PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Several of our recent HSC graduates were the worthy recipients of valuable scholarships awarded last week. Carly Hay and Claire Andrew, from last year’s graduating class, along with Lizzie Jack, who completed her HSC in 2014, were recognised by the Batemans Bay Youth Foundation for their desire to “dream and achieve”. The former students received scholarships to assist with the cost of moving and pursuing a tertiary education away from home, a burden that often deters the young people of the Eurobodalla from further study. Carly and Claire will study at the University of Canberra, while Lizzie has enrolled at the University of Wollongong. Carly was also fortunate enough to receive a Singh Family Trust scholarship for students wanting a career in the medical sciences.

It is wonderful to see the level of philanthropy, often unrecognised, that exists in our local community. The Youth Foundation is sponsored by Batemans Bay Rotary, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and the Batemans Bay RSL Sub-Branch and the total of its scholarships amounted to $30,000 this year alone. The Singh Family Trust was inspired by the father of Mogo surgeon Sanjay Singh, who turned his impoverished life into an incredibly successful one through his love of learning and willingness to work hard. I would like to acknowledge and thank those who are willing to provide such appreciated financial assistance to the students of the Eurobodalla.

The school regularly provides information to senior students about the great variety of scholarships and assistance programs available to those looking to enter university, but many dismiss these sources of assistance without much thought. They think that they may not be “clever”, “disadvantaged” or “deserving” enough to be eligible. This couldn’t be further from the truth. The ratio of applicants to winners is remarkably high. Like many things in life, you have to be in it to win it.

It is interesting to note that numerous studies over the past 30 years from Britain and Australia have concluded that government high school students perform better at university than those who attend non-government high schools. An analysis of data from Monash University revealed that there was a differential of around five marks at the end of first year for students within the same tertiary entrance band. This pattern was consistent across all bands examined. Put simply, it didn’t matter whether students entered university on an ATAR of 65 or 95, public school students performed better on average. Universities throughout New South Wales are now recognising this by offering special entry schemes for students from schools like Batemans Bay.

All students with tertiary aspirations should make themselves aware of these opportunities, be they scholarships or special entry schemes, and take advantage of them when they present themselves.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION REMINDER

The first P&C meeting of the year will be held next Monday at 7pm in the school library. For those new to the community, we encourage you to come along to learn about our school and have a say in some of the vital decisions affecting your children. Please don’t be apprehensive – the days of you being pressed into running a cake stall are long past. Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. If you would just like to speak to a P&C representative, you can contact the school office.

Mr Greg McDonald
Relieving Principal
## What’s On Term 1

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

### Week 4
- **Monday 15 Feb**
  - P&C AGM - all parents welcome, 7pm Library
- **Tuesday 16 Feb**
  - Year 11 Boot camp at UOW 9 - 3pm

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### Student Achievement

**Shane Ison Year12**
Shane has recently returned from the Honeywell Engineering Summer School at the University of Sydney where he was able to develop a better understanding of what engineering is and how it works in everyday life. It is great to see students taking advantage of opportunities like this outside school in order to enhance their prospects in the HSC and beyond.

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### P&C Meeting

Our school P&C AGM and General Meeting is to be held on Monday, 15 February 7pm - School Library

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Congratulations to everyone who attended and participated in our school swimming carnival held on Wednesday, 3 February.

We will have a full report in next week’s *School Matters*. 

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**Community Service**

**Chess Club**  
*Community Centre, Batemans Bay*  
**Weekly, 9 February – 22 March**  
**Tuesdays 4-6pm**  
**Free**  
**Bookings essential**

Come and try this challenging game. Games for all ages and abilities. 4474 7442

**Club Catalina**  
**Cadet and Junior Golf Program for 2016**  
**Wednesday afternoons**  
3.30 - 5pm  
**Cost: $5.00 per term**

This program is open to all students aged 10 years and up. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn the game of golf including the etiquette and rules, as well as how to play the game under the supervision of our cadet masters.

0427 267 856 or romar49@bigpond.net.au
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