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★ DIARY DATES ★

Mondays
Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30am
Wednesdays
Student Banking
Wednesdays & Fridays
Canteen
Fridays
Assembly at 2:30pm
(N.B. 2:15pm this week)

TERM 1 2017

Friday 3 March
Clean Up Australia Day at school
Friday 8 April
BPS Cross Country
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
Sunday 21 May
Mad Hatter's Derby Tea Party
& Bangalow Billy Cart Derby
Wednesday 7 - Friday 9 June
Stage 2 Excursion - Brisbane
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

TERM 4

Monday 9 October
Term 4 commences for students & staff
Friday 15 December
Last day of school for students

★ SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM ★



This year has seen the introduction of Sustainability as a whole school program. The students are already excited and enthusiastic about getting their hands dirty and heads stuck into a range of outdoor Project Based Learning experiences every week at school.

Already, Kindergarten has been learning about 'Living Things', Stage 1 about 'Water as a Natural Resource', Stage 2 about 'Sustainable Paper Use' and Stage 3 are creating exciting videos about environmental initiatives they would like to see happen in our school.

Later this term, all students will have the opportunity to start preparing their class gardens, getting ready to launch our Kitchen Garden program.

An important component of our Sustainability program will be providing students with authentic learning experiences in the garden and kitchen, developing skills which will allow them to live sustainably beyond the classroom and into the future.

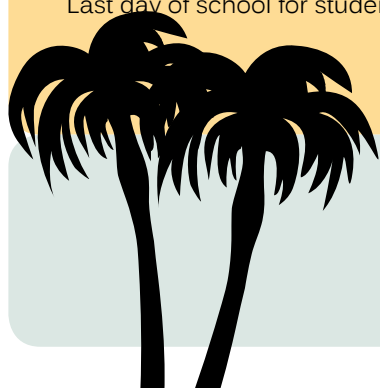
If you are interested in sharing some expertise or volunteering some time, we would love to see you next Tuesday afternoon after school (3.30pm). We are looking for keen people and students to help tidy up the classroom garden beds and prepare them for planting later in the term. A reminder will be sent out to families on School Stream. Remember, many hands make light work!



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★ PRINCIPAL NEWS ★

Dear Parents and Carers,

How was your school day?

It has been great to see our students have settled well into classes and as a result are feeling more confident about school routines, their new class and learning. When we hit this time of the year and everything no longer feels new and exciting, maybe your question about "how was your day?" results in the standard one-word answers: "good" or "fine."

We know that doesn't give you much information. Simply asking questions about specific moments may help your child to open up about their day.

Here's a list of new questions to try out this week:

1. What's the funniest/best thing that happened today?
2. Can you tell me three different people you talked to today?
3. Could you tell me your favourite part about today in just 2 different words?
4. If I was your teacher tomorrow, what would you want me to teach?
5. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
6. What's something special that happened today that you wish happened every day?
7. Who would you like to play with at recess tomorrow?
8. What will you do tomorrow that's different from today?
9. What's something from home you wish your classroom had?
10. If I called your teacher, what would they say about you?
11. What are you excited to do tomorrow?
12. Which school rules are the same as the ones we have at home?
13. What was the hardest thing about today?
14. If you were the teacher, what would you teach?
15. What did you eat first at lunch?
16. Who was your favourite person to talk to today?
17. Who do you want to be better friends with?
18. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
19. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
20. Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today at school.

Parent Volunteers

We love having volunteers at the school and would appreciate your time. If you are new to volunteering, please complete the Working with Children Check - Declaration for volunteers form at the front office and be sure to sign our Visitors Book every time you visit.

Kind Regards,
Larissa Polak

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.



★ CITIZENSHIP & 'YOU CAN DO IT' AWARDS ★



Bang Burgers Citizenship & YCDI Awards:

Sofia F Bronte G

Iceblock Winners:

Syd M Grace F Maya H-S Emma K Tiany S



★ SWIMMING CHAMPS ★

Well done to all our students who represented Bangalow PS at the Brunswick Valley District Swimming Carnival last week.

Congratulations to the following students who will now go on to represent BVD at the Far North Coast Zone carnival tomorrow:

Sienna C	Luca G	Etienne C
Harper J	Zahara A	Sunny O
Rio C	Ashlen M	



Boys 8-10yrs 200m Freestyle Relay Team
"The Awesome Foursome!"





★ 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 makes the work of our volunteers much easier, thank you.

Roster	
Wednesdays 9.00-11.30am	
Fridays 9.00 – 12.30pm	
Friday 24/02	Katrina Ali W Lisa L
Wednesday 01/03	Katrina Ali W
Friday 03/03	Katrina Fi Emily O
Wednesday 08/03	Katrina Ali W
Friday 10/03	Katrina Barbara Juliet P
Wednesday 15/03	Katrina Vivian
Friday 17/03	Katrina Ali Juliet P
Wednesday 22/03	Katrina Vanessa
Friday 24/03	Katrina Ali Juliet Z

CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact Katrina Cavaleri 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.

*Thank you to all our
volunteers!*



★ SCHOOL NEWS ★

'Crunch and Sip'

It is wonderful to see many students bringing in fresh fruit every day. Students have a 10 minute fruit/veg time every day. We ask that all students bring in fruit (or celery / carrot sticks) that are already cut up in a small plastic container which is clearly labelled with your child's name. Ideal items are grapes, berries, carrot or celery sticks, cut up apple/orange/pears that can fit into a container. The 'sip' part of 'crunch and sip' is water. Fresh fruit / vegetables and water clearly have a positive impact on everyone, with so many benefits including longer periods of concentration. Please ensure your children are bringing their fruit/vegetables to crunch and a bottle of water to sip each and every day.

We are fortunate enough to have the Garden Parent Team organising waste food bins for every classroom. The P&C is also investing in green waste recycling with the Byron Shire Council, for all our food scraps and garden waste to be collected weekly. Stage 2&3 classes will be working with Miss Cooper to develop a clear plan for how to effectively compost and recycle our food waste.

Clean Up Australia

Bangalow Public School will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day next Friday 3 March. More information in next week's newsletter. Get your tongs, gloves and bags ready.



★ TERM 1 ASSEMBLIES ★

Week 5	Semester 1 SRC & Sports Captains Induction at 2:15pm
Week 6	Presentation of Quality Work
Week 7	4G performance item
Week 8	Presentation of Quality Work
Week 9	4P performance item
Week 10	Presentation of Quality Work
Week 11	ANZAC memorial ceremony

All families and friends are welcome to come along to our Friday Assemblies
at 2:30pm.

★ 'TASTING' AT CANTEEN NEXT WEDNESDAY ★

Next Wednesday at 11:20am, the Canteen will be offering students a FREE tasting of a locally made healthy drink -



CRAZY LEMON
Homemade Lemonade
No added sugar or preservatives





**NEXT P&C MEETING -
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
**Wednesday 15 March,
7-9pm**

Reminder:

P&C cake stall at the Bangalow Market this Sunday

Please drop cakes directly to the P&C stall (look for the Bangalow Primary School tent, next to the information caravan at the Market Street entrance).

We still need 2 more volunteers please (10-12 shift; 12-2 shift). Please email Rebecca Sargeant (rebeccajsargeant@gmail.com) ASAP if you can help. Thanks to those who have already offered to assist.

★ SCHOOL NEWS ★

2017 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

Students in Years 2-6 are encouraged to participate in the annual ICAS academic competitions run by the University of NSW. Every student receives an individual diagnostic report as well as a UNSW certificate acknowledging participation and celebrating achievement. Testing takes place at school under the supervision of a teacher.

Students will receive a note and entry form for these competitions. In order for your child to take part, please return it to school with the relevant payment by the end of Week 10 Term 1 (Friday 31 March).

The sitting dates are:

Digital Technologies (Years 3-6)	Tuesday 23 May
Science (Years 2-6)	Tuesday 30 May
Spelling (Years 2-6)	Wednesday 14 June
Writing (Years 3-6)	Monday 12 - Friday 16 June
English (Years 2-6)	Tuesday 1 August
Mathematics (Years 2-6)	Tuesday 15 August

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 term which is an absolute bargain, however, our classroom budgets really suffer if all parents do not pay. Thank you for your support.

WIN an iPad Mini!

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.

Did you miss The School Photographer?

Individual and group photographs were taken yesterday and today at school. All children who were at school on these days have had their picture taken, so if you didn't get your order in, you may choose one of the following options:

1. Go to the website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the "click here for online payments" button and follow the on-screen instructions. OR
2. Call their office on 9674 9824 and they will take your credit card details over the phone. (Note - there is a processing fee of \$5 for phone payments.)



★ NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK ★

Who	Details	Due back
Years 2 - 6	ICAS Competitions	Friday 31/03



MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY 2017

Sunday 21 May Bangalow Billy Cart Derby Day
9AM - 3PM BANGALOW PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS



Craaaazy Raffle Prizes!

We are excited to announce the top three prizes in our fundraising raffle with a total prize pool of over \$12,000!

1st prize - A 12-day Royal Treasures of India trip for two people - discover Delhi, Jaipur & Pushkar plus visit the Taj Mahal - including airfares - from TripADeal - value \$8,598

2nd prize - \$1,000 Gaia Retreat and Spa voucher - from Gaia/ QS Tech - value \$1,000

3rd prize - A Double Pass to Splendour in the Grass Music Festival 21-23 July, 2017 (event only, conditions apply) - from Splendour in the Grass - value \$700



Get Excited!

The Bangalow Billy Cart Derby and our own event, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, are two of the most anticipated community events in the area.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party is a safe, family-friendly environment that is the perfect pit stop between billy cart races, a chance to refuel on delicious homemade cakes, gourmet food stalls, ice cream and cool drinks.

Don't forget to save the date: Sunday 21 May 2017!

Free Pizza for Everyone!

For everyone in the class that sells the most tickets, that is!

Once again, the wonderful, generous folk at Earth 'n' Sea Pizza Byron Bay have come to the party, donating a Pizza Party to the class that sells the most tickets in our raffle.

Books of raffle tickets and the full list of craaaazy prizes will be going home next week.

Help Needed for Sushi and Kids' Craft Stalls

We are seeking two volunteers to manage stalls at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

What does a stall manager do?

Provide a budget for costs of stall, eg food items, craft supplies (P&C reimburses costs after they are approved)

Connect with other parents to fill all one-hour volunteer spots on roster for the stall

Set up and pack down the stall

If you can help with either the Sushi or Kids' Craft Stalls please email Leela Brett leela@yourgourmet.com.au to find out more.

Non-Teaching Staff School Introduction Training Days

The Department of Education is seeking people who are interested in commencing work within public schools in your area.

The School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff Reference Group welcome any people looking to start work in school administration to enrol in our Non-Teaching Staff School Introduction training programs.

The aim of this training is to provide participants with an overview of school administrative roles. Participation in this Introduction day is **not** a guarantee of employment with the Department of Education. Following this introduction day, it will be up to individuals to contact schools and follow up possible employment. Participants would then also need to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance (at their own cost) through Service NSW and apply for a Department of Education employee number through a local public school. Many schools have a policy of not employing current parents or associates within their own school.

It would be desirable if participants had a sound knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite.

The training days will be held in the following locations:

Lismore Turf Club – Monday 27 March 2017
South Tweed Sports Club – Tuesday 28 March 2017
Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club – Tuesday 28 March 2017
Coffs Racing Club – Wednesday 29 March 2017
The Westport Club, Port Macquarie – Thursday 30 March 2017
Kempsey Macleay RSL Club – Friday 31 March 2017

To secure a place in this course, you will need to register online by **17 March 2017** using the link below, clicking on the 'community members' tab and following the instructions. They will show you how to obtain a username and password, search for a course using the course code **NR13249** and enrolling in the venue you wish to attend. You will also need to complete the form attached to this online registration and pay a fee of \$20 by cheque or money order made out to Department of Education posted to the address on the form. Morning tea and lunch will be provided on the day.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/mypl>

Further information can be provided by contacting the SAS Staff Reference Group (SRG) Coffs Harbour on (02)66235911 or by email at SRGCoffsHarbour@det.nsw.edu.au

CODE CLUB

Learn how to program your own computer animations!

‘Scratch’ is a programming language and an online community where children can program and share interactive media animations.

Helps children with life skills such as:

- Creative thinking
- Systematic reasoning
- Working collaboratively



**Code Club runs every Wednesday afternoon,
in monthly blocks, from 3.45pm to 4.45pm
at Lismore City Library.**

This is a free library activity. Ages 7 - 12 years only. Spaces are limited, bookings essential.

Children will need an adult supervisor to help with sign-on, and an email address which they can use.

This is a collaborative learning activity where participants work through various programming exercises.

Carers are encouraged to bring children to every session for the month.

get involved, learn something new and help the children advance through the stages.

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★ 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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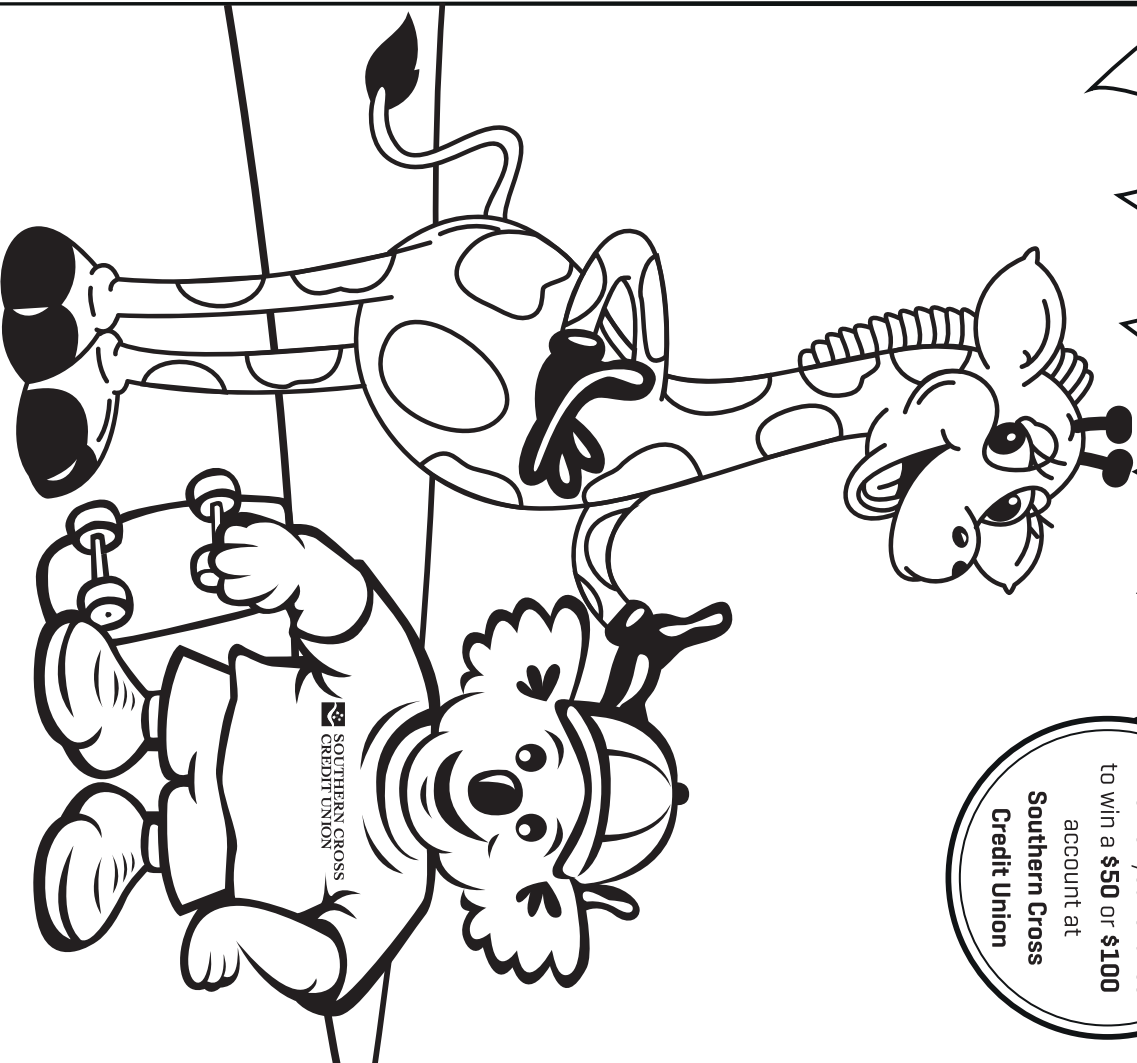


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School: _____

Year: _____

Parents Contact Number or Email: _____

Terms & Conditions

- Entrants must attend a Primary School located in the Byron Shire.
- Must be present on the day to receive the prize
- Entries must be submitted to Southern Cross Credit Union (Burringbar Street) in Mullumbimby or Byron Bay (Jonson St, opposite Woolworths) by 4pm Friday 10 March
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Prizes for each age group:

- K - Y4 Colouring In Competition
1 winner in each age group will receive:
 - \$50 account at Southern Cross Credit Union and
 - 1 day Family Pass to Macadamia Castle,
- Y5 & Y6 Painting Competition
1 winner in each age group will receive:
 - \$100 account at Southern Cross Credit Union and
 - 1 day Family Pass to Macadamia Castle
- Runners up in each age group will receive a Gift pack from Life Education

For more information call **0403 670 119** email: lifededucation.northernsw@gmail.com or contact your local school. Visit our website for more details <http://bit.ly/2ltjDzx>



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