PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Prior to the holidays, Frances Kerkham and Abbey Francis from Year 11 represented our school in the Quota Student of the Year Quest. The Quest has been running for many years and the perpetual trophy is adorned with the names of several Batemans Bay High School students from previous competitions. The format is quite demanding, with students required to demonstrate their general knowledge, awareness of current affairs and adroit thinking skills through a rigorous panel interview and a public address.

I was fortunate enough to attend the public speaking session of the Quest and witness first-hand the outstanding academic talent in our shire’s high schools. Abbey spoke passionately about the rights of women, particularly in terms of educational and employment opportunities. Her clearly articulated argument was well-received by the audience and acknowledged by her fellow contestants for its quality. Frances used her time to outline the factors that contribute to an excellent education, and it was interesting to hear her opinions on the role of parents and the home. Both girls were also required to give an impromptu one minute presentation on a randomly drawn subject, which they both handled with aplomb.

Frances was the eventual winner on the night and will go on to compete at a higher level in the near future. Reflecting on the performances of the girls, I wished I had made the effort and taken the risk to enter such a competition when I was at school. As stressful and as difficult as it sounds, there are few similar experiences that encourage such rapid and significant personal growth. The skills that Abbey and Frances have now acquired will give them a significant advantage over other students when they leave school, regardless of their eventual ATARs.

I expect the school to field more exceptionally capable students in coming years.

SECRETARY FOR A DAY

A few weeks ago, Leonidas Katsanis was the Batemans Bay High School Principal for a Day. A similar leadership program, inauspiciously known as Secretary for a Day, is being held in Week 3 this term. Contrary to what you may assume, the Secretary is not an office assistant but is in fact the head of the Department of Education, the most senior official responsible for schools in this state. Only a handful of students emerge from a lengthy application process to be offered the chance to fly to Sydney for two days and participate in this unique experience. I am pleased to announce that Tanika Golbach, also in Year 11, has been selected to represent her school, along with five other students hailing from as far as Dubbo and Wagga Wagga.

Tanika will be attending the opening of Education Week with the Minister and Secretary. She will then spend some time working in the policy management section of the Department, before presenting at a student leaders forum on the topic of student wellbeing and the latest Department initiatives. Tanika is already an outstanding ambassador for this school and I am sure she will further our reputation through this endeavour.

Greg McDonald
Relieving Principal
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What’s On Term 3

Week 2
Tue 21 July Saltwater dress rehearsal after school
Wed to Sat 22 - 25 July Saltwater Performance, tickets still available

Week 3
Sun to Wed 26 - 29 July Year 11 Snow Trip
Tue 28 July Year 10 into 11/2016 Subject Selection booklet to be handed out
Tue 28 July Parent/Teacher afternoon 4-6.00pm Hall
Tue 28 July Year 11/2016 Subject Selection information Evening for parents - 6pm Library

2015/2016 SENIOR SRC

Congratulations to the following students for being elected as the 2015/2016 Senior SRC. An investiture ceremony will occur during next week’s assembly to formally hand over to the new leadership team.

Erin Warwick, Hannah Kinnane (Vice President), Jarrod Ryan, Kelsey Pye (Vice President), Kevin O’Kelly, Maeve Turner, Tanika Golbach (President)

MOUNTAIN BIKING - COONDOO CLASSIC

Congratulations to Alex Graham, Ryder Brown, Jack McFarlane and Hamish Laverack for a competitive day of riding the beautiful single tracks in the Currumbene State Forest south of Nowra in June. The growing teams event saw over two hundred competitors racing over the four hour race time. Our team narrowly missed out on a podium position finishing fourth in the junior male category. Despite this, the frothometre from our boys was high with smiles all round when coming back in from each lap.

I would like to encourage more students, in particular female, as many girls were out with their friends enjoying the healthy benefits of riding. If you are interested in riding, please see Mr Smith at any stage. Next upcoming event will be mid Term 3 in Canberra.
On Saturday, 11 July the Eurobodalla NAIDOC week Awards Ball was held. One of our students Jaidon Bollard, Year 7 won the Eurobodalla NAIDOC week 2015 Junior Sportsperson of the Year Award. He is pictured here with Aunty Lavina.

The 2015 NAIDOC week theme was ‘Standing on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate’. At school we did a number of indigenous activities to celebrate the week. These activities included visiting the primary school to partake in NAIDOC week activities, Koori games, mural painting, dance workshops, community BBQ and our special NAIDOC assembly.

On the Thursday we went to the University Campus at Hanging Rock and learnt about the significance of the local area and spoke to local elders. At the end of the week we had a celebration trip to the movies and pizza lunch.

I thought it was a special week for the indigenous students at Batemans Bay High and we are looking forward to next year’s celebrations.

Denika Morgan
Year 11/ AIME Ambassador
As part of our strong and ongoing commitment to 21st century teaching and learning excellence, Batemans Bay High School recognises the value of technology in and out of the classroom. Our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy allows students to bring a personally-owned and school approved device to school for the purpose of learning. BYOD is not compulsory but students are allowed and encouraged to bring ICT devices to school. Students can connect compatible devices to the school’s filtered internet service. To assist parents, the school has a set of standards for devices to ensure they can connect to the school’s wireless network and be productive tools in meaningful learning experiences.

**Hardware Specification**
The device must meet all of the following requirements:

| Form Factor                  | Laptop, tablet device or convertible device  
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------
|                              | A tablet device must have a physical keyboard attachment with separate keys for A – Z and 0 – 9 |
| Physical Dimensions          | Minimum Screen Size: 7”  
|                              | Preferred Screen Size: at least 10” |
| Wireless Compatibility       | Device must have 2.4 GHz or 5GHz support  
|                              | “Dual Band Wireless” may enable faster access at school |
| Battery Life                 | Advertised battery life of at least **six hours** |
| USB port                     | Needed to connect peripherals. eg USB memory stick |
| Performance                  | Minimum: 2GB of RAM, 32GB storage  
|                              | Preferred: at least 4GB of RAM, 128GB storage |

**Additional Considerations**
The following requirements of the Bring Your Own Device program, are considerations you should direct your attention to:

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| Considerations | Accidental loss and breakage insurance  
|                | A protective case |

**Software Specification**
Additionally, the device must meet all of the following functional requirements pertaining to software:

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<td>Security Software</td>
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**Software available through the DEC Student Portal**
Students can download software for free through the DEC student portal. Click on the **Learning** tab and then the **Adobe DEC software download** link. From here you can download Windows, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite and other software. Note that some of these packages are quite large and will use your data if downloading them at home.
SURF LIVESAVING FIRST AID COURSE
On Monday, 22 June, Mrs Cameron’s Year 11 PDHPE class and three members of staff participated in the NSW Royal Lifesaving First Aid Course. All present benefited from the expert advice and training given by instructor Carly Ryan, training coordinator Wollongong Regional Office.

Community News

Batemans Bay Motor Registry

Is being refurbished from 4pm Friday, 24 July

It will reopen in mid September as a Service NSW centre

During the refurbishment
Transactions can be completed online at service.nsw.gov.au or by visiting the Moruya or Ulladulla Motor Registry

For more information call 137788

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The Queen in Saltwater
A Tale of Tears, Sand and the Sea

$20 Supper Inc.
Pensioner, Student & Family Discounts apply
Tickets available at BBHS
6:00pm 22-25 July '15
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
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