

BATEMANS BAY HIGH SCHOOL

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Bridge to the Future

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Term 2, Edition 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WE REMEMBER, AND WE HAVE HOPE

The 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings has attracted widespread attention. Rightly so, although in some quarters it has been remembered in a way that risks diminishing its significance. I therefore write this respectfully, aware that we should not forget the true reasons behind the remembrance of Anzac Day.

With that in mind, I think it is appropriate to mention the school's role in this year's Anzac Day commemoration. The local RSL has made it a priority to involve schools and students as much as possible in their ceremonies. This keeps memories alive, transferring responsibility from one generation to the next. One of our school leaders, **Tyler Struchlak**, was given the honour of reading the names of those from the Batemans Bay community who lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars. This was in front of a massive gathering at the dawn service and he did himself, his school and his community proud. Later in the day, over 30 students marched down the main street where **Siobhan Fembock and Erin Hodge** laid a wreath at the honour stone in the foreshore park on behalf of our school.

It was not the formal roles of the students that gave me the most pride, despite how admirably our student leaders performed. It was the presence of a great number of students and families who attended of their own volition. People who could have quite easily stayed in bed, gone surfing or watched services on television, arrived to pay their respects and be part of something bigger than themselves. It was a tremendous showing of community spirit, with people coming together to identify with events that are so prominent in the national psyche.

And that is why I have hope. I saw our students involved in a selfless pursuit. I saw our students honour traditions and their town. I saw our students as respectful, socially-conscious human beings. It contrasts with some of the things that you and I may see from time to time. This is a wonderful reminder to parents and carers that their children are capable of demonstrating the qualities that we constantly desire and try to develop, both at home and at school. These are the kinds of children produced by strong public education and supportive parenting.

We will be commemorating Anzac Day at our school assembly this Thursday. I invite parents and carers to attend.

Lest we forget.

Greg McDonald
Relieving Principal

What's On Term 2

Week 2		
Tue 28	April	White Card Course in Library
Tue 28	April	Cross Country all Year 7-8 and competitors Y 9-12
Thur-Fri	30 April to 1 May	Year 12 Society & Culture Canberra

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AFTER SCHOOL PICKUPS

In the interests of safety, we ask that parents use the designated pickup and drop off area outside the MPC when collecting children from school in the afternoon.

Students are directed not to walk through the staff car park and we ask that parents do not enter that area in the afternoon.

Teachers will be assisting in the area this week.

CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

The annual school cross country trials will be held tomorrow Tuesday, 28 April.

- WHEN:** Tuesday, 28 April, periods 5 & 6
- WHO:** All students in Years 7 and 8 are to attend and competitors/assistants from Years 9-12
- WHERE:** Corrigan's Reserve and Beach
- WHAT TO WEAR:** Appropriate footwear, house colours, sports uniform, protective clothing.
Houses are -
Surname A-C: Acheron (Yellow)
Surname D-J: Burrawarra (Blue)
Surname K-P: Richmond (Red)
Surname Q-Z: Murrumurang (Green)
- WHAT TO BRING:** School sports uniform, sport shoes, hat, sunscreen, food and drink and a positive attitude. Please note, any students with conditions such as asthma are required to bring necessary medication.

*Claire Mathie
Sports Organiser*



Game, Set and Match

On Tuesday of the last week of Term 1 the Batemans Bay High School Boys' and Girls' Tennis Teams took to the courts at Batemans Bay Tennis Club to play Eden High, Narooma High, Monaro High and Moruya High in the Eurobodalla Zone Tennis Day. Our Boys' Team was made up of **Josh Paranthoene, Mitch Condon, Nathan Meacham and John Lomnicki**. The boys played great singles and doubles all day. They had a good win over Monaro High, they drew on sets with Moruya High and lost a hard fought battle with Eden High School, who were the eventual winners of the Boy's competition.

The biggest excitement of the day came from our very capable Girls' Team made up of **Emerson Hall, Chloe Knight, Shauna Knight and Raine Dexter**. This young team took a "Respect All, Fear None" approach to the day and it proved to be very successful. The girls secured a six sets to nil win over Narooma High, a five sets to one win over Monaro High and a four set to two win over Eden High. This meant that the Batemans Bay Girls were comprehensive winners on the day. The Girl's will go on to contest the Regional Finals series later this term and we wish them all the best.



Congratulations to all the students who played on the day. You all displayed great sportsmanship and team spirit.

Michael Rowing
Zone Tennis Convenor

L to R: **Raine Dexter, Shauna Knight, Chloe Knight and Emerson Hall**

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Annette Mitrovic, Careers

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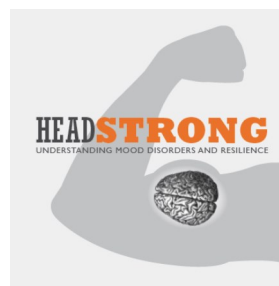
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