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★ DIARY DATES ★

Mondays

Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30am

Wednesdays

Student Banking

Wednesdays & Fridays

Canteen (commencing next week)

Fridays

Assembly at 2:30pm (NOT this week)

TERM 1 2017

Friday 3 February

Bangalow PS Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 8 February

ES1 / S1 Parent Information Session

Wednesday 15 February

BVD Swimming Carnival

S2 / S3 Parent Information Session

Wed 22 & Thurs 23 February

School Photos

Friday 25 - Monday 28 March

Easter holiday

Friday 8 April

Last day of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday 24 April

Staff Development Day - PUPIL FREE

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 26 April

Term 2 commences for students

Monday 12 June

Queen's Birthday public holiday

Friday 30 June

Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Monday 17 July

Staff Development Day - PUPIL FREE

Tuesday 18 July

Term 3 commences for students

Friday 22 September

Last day of Term 3

★ WELCOME KINDERGARTEN! ★



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Principal: Susie Boyle

★ PRINCIPAL NEWS ★

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year and a warm welcome to all our new families. We hope you have all had a wonderful rejuvenating holiday with family and friends.

What a smooth start to the school year. We have formed 12 classes and children have been getting to know their teachers, new class routines and showing their personal best.

Mrs Boyle will continue on personal leave this term and I will continue in the Relieving Principal position. We welcome Miss Geraldine Melville to our staff, who has transferred from Carool PS and will be teaching Year 3.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students have been amazing on their first day today. They all look so eager and ready for big school. I am also very proud of our school buddy program which sees students in Years 1, 3 and 6 gathering at lunch and recess to support their kindy buddies settle into school.

Electronic Communication

Our school newsletter is published electronically each Thursday and lists all upcoming events. It features on our school website, is published on School Stream and can be emailed to you. The School Stream app will also have copies of all paper permission notes sent home to families. **Please be aware that there will be no paper copies of the newsletter this year.**

School Procedures

Please make sure your child is aware of how they go home from school every day. Our afternoon meeting point for all parents picking up children is around the COLA and deck area. Alternatively, students will head to bus lines or the 'Kiss n Ride' zone behind the school hall.

The BPS staff are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children.

Kind Regards
Larissa Polak, *Principal*

Parent Action Symbol!

If you see this symbol next to an item, then it is something that you may either have to action or note in your diary.



★ SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS ★



Congratulations to our House Captains for 2017:

DOLPHINS	Captains	Aaron S & Kate H
	Vice Captains	Zahara A & Michael K
DINGOES	Captains	Easton A & Mary H
	Vice Captains	Isabel W & Alex P
DEVILS	Captains	Spencer A & Bronte G
	Vice Captains	Chloe P & Magnus K



★ COMING UP ★



School Swimming Carnival

TOMORROW - Friday 3 February

Who: Years 2 - 6

All students who turn 8 or older this year are expected to attend. Students in Year 2 who do not turn 8 this year are welcome to attend to support their House, or they may stay at school.

Where: Mullumbimby Pool (transport by bus)

Cost: \$13 (includes pool entry, lane hire & bus fare)

**** Please ensure you have returned the permission note with payment by 9am tomorrow morning in order for your child to attend, thank you.**



Parent Information Evenings

ES1/S1 (K-2)

Wednesday 8 February 5:30pm

* Meet in the KD classroom

S2/S3 (Years 3-6)

Wednesday 15 February 5:30pm

* Parents of Y3 & Y4 meet in the 4P classroom

* Parents of Y5 & Y6 meet in the 5/6B classroom





★ CANTEEN ★

Please place your
canteen orders at
www.flexischools.com.au

If the Flexischools system

is down please write your child's order on a paper bag and enclose the correct money. Unfortunately, **no pies, sausage rolls or sushi may be ordered using this method**, due to the ordering timeframes of the suppliers. Paper bag orders are to be placed in the tub in each classroom on canteen morning.

Please use Flexischools whenever possible, as this make the work of our volunteers much easier, thank you.

Roster	
Wednesdays 9.00-11.30am	
Fridays 9.00 – 12.30pm	
Wednesday 08/02	Katrina * VACANT X 1 *
Friday 10/02	Katrina Leesa C Sue C
Wednesday 15/02	Katrina * VACANT X 1 *
Friday 17/02	Katrina * VACANT X 2 *
Wednesday 22/02	Katrina * VACANT X 1 *
Friday 24/02	Katrina * VACANT X 2 *
Wednesday 01/03	Katrina * VACANT X 1 *
Friday 03/03	Katrina * VACANT X 2 *
... HELP NEEDED EVERY CANTEEN DAY THIS TERM...	

CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact Katrina Cavalieri on 0412 467 312 or email her at kmcav@hotmail.com if you can spare a few hours of your time to assist with our School Canteen.



★ SCHOOL NEWS ★

2017 RESOURCE PACKS

Resource Packs have been purchased for all students K-6. This ensures every student has the tools and materials required for their class work. Packs contain all necessary stationery items, work books, text books, art and craft consumables, interactive learning resources, etc. By purchasing in bulk on government contracts, we are able to keep costs to an absolute minimum for families.

The cost of these packs in 2017 are as follows:

Kindergarten (ES1)	\$70
Years 1 - 2 (S1)	\$70
Years 3 - 4 (S2)	\$75
Years 5 - 6 (S3)	\$75

Students in Stages 2 and 3 (Years 3-6) will receive some of their items in a "pack", for which they will be responsible, while the remaining supplies will stay in the classroom and be managed by the class teacher. As in previous years, all the Kinder and Stage 1 (K-2) supplies will be managed in the classroom, without the children being issued with individual "packs".

All families will receive a Statement of Account next week, which will include a breakdown of items provided for each year group. **Please endeavour to settle your account asap**, thank you. Families who are experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the school to discuss suitable arrangements.

Voluntary Contributions

Our Annual Voluntary Contribution for 2017 has been set at \$45 per child, as per NSW Department of Education & Communities guidelines.

Voluntary Contributions are requested of all families, to assist with the purchase of educational resources and classroom consumables. This equates to school fees of only \$11.25 per year which is an absolute bargain, however, our classroom budgets really suffer if all parents do not pay. Thank you for your support.

While this payment cannot be claimed as a tax deduction, parents are more than welcome to also make a donation into either our Building Fund or Library Fund, which ARE tax deductible.

Payments

Please send any cash or cheque payments to school in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name and reason for payment written on it (money collection envelopes are available at the office, for your convenience). Credit card payment forms and EFTPOS are also available at the front office OR you can **make ONLINE PAYMENTS** by visiting our school website and selecting "\$ Make a Payment" - go to www.bangalow-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.



WIN a Mini iPad!!!

All children who have **paid their Voluntary Contribution before the end of term and have no outstanding payments owing to the school** (eg Resource Pack) will go into the draw!

The winner will be drawn at the Week 2 Assembly in Term 2 - Friday 5 May.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Shool Photos will be taken by The School Photographer on

Wednesday 22 February
and

Thursday 23 February

Ordering materials will be sent home to families next week.



Kindy Photos

Each year, the Northern Star runs a special "My First Year" supplement, featuring photos of the Kindergarten classes across our region. The photos will be taken in the coming weeks, to be published in March.

Please let us know ASAP if you DO NOT wish for your child to be included in these group photos, thank you.

We are a Nut Aware School

With several of our students at risk of an anaphylactic reaction if they come into contact with nuts, we ask parents to **avoid sending any nut products, in particular nut butters (e.g. peanut butter, Nutella, etc), to school with their child.**

2017 Classes

You may appreciate that class organisation is a lengthy and arduous task. The process begins at the start of Term 4 in the previous year with the collation of data relating to every student's work habits, as well as academic and welfare needs. The formulation of classes is not based on friendship groups, however staff attempt to place each child with at least one child they have chosen or that staff believe they will be able to establish a relationship with. Where possible we have also balanced the number of boys and girls in each class. All students will be placed with other students who match their reading level and assists in the formation of literacy groups.

We ask that parents trust the professional judgement of the teachers. It can take close to six weeks for children to settle into a new class environment. It is important that we are supportive and help every child build their confidence, persistence and resilience in a new year of learning. We need our students to be building a more realistic version of the world where you do not always work with your best friends and sometimes have to draw on your own social skills to successfully work with others. Our carefully considered class formations promote focused and attentive learning, as well as building confidence and developing working relationships.

The composition of our classes, whether they are straight or composite, is based entirely on enrolment numbers and a staffing formula for schools. This year our enrolment numbers meant that we were allocated 12 classes. As our K-2 classes are capped with smaller numbers, we have needed to form three 1/2 composites and a 2/3 class in the lower grades. The parent teacher information sessions will explain Stage based learning and the curriculum in detail.

Parent Teacher Information Sessions

We hope all parents can attend our Parent Teacher Information sessions over the next two weeks. It is an opportunity to hear about how each class operates and grade expectations. Please feel very welcome to ask as many questions as you wish. If you have information about your child that you wish to pass onto the teacher please book an appointment to meet with the teacher so that your information remains confidential.

SCHOOL STREAM

SchoolStream is the app that we use to communicate with parents quickly. Please could all parents install the app on their smart device. We regularly send out push notifications to advise parents of excursion updates, reminders of upcoming events, cancelled events due to weather and the like. Please download the app so that you do not miss out on valuable information.



★ NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK ★

Who	Details	Due back
Years 2 - 6	School Swimming Carnival @ Mullum Pool on 03/02/17 Cost: \$13	By 9am TOMORROW

Permission notes are available on our school website and the School Stream app



2017 STAFF

Classroom Teachers

KD	Diane Jones
KT	Mara Timms
1/2H	Steve Hutchinson
1/2M	Michelle Maiden
1/2Y	Yvette Haag
2/3T	Sam van der Toorn & Annicka Cooper
3M	Geraldine Melville
4P	Elizabeth Davy (Relieving for Larissa Polak)
4/5R	Camille Reynaud
5/6M	Melanie Hughes & Andrea Plooy
5/6B	Bill Dempster

Principal - Larissa Polak
(Relieving for Susie Boyle)

Assistant Principals

ES1 & Stage 1 - Diane Jones
Stage 2 - Amanda van den Berg
(Relieving for Larissa Polak)
Stage 3 - Bill Dempster

Specialist Teachers

Learning and Support Teacher
Karen Gallagher
Release from Face to Face Teacher
Annicka Cooper
Librarian - Amanda van den Berg
School Counsellor - Judi Byrnes

Administrative & Support Staff

School Administrative Manager
Juliette Sizer
School Administrative Officers
Sonya King
Helen Juarez
School Learning & Support Officers
Lyndell Robson
Natalie Strain
General Assistant - Mark Thomson
Canteen Manager - Katrina Cavalieri

UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to the volunteers who manage our P&C-run Uniform Shop.

Please note that in 2017, the Uniform Shop will be open at the following time:

MONDAYS 8:45am - 9:30am

You can also order your uniform items on the Flexischools website:

www.flexischools.com.au

Your Flexischools orders will be delivered to the school office for collection at your convenience (or sent home with your child, if requested).

SCHOOL HATS

Our school has a "no hat, play in the shade" policy. Please ensure your child brings their school hat every day. If you do not have a hat with the school logo, please purchase a green broad-brimmed sunhat for them to wear.

The Uniform Shop is currently low on stock of the school hats; we will advise in the newsletter when more come in.

BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THEIR HAT!

★ MUSIC IN SCHOOLS NEWS ★



Music teachers from the Northern Rivers Conservatorium are looking forward to working in your school again this year offering quality tuition across a range of instruments during school hours. It's great fun to learn a musical instrument and extensive research points to a range of other benefits including positive outcomes in literacy, language development and numeracy, social skills, self-esteem and emotional well-being.

Our teachers are qualified, dedicated, passionate music educators who will tailor learning programs to suit your child. To learn more about the Music in Schools program please visit our website www.nrcac.edu.au

Enrol online NOW to secure your child's place in our 2017 program:

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

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Is your child looking for a new adventure for 2017? **Why not try out 1st Bangalow Scouts?**

Make new friends, learn new skills and have lots of fun this year!

Cub Scouts (7 1/2 - 10 1/2) meet at 5:45pm on Fridays and Scouts (10 1/2 -14 1/2) meet Tuesdays at 6:15pm during school term.

Come along and join the fun!
If you are interested in finding out more information on Scouting in Bangalow, please call Jim on 0408 546 522 or go to www.scouts.com.au

For hall hire information call Jacinta on 0417 547242

★ BUILDING A LEARNING FOUNDATION TOGETHER ★

The school has established two tax deductible funds to enable families, community members and local businesses to make donations. The building fund will be used to provide **technology centres** in all classrooms, **Wi-Fi**, permanent **shelving** and **storage** cubicles. Our long term goal is the construction and development of an **all-weather, multi-purpose sports area**.

The Library Fund seeks to provide all students with updated printed and digital **literacy resources**.

Our long term goal includes classrooms being outfitted with class sets of **laptops** and **tablets**.

You can visit our website to download and complete a donor card. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

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call Nikky on 0401 557 574, Toby on 0403 624 380,
or email nmorgan_smith@yahoo.com

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A&I Hall Bangalow

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Barebones Gallery - Bangalow

BRUNSWICK BYRON NETBALL ASSOCIATION

COME & TRY DAY - Saturday 11 February at the netball courts Byron Street Mullumbimby, 9am - 11am for those that want to see what netball is all about.

Club Sign On details

Bangalow:

Wed 8th & 15th Feb 2017 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Bangalow Bowling Club. For more info Contact Ellie 0429 855 399

Byron Bay:

Thur 9th Feb 2017 4pm to 5.30pm at Byron Rec Grounds. Contact Brooke 0418 628 353 or Nichole 0427 948 749.

Main Arm: Contact Noreen 0438 181 219 or Sarah 6684 1487 by the 9th Feb 2017.

Mullumbimby: 11th Feb 2017 9 to 11am at Brunswick Byron Clubhouse. For more info Contact Narelle 6684 3870

Ocean Shores:

11th Feb 2017 9 to 11am at Ocean Shores Shopping Village. For more info Contact Joanne 6680 1857 ah or Janine 6680 5067 ah or 0438 649 061

Registration is also available online from 1 January 2017 for ages 5-10 years www.netsetgo.asn.au or for 11-100 years at www.mynetball.com.au

If you are interested in playing but are unable to attend the Sign on day or unable do your Registration online please contact your club official so you do not miss out.

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Business Card size (90 x 50mm)
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All submissions must be in jpeg or pdf format. Please contact the school office on 6687 1434 or email us at bangalow-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au details.

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