PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

“This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change.”

“The beginning is the most important part of any work.”

The end of January is always an exciting time around a school. There is something so rewarding about seeing students arriving early in brand new uniforms, eagerly expecting their new classes and a different set of teachers. This infectious anticipation of great things to come inspires us all. For those who think cynical teenagers would prefer nothing more than to extend their five week holiday, I highly recommend you spend time in a school during the first few days of term. The students I’ve seen and spoken to so far this year are pleased to be back and their enthusiasm for school shows a desire to recommence learning in earnest.

The quotes above share a common theme despite their age difference. Depending on your background and interests, they may or may not be familiar to you. One is a tweet, the other translated from Greek. I will leave it to the most enterprising students to determine their origins (and see me for a fitting reward). Regardless of their attribution, the quotes convey a message I want everyone to consider, not just now, but throughout 2016.

We are given many opportunities to regather ourselves and start afresh, probably more often than we realise. Such times should not be wasted by simply contemplating what we will do in the future. We must take those first steps towards our goals confidently and emphatically. For those new to the school, the goal might be to make friends or create a good impression in class by working hard. For senior students, it might be to develop a sound study timetable and then, importantly, adhere to it. For those that have found some aspects of school challenging in the past, it might be most valuable to find the one difficulty that is easiest to overcome and concentrate on rectifying it. Whatever the goal, the effort expended right now is crucial to future success and makes everything more achievable in the long term.

New Faces

I would like to welcome all students and families who are joining (or re-joining) our Batemans Bay High School community. The environment here is a very inclusive and outward-facing one, and we are rapidly becoming the school of choice in the area. As you may have seen mentioned elsewhere, the school is growing again. There are now 650 students across the school, with our largest Year 7 group in five years commencing last week. The students are supported by a teaching staff of over 60.

The teachers joining the school for the first time are Mr Peter Maruca (Science), Mr Hendry Roelink and Ms Sabine Pratt (Special Education), Mr Nick Collins and Mrs Darelene Dallos (TAS), and Mrs Judith Armitt (Mathematics). They all bring a great deal of experience, expertise and passion to the school and I am sure our students’ learning will be enriched by their contributions.

One of the key elements in sustaining a successful school is good communication between teachers, students and parents. I encourage all parents, new and old, to keep an open dialog with the school at all times.

I hope you’re looking as forward to 2016 as I am.

Mr Greg McDonald
Relieving Principal
What's On Term 1

Week 2
Wed 3 Feb  Swimming Carnival
Friday 5 Feb  Photos for ID cards - Year 7 and new students only
Friday 5 Feb  University Discovery Day 6-6pm

Week 3
Thursday 11 Feb  HSC Drama excursion to Sydney Enmore Theatre 8-8pm

Batemans Bay High School will be holding our annual swimming carnival on Wednesday, 3 February 2016. This is a whole school event and **all students** are expected to attend. Parent permission to attend the Swimming Carnival is required and the students will bring a note home that needs to be signed and returned on the day of the carnival. Parents are welcome to attend as spectators and are encouraged to join in with the running of the carnival. Please phone **Mr Rod Hatton** at school for further information.

**DATE:**
Wednesday, 3 February 2016

**VENUE:**
Batemans Bay Swimming Pool

**COST:**
$3.60 pool entry (free for spectators)

**TRANSPORT:**
School buses will drop off and pick up students at the pool. A bus will be available to transport students from school at 9.00am to the pool. Students may also arrange their own transport.

**WHAT TO WEAR:**
Appropriate swimwear, house colours, sports uniform, protective clothing

- Houses are -  Surname A-C: Acheron (Yellow)
  Surname D-J: Burrawarra (Blue)
  Surname K-P: Richmond (Red)
  Surname Q-Z: Murraramang (Green)

**WHAT TO BRING:**
Towel, hat, sunscreen, food and drink and a positive attitude

**CANTEEN:**
The pool canteen will be operating

**WEATHER:**
If the weather looks threatening, pay attention to school stream and/or listen to **Power FM** for updates on the carnival proceeding

**Mr Rod Hatton**  
Sport Organiser

**Mrs Kelly Cameron**  
HT PDHPE
**Student Achievement**

**Hartney Figg** Year 8

Hartney is one of our student leaders who set a high benchmark in 2015. She finished the year with a 100% attendance record. Well done Hartney.

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**FREE Mobile and Tablet App**

Download the app to receive push notifications/alerts from your school and access all news.

To receive up to date Batemans Bay High School information, follow the instructions to

**DOWNLOAD THE APP:**

1. **iPhone & iPad:** Open the App Store on your device, search for “enews”
   - **Android:** Open the Play Store on your device, search for “enews”
   - **Windows Phone & Windows 8/10:** Open the Windows Store, search for “enews”
   - OR click a store app badge below OR scan in a QR code using your device.
2. Download the “School Enews” app (same as icon on the left)
3. After School Enews has downloaded, open the app and search for your school name.

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**Community Service**

**Batemans Bay BMX Club** will be hosting our annual National Sign On Day.

Saturday, 20 February
12 noon to 3pm

Designed for you to come along and try out our exciting sport, free of charge! For more information contact **Sheridan 0416 036 820** or www.bmxaustralia.com.au

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**Chess Club**

Community Centre, Batemans Bay

**Weekly, 9 February – 22 March**
**Tuesdays 4-6pm**
**Free**

Come and try this challenging game. Games for all ages and abilities. Bookings Essential

Phone 4474 7442

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**Community Advertisements**

*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.
# Uniform Shop

**Opening Hours**

*Every Tuesday and Thursday*

*8 - 11.00am*

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**Daylight Sportswear Pty Ltd**  
**ABN 76 069 733 455**  
**35 Garema Circuit, Kingsgrove NSW 2208**  
**Tel: (02) 9758 5588  Fax: (02) 9758 5566**  
**Email: daylight@daylightcorp.com**

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**Batemans Bay High School UNIFORM SHOP**

**Tax Invoice**

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