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★ DIARY DATES ★

Mondays
Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30am
Wednesdays
Student Banking
Wednesdays & Fridays
Canteen
Fridays
Assembly at 2:30pm

TERM 1 2017

Monday 13 March
ImaginATION conference (S3 SRC)

Wednesday 15 March
P&C AGM - 7pm

Friday 7 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 Tea Party
& Bangalow Billy Cart Derby
Tuesday 23 May
ICAS Digital Technologies competition
Tuesday 30 May
ICAS Science competition
Tuesday 6 - Thursday 8 June
Stage 2 Excursion - Brisbane
Monday 12 June
Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tuesday 13 June
ICAS Writing competition
Wednesday 14 June
ICAS Spelling competition

★ CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY ★



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Principal: Susie Boyle





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INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 9 of this term from 20-24 March.

Bookings must be finalised before 19 March at 6pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access please phone the school office on 66871434.

Follow these simple instructions.

Click here <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

Simply enter the code **a895t** and press "Go"

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Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

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You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the **bookings close on 19th March at 6pm**

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 66871434.

★ PRINCIPAL NEWS ★

Dear Parents & Carers,

A heartfelt thank you to the Byron Bay Autumn Club for their generous donation of \$2000. The senior citizens club is in the process of closing down and we thank them for supporting our school. At our recent Learning and Support Team meeting, staff directed the funds to purchase a new amplified audio sound system for the school library.

We are excited that this new audio sound system broadcasts directly to hearing aids and will be highly beneficial in supporting some of our students. We have found that the amplified systems in a classroom support all students staying on task, as well as those times when students are experiencing hearing loss due to seasonal ailments such as blocked ears from the common cold.

We have two classrooms that would benefit from using these newer audio systems. If you know of any business that may be interested in offering some sponsorship towards the purchase of two new sound systems please let me know.

Parent Volunteers

We would like to establish a communication tree for every class. We are calling for parent representatives who may be interested in being the contact person for your child's class. In previous years the communication tree has been a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families to our school community and organise out of school activities. Well done to 5/6B parent Viv who got the ball rolling and organised a social get together for the parents and students last week.

What's Coming Up

Last week Bangalow PS staff completed their annual face to face training for CPR and Anaphylaxis by the Royal Life Saving Association. Our presenter will be coming back to run the course "Everyone can be a Lifesaver" with our Stage 2 and 3 classes as part of their sport rotations in Week 9.



Meet the Principal

Do you have any questions about school procedures?

Come along to school next Wednesday for an informal chat and a cuppa with me:

When Wednesday 15 March, 9:30am

Where School Hall



Kind Regards
Larissa Polak,
Principal (R)

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.



★ AWARDS ★



Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at Friday's assembly (tomorrow at 2:30pm).

	Merit	Merit	Quality Work
KD	Fergus M	Finley R	Arabelle B
KT	Annie C	Elijah C	Gem R
1/2H	Sofia F	Hashir A	Jude H
1/2M	Grace C	Harper R	Acacia P
1/2Y	Disha B	Tombo M	Annabelle B
2/3T	Jed C	Maisie H	Orlaith W
3M	Sumanyu B	Emma K	Milena C
4G	Calum C	Frankie J	Coco P
4P	River CH	Savannah S	Madeleine K
4/5R	Nina L	Teal P	Tex H
5/6B	Mahia A	Zahara A	Vinnie M
5/6M	Arabella B	Shanelle B	Ava K

★ CITIZENSHIP & 'YOU CAN DO IT' AWARDS ★

Congratulations to the following students who received recognition at the Monday school assembly:

You Can Do It Award - "Getting Along With Others"
(Staff nominated award - Bang Burger voucher)

~ Billy O ~

These students had their names drawn from the Citizenship Box for demonstrating Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best:

Citizenship (Bang Burger voucher)

Etienne C Gem R

Citizenship Iceblock Winners:

Cleo C Sinead D Sienna C Anthony Mc Savannah S



★ COMING UP ★

PSSA Cricket Knockout - Round 1

When: Friday 10 March - TOMORROW
Don't forget to be at school by 9am

Where: Kingsford Smith North, Ballina
Bring: Cricket gear, hat, sunscreen, food & water

Good luck boys!





★ 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.

Roster	
Wednesdays 9.00-11.30am	
Fridays 9.00 – 12.30pm	
Canteen is now open Wednesdays for over-the-counter service after the lunch bell.	
Friday 10/03	Katrina Barbara Juliet P
Wednesday 15/03	Katrina Vivian
Friday 17/03	Katrina Ali W Juliet P
Wednesday 22/03	Katrina Vanessa
Friday 24/03	Katrina Ali W Juliet Z
Wednesday 29/03	Katrina ** VACANT **
Friday 31/03	Katrina Ali W Gill W
Wednesday 05/04	Katrina ** VACANT **
Friday 07/04	Katrina Ali W Rochelle

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.

Thank you to all our volunteers!



★ SPORT NEWS ★

AFL

On Tuesday, Aaron S, Magnus K, Michael K, and Spencer A participated in the Far North Coast PSSA AFL selection trials at Ewingsdale. All four Bangalow boys represented the school proudly and played terrifically well.

More than 70 boys and girls from right around the region were split into four high quality teams, and trial matches were played. With so many capable participants, being a selector is no easy task, but at the end of the matches a squad was selected to represent Far North Coast next week in Yamba.

Congratulations go to all four boys for the way they represented the school, and we're pleased to note that both Aaron and Spencer made the Far North Coast side.

Cricket

On Sunday and Monday earlier this week, Spencer A. travelled to Sawtell with the Far North Coast PSSA cricket team for matches against Lower North Coast and Mid North Coast.

Far North Coast did extremely well, winning both of their matches. Spencer's fast bowling caught the eye of the selectors and, at the end of the carnival, he was chosen to play for North Coast at the State Championships being held in Orange in November.

Howzat!



Swimming

Well done to our Junior Boys' Relay Team on their epic swim at the North Coast Championships yesterday, winning a very respectable fifth place.



★ TERM 1 ASSEMBLIES ★

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.

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.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note, our school office hours are 8:45am to 3:30pm.

Your calls are unlikely to be answered outside of these hours. Also, we are unable to accept payments after 3:20pm. Thank you for your understanding.

2017 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

Students in Years 2-6 have received an entry form for the 2017 ICAS competitions. **Please note, the cost of entry into these competitions will be increasing by \$1 per competition on Friday 31 March, so please be sure to send your entries (and payment) into school BEFORE the end of Week 10, thank you.**

The sitting dates are:

Digital Technologies (Years 3-6)	Tuesday 23 May
Science (Years 2-6)	Tuesday 30 May
Writing (Years 3-6)	Tuesday 13 June
Spelling (Years 2-6)	Wednesday 14 June
English (Years 2-6)	Tuesday 1 August
Mathematics (Years 2-6)	Tuesday 15 August

Sickness & Medication

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Children who become unwell at school will be cared for in the sick bay until a parent can collect them.

If your child requires medication while they are at school, please visit the office to make appropriate arrangements. School staff are NOT permitted to administer non-prescribed medication (eg Panadol or homeopathic remedies) to students under any circumstances. Please do not allow your child to carry any medications to school other than their own asthma puffer or Epipen (if required).

If you have any concerns, please speak to one of our office staff.

LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

Take the time for time with your children

It may not always feel like it, but your child's favourite person is you! Lots of parents have very full days, but time with your child is very valuable. Children who spend time with their parents behave better and feel better about themselves. They have lots of imagination and love games. So get out and have some fun together! It will help your child be the best they can be.

- Find time where you can. Even five minutes a day talking face to face makes a difference.
- Turn off distractions like the phone or TV. Let your child know that they are important.
- Respond to your child's interests – if they are an active child: play outside; if they like to draw, sit at a table and be creative together.
- Make most of your time together relaxing and fun, only occasionally use it to discipline or to bring up unpleasant topics.
- Find activities you both enjoy. Sharing fun times creates lasting memories.
- Don't be discouraged if your child doesn't respond right away; try different activities until you find one you both enjoy.



★ NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK ★

Who	Details	Due back
Boys' Cricket Team	PSSA Cricket Knockout - Round 1 @ Ballina on Friday 10 March - TOMORROW	ASAP
Selected students	BVD Basketball Trials @ Cavanbah Centre on Thursday 30 March	Thursday 23/03



★ SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL ★

In order for your child to travel to school by bus for free, your child must firstly be eligible for free school travel and secondly if eligible, your child must then be registered with Transport for NSW School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS).

Please see the information below on how to apply for free school travel which outlines the criteria for eligibility and who needs to apply. The application is completed online and the steps to follow are clearly outlined in the brochure. There is also a phone number to call (131 500) if you have no internet access or need assistance in completing the application.

If your child is eligible according to the eligibility criteria but is not registered with Transport for NSW by Friday 24 March 2017, your child will be required to pay a fare to travel to and from school or will be refused travel on the bus.

Our school bus operators are:

Bulzomi Bus Lines	0400 585 331
Byron & Beyond	0447 807 150
Bissett Bus Lines	0422 135 770
Blanch's Bus Co.	6686 2144

What's new

From 12 May 2016, applications for free school travel in rural and regional NSW will need to be completed online instead of using paper forms.

This change makes it easier to apply, as you only need to complete one form that covers all situations, including journeys that involve multiple transport operators.

It's also easier for schools and bus operators, as Transport for NSW will now handle the applications.

This change only affects the application process; no changes to any public transport services are planned.

Who can apply

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has never been approved for free school travel before.

However, you need to update student details online if the student:

- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- Is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- Is changing schools or campuses
- Is changing address

How to update your details

If the student has already been approved for school travel and their address, school or name changes, or the student is entering Years 3 or 7, you will need to update your details at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails.

How to apply for free travel for the first time

Applications for 2017 open from the start of Term 4, 2016.

Step 1

Once you have confirmed your 2017 school enrolment, complete the online application form at transportnsw.info/school-students, nominating your home address and which bus company or transport operator the student needs to travel between home and school.

Step 2

Print, sign and date the completed application, then return it to the student's school for endorsement.

Step 3

The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. You will receive an email confirming the outcome of your application. If the application is approved, Transport for NSW will inform your local bus or transport operator who may send a school travel pass (where applicable) to the student's school, or in some cases will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

Frequently asked questions

Can I still apply using a paper form?

Carbon copy forms are no longer being accepted after Term 2, 2016. To download a paper form visit apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts.

How can I apply if I don't have internet access?

Call **131 500** for assistance with your application.

Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

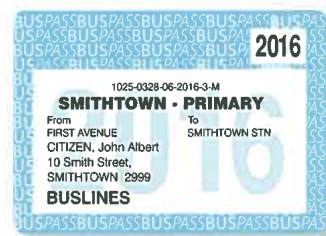
Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to purchase a ticket.

What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, eligible NSW residents may receive a subsidy for transporting the student to school by private vehicle. For details visit transportnsw.info/school-students.

How do I apply if the student is in a shared parenting situation and needs to travel from two addresses?

Each parent (or the student if aged 16 or over) needs to make a separate application for each address. The same eligibility criteria apply.



Please see the school office if you require a paper copy of this brochure

Term 1, Week 7, 2017

President - Bec Sargeant
Vice Presidents - Drew Paice & Cath Rogers
Treasurers - Kylie Redden & Katie McCloskey
Secretary - VACANT

Reminder - P&C AGM next week

Wednesday 15 March 7pm

ALL WELCOME

Join up and help make decisions for our kids

Still need convincing to join our wonderful P&C? Have a look at what some of the monies raised over the past few years has provided our children.

That beautiful wooden deck around the tree in the common play area? Built on dollars raised by our P&C. Whiteboards and iPads? Thankyou P&C!

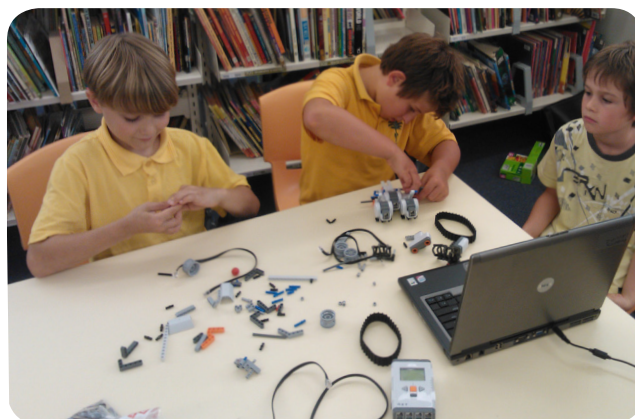
New readers, notebooks, coding and robotics program, soccer fencing, maths resources, bag hooks. Tick!

With spending this year to cover student welfare programs and other essential items, we need as many parents as possible on board to help out with fundraising efforts across the year, including the upcoming Madhatters Tea Party in May.

So, can you join us at the P&C AGM at 7:00pm next Wednesday 15 March? All you need to do is fill out the membership form below and pay a \$2 annual fee at the office.

Do as little or as much as you can to help us raise important money for resources and awesome programs for our children.

Hope to see you there!



P and C Membership Form

I _____ (name) would like to become a member of the P and C for 2017.

My child/ren is/are in class/es _____

My email address is: _____

My contact number is: _____

I have enclosed \$2 for 2017 membership

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY 2017

Sunday 21 May Bangalow Billy Cart Derby Day

9AM - 3PM BANGALOW PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS



Raffle Ticket Frenzy!

Last year we raised a whopping \$15,000 for our school from the sale of raffle tickets in the lead up to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

This year, we want to beat that total - and if the first week of selling is anything to go by, we just might do it!

Thank you to those eager beavers who have already sold and returned their ticket books AND taken additional books. If you need more tickets, the School Office will be only too happy to provide you with them.

Money, Money, Money

We are seeking two school parents to assist with counting raffle ticket money and banking the cash!

This is a once a week job that will be done ideally on a Monday morning. It is essential to the smooth operation of our raffle, so if you are good with numbers and have an hour or so to spare once per week in the lead up to Mad Hatter's, please send an SMS to Cath on 0438 833 171.

We appreciate your support.



Remember, the class that sells the most tickets will be treated to a fantastic, all-you-can-eat Pizza Party catered by the generous folk at Earth 'n' Sea Pizza in Byron Bay.

Please return all ticket money and stubs to the school office by Thursday 18 May 2017, clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

All About India!

The response to our fabulous raffle first prize of a TripADeal trip for two to exotic India has been phenomenal. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful prize as the highlight of our fundraising raffle.

The prize includes two return airfares from the winner's nearest Australian capital city. On the 12 Day Royal Treasures of India tour you will visit the iconic Taj Mahal, explore colourful Delhi, fascinating Rajasthan, take a camel ride through desert villages, and of course, enjoy fantastic, authentic Indian cuisine, great accommodation and an English speaking guide.



Thank you to the many parents and carers of Bangalow Public School who have already contributed to the planning and launch of Mad Hatter's 2017. There is a long way to go, and much to be done but there is still time to get on board so watch this space for further announcements.

★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Healthy Harold's Family Fun Day


Saturday
18th March
9am - 3pm
Byron Bay Public School



Special guests
Interactive sessions in our vans and classrooms
Face Painting
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Food Stalls
Entertainment
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Rides and Jumping Castle
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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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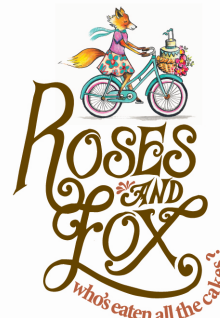
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