BODALLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Bodalla Buzz

TERM 4, WEEK 2
14TH OCTOBER 2015

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER
16 Chess competition
23 Assembly
3/4/5 presenting
5/6 showing work
27-28 Life Education
28 P & C meeting
6.30pm, school staffroom
28 Kindy Start
9.30am-11.30am

NOVEMBER
4 Kindy Start 9.30am-11.30am
11 Kindy Start 9.30am-11.30am
Book Fair
13 Gulaga Public Speaking Assembly
5/6 presenting
3/4/5 showing work
18 Kindy Start 9.15am-12.10pm
23-27 Berry Camp - Yr 5, 6
26-27 Eden Camp - Yr 3, 4

DECEMBER
9 Presentation Day
10 Year 6 Farewell
16 Last day for students
18 Last day for staff

From the Principal

2016

The school is beginning organisation for the 2016 school year. To help with this we would ask that parents notify us of any changes that will affect our organisation please. These changes include if your family intends leaving the school or if you know of children intending to enrol in the school in 2016. We would like to start to plan classes and knowing who will be here is important. If you have any concerns or questions about what is happening in 2016 please make an appointment and come and discuss your questions and concerns with us. We would like to support every child in having a successful education and parent/school talk is a critical part of this. Our Kindergarten class is growing and we will begin Kindy Start in two weeks. If you have not let us know you are starting school in 2016 this is the time to do it so that we can make sure your school life is started in a fun and positive way. If you know of someone who has not yet enrolled their child for 2016 please get them to come to the school and talk with us.

Selective High School

If your child is in Year 5 and you are thinking of them gaining placement in a Selective High School in 2017 you need to begin the process now. An information book is available from the school about the process. Next year will be the first year that the Virtual Selective High School will operate out of Moruya High School and is called Aurora High School. This allows your child through video conferencing and use of technology to access the virtual high school as well as interact with classes locally and live at home. Selective High Schools are an opportunity for students who are high achieving academically gifted students to gain specialised support and learning. The process includes an application, supporting documentation from the school and a placement test in March 2016. Applications are now open and will close on the 16th November. If you are unsure please talk with myself or the class teacher about options and opportunities.

Chess Competition

Good luck to our chess team for this Friday. Bradley, Max, Toby and William will be competing against all the other schools in the Eurobodalla Learning Community at Moruya Public School. We are proud of our students and sure that they will achieve success. Thank you to the parents for transporting the boys.
School Swimming
Our school swimming program has started and our swimmers are having an awesome time. Each student has been assessed and is now working towards improving their distance and their skill level. Some students are already making amazing progress and we look forward to the end of next week when we can celebrate everyone's achievements.

Sun Smart
We pride ourselves on being a Sun Smart school and it is for this reason that During Term 4 and Term 1 we have a No Hat No Play in the Sun rule. Thank you to all those students who are wearing their hat in the playground and all the parents who have made sure their child has a hat and it is labelled with their name. We are expecting beautiful weather over the next few weeks and would love to see all our students enjoying the sun and our wonderful playground. Our school uniform shop has a supply of hats that are reasonably priced and provide great coverage for our students’ heads. Please make sure your child has a hat that is clearly labelled with their name so that they can actively participate in all school activities.

Homework Centre
Homework centre is up and running starting today. It will run for the next 6 weeks. It is a great opportunity for your child to access some great support to help with their reading, maths and homework. The session runs from 3:30pm - 5:00pm every Wednesday and is coordinated by Tashe Long and Ms Michelle Garcia. We are hoping to offer this again in 2016 but need to see the numbers improve to make it a worthwhile program. If you are unsure about it and would like to ask questions please contact myself or come along on a Wednesday afternoon and check it out yourself.

Learning Labs
The University of Wollongong is again offering Learning Labs for Gifted and Talented students. These sessions will operate in January and are for students who demonstrate academic brilliance in many areas. If you are interested in your child participating in one of the labs please speak with the classroom teacher for more details and suitability for your child. Applications close on November 3rd.

Principal Gold Star Awards
Quade, Tommy, Cash, Jarrah and Kayla

Quote of the Day: Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does. William James

Lynne Takacs
Relieving Principal
News From the Garden

The arrival of spring has seen us become very busy in the garden and we need some help! Do you have any empty pots? Donations of pots from tube stock and 4 inch pots will be gratefully accepted.

Last week K/1 crocodiles and 1/2/3 Owls spent Thursday morning cleaning out some beds, before adding compost and planting some new seedlings. This week we will be starting to grow potatoes, planting some more seedlings and potting on other seedlings.

Kim Campbell

Community News

Landcare Adventure Weekend

Weekend bike journey from Bermagui to The Crossing camp with a canoe return and 2 nights in a train carriage bunkhouse. The Landcare adventure begins at 5pm on Friday at the Bermagui boat ramp. The course finishes at 1pm on the Sunday back at the boat ramp at the end of the canoe journey. The program includes Landcare and sustainability tasks to learn skills in a fun community environment. There is also a twilight bush exploration journey into Saturday evening which adds to the storytelling around the campfire at night. This Landcare Adventure weekend is a perfect opportunity to make friends with young people from other schools in the South East region and to find out more about what they think of secondary school. By integrating year 6 and 7 there is a lot of learning to be had and a lot of fun. A never ending series of camp games is a great feature of this camp.

Inclusions All meals provided.

Venue Location
The Crossing Land Education Trust, 392 Nutleys Ck Rd Bermagui
See our What to Bring list on the Program Forms page

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Our school is a happy and safe environment promoting quality learning.