actions. We enjoyed watching the performance and speaking to them about their careers.

I hope they can bring their next production to our school.

Gabi Knox

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Starsha Jaksic presenting one of the works from the Suitcase

Sculpture by our student Topaz
Inspired by the Suitcase exhibition

John, observing glass artwork by Charles Walker
On Wednesday June 10, 25 Year 10 students participated in the Wollongong University Year 10 UNIque Experience Day. The day was held at the Batemans Bay campus and was an opportunity for students to find out what university study is really like! This day is held prior to the student’s subject selection decisions, to help better inform students during this process.

Students had the opportunity to undertake activities in the faculty of their choice, explore the university facilities, participate in goal setting activities for their senior studies and build their pathway to higher education.

On Monday, 15 July all of Year 9 went down to Hanging Rock to participate in a welfare day that included a discussion with Adam and Dan from REACH, a talk from ambulance officer Lynette and some fun games with Mrs Cameron.

REACH with Adam and Dan was really great! I feel like we all learnt a lot from the talk they gave us. They talked about ways we could control our feelings, bullying, picking on people, being yourself and doing your absolute best. It was very emotional but I know most of us got something out of it! I luckily enough got chosen to go to a REACH state camp, I’m hoping to follow in Adam and Dan’s footsteps and help as many people as I can by becoming a REACH leader.

Lynette talked about types of risk and the situations you could be put into. She told us all that we should never be scared to call the ambulance if something has gone wrong. She also explained that we should think about all the consequences for our actions.

In our last session we just played some fun games with the assistance of Greg Curry from the PCYC.

I’d like to thank Mr O’Keefe and Mrs O’Keefe for organising this awesome day and for the great FREE food! It was amazing! I would also like to thank the awesome Mrs Cameron and Ms Stayte for coming along and making this day enjoyable for everyone!

By Gabi Knox
On Wednesday, 3 June the annual School Athletics carnival was held. The weather was very kind and the students had a fantastic day. Thank you to all students who participated with enthusiasm and showed great sportsmanship. The Zone Athletics carnival will be held at Moruya High School (Moruya) on Thursday, 25 June (date change due to wet weather). Congratulations to all students who are progressing on to represent Batemans Bay High School at the Zone Carnival.

2015 Age Champions and Runners Up

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HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to ACHERON who were the top scoring House of the Carnival!

Acheron – 1007
Burrawarra – 891
Richmond – 822
Murramarang – 788
Batemans Bay High School supported “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” fundraiser, on Friday, 12 June. We thank Lynda Thompson, our Food Technology teacher for organising the event, together with Year 10 students and Rebecca Woodham for putting together a delicious morning tea.

Over $500 raised so far

Courtney, Kate, Summer, Mrs Sandra Paull, Kylie, Ashley and Zac

Kylie, Mrs Lynda Thompson and Ashley

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