I WANT YOU

This is a call to all parents and carers. I desperately want those who are willing to join the band of people needed for our upcoming campaigns. Have you ever wanted to:

- decide which teachers will be permanently appointed to the school,
- make recommendations to the principal on new enrolments,
- develop school policies,
- evaluate school performance, or
- help determine which projects will be backed with our Gonski funding?

Our school has an active Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) with a proud history that predates the school. Unfortunately, we don’t have enough people to carry on the good work and traditions of those who have supported the school over its 27 year history.

There may be many reasons for our predicament. I appreciate that some people have commitments that are far more pressing, such as work and family. Some may believe that everything is going swimmingly, or that there is little they can contribute. I actually think one of the main factors may be the misconceptions around the role of the P&C.

The P&C is no longer just a fundraising body. It is not a source of free labour when the gardens need weeding. It is not a place where parents come to push petty agenda at the expense of others. Under Local Schools, Local Decisions, the P&C has an elevated importance and is a vital part of the school’s decision making processes. It is now almost akin to a school council and of particular assistance to me.

Although we value input from any member of the school community in any form (the contributions we received during the development of the school plan were most constructive), the P&C is the body ordained with special responsibilities by the Department of Education. The local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) is similarly empowered in key decision making areas.

P&C meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7pm in the library. AECG meetings are less frequent, with the next held on Wednesday, 9 November at 1pm at Sunshine Bay Public School. If the times are not convenient, or you would like more information, please contact me at the school.

Greg McDonald
Relieving Principal
UNDER 15s BASKETBALL

On Friday, 7 August two under 15 basketball teams travelled to Bega to battle teams from the far south coast. The boys team was Blayne, Lockie, Dylan, Alex, Jacomb, James, Harrison, Jeremy, and Ethan. The girls team was Georgia, Stella, Chaali, Emily, Mackenzie, Brittany, Colby, D’Zhane, Abby, Carly.

The day got off to a slow start (due to the bus having a flat battery) but we were finally on our way and arrived safely.

The boys battled it out against six different teams, sweeping through all their games with ease making it into the grand final. They had a nail-biting and tense first half but after a strategic timeout from the one and only (very scary) Mr Hatton, the boys came out on fire and were raining threes. The final score was 27 – 5.

The girls started the day with some very close games. They finally showed their true form by their last game (before the final) finishing with an easy win. In the final the girls fought hard throughout the whole game making it go into overtime. They finished with a winning shot making them far south coast champions.

Both teams will now progress to play against other regions in September. Good luck to both teams.

Big thanks to Mr Hatton and Mrs O'Keefe.

Watch out NBA you have some bright talents coming up soon.
SOCCER GALA DAY

On Friday, 14 August Year 9 student Samantha Hanlon conducted and lead a Soccer Gala Day at Batemans Bay Public School. Samantha has been selected as a participant of the Youth Frontiers Program being conducted in association with South Coast Workplace and Learning. A total of 1316 students across Eurobodalla’s high schools were selected to participate in this program. Samantha is one of four students selected in the program from Batemans Bay High School. Students are partnered with a distinguished member of the community, who serve as a mentor; working together to achieve a project within the available categories of:

- Community Harmony
- Youth Mental Health
- Engaging in Sport
- Empowering Young Women
- The Centenary of ANZAC
- Environment and Conservation

Samantha’s project ticked two boxes of Engaging in Sport and Empowering Young Women. The day involved running a variety of soccer drills for grades 1 - 4, mini soccer matches with their newly acquired skills, and a certificate presentation to participants.

Samantha is to be congratulated on her exemplary effort, outstanding organisational skills and leadership on the day. She has shown great promise and initiative towards planning, completing, implementing, and assessing a project in her chosen category.

Also to be congratulated are the following students who assisted Samantha on the day, and whose involvement during activities was conducted in a very mature manner while representing the school.

Blayne Abela, Lockie Armstrong, Dylan Art, Chloe Carpenter, Jake Edwards, Chaali Elliott, Emily Funnell, Cara Hodge, Lexus Knight, Torren Mann, Clare Meacham, Carly Watton, Kaitlyn Watton.
CRICKET AUSTRALIA VOLUNTEERS

On the 7 and 14 August approximately 20 students from years 7-10 volunteered to help Cricket Australia. Our students coached and umpired students from Sunshine Bay and Batemans Bay Primary School developing their skills in cricket. All students enjoyed the day and loved working with the people of Cricket Australia and the school kids. Thank you to all students for volunteering their time for this worthy experience.

Sports Committee 2015

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20% off
Stocktake Sale

Tuesday, 8 September
to Thursday, 17 September

Shop Stock Only
No Exchanges
No Refunds
No Rainchecks
No Lay buys

HEARING AWARENESS WEEK

Hearing is Precious & Fragile
Listen UP and turn it DOWN
Hearing Awareness Week from
Sunday, 23 August
www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN YEAR 11 WHO IS ON TRACK TO GET INTO THEIR DESIRED COURSE AT UNIVERSITY?

If so, In2Uni’s Summer Master Class Program might be for them! This three week intensive course over the summer school holidays is designed to give them a head start in their HSC, and the opportunity to experience university life! For more information, come to one of our on-campus information sessions held at:
UOW Southern Sydney Campus, Wednesday, 26 August 5:50pm-6:30pm
UOW Wollongong campus, Thursday 27 August 5:30pm-6:30pm
REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY AT:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/Im2UniSMC

Mrs Mitrovic has Information Packs in the Careers Office

SHARE AND PREPARE FORUM

Things are changing for people with a disability with the National Disability Insurance Scheme. (NDIS)
Forum at: Catalina Country Club
Wednesday, 26 August, 10am-1pm
For more information contact: Alison 44783710

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.