



# BATEMANS BAY HIGH SCHOOL

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**Bridge to the Future**

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### New Senior SRC

The 2016-2017 Senior Student Representative Council has been announced. **Harry Aiken** has been elected school president by his fellow SRC members. **Lily Attwood** and **Connor Art** are the new vice presidents and will be ably assisted by **Bradley Jones**, **Chelsi-lee Dorn** and **Rhys MacDonnell**. The school's four houses of Acheron, Burrewarra, Richmond and Murramarrang will be represented by **Luke Chase-Dunlop**, **Emerson Hall**, **Leonidas Katsanis** and **Molly Wilkinson** respectively. Together, I'm sure the new senior SRC will set an outstanding example to others and help shape the school for those who will follow in their footsteps.

The departing Senior SRC has made many contributions over the last twelve months, including, but not limited to:

- Organising the purchase, placement and construction of \$5000 worth of outdoor seating for the front of the school and the bus bay. This involved surveying students and staff, developing a proposal for consideration by the school executive and negotiating a variation to the playground areas accessible to Year 12 students.
- Enhancing school spirit at sports carnivals by coordinating novelty events and encouraging participation by junior students.
- Chairing, ushering and entertaining the school at assemblies. They have also worked behind the scenes controlling the light and sound at school functions.
- Representing the school at many public proceedings such as opening ceremonies, observance days and local events. In this role, they have spoken to visiting dignitaries, politicians and public officials, proving to be great ambassadors for the school and public education.

The formal investiture of the new senior SRC will take place during this Thursday's assembly. Parents are invited to attend.

### LOTE Survey

The feedback received through the Languages Other Than English survey was much better than anticipated and gratefully accepted. The School Excellence Framework notes that successful schools foster collaboration with the community in determining educational priorities. The choice of LOTE is a prime example of where the students and parents can play a role in shaping the school's directions.

Similar numbers of teachers, students and parents responded to the survey. The degree to which arguments in favour of a particular language or position were clearly articulated by students and parents was very high. This gave the responses context and added value, ensuring a more considered outcome than one obtained through a popular vote. In summary, the main findings were as follows:

- According to respondents, travel, employment and study opportunities were the most important considerations when selecting a LOTE.
- Romance languages accounted for the majority of preferences, and even the Classical languages had persuasive support.
- Somewhat surprisingly, the need for Asian language was not established, even when taking into account the spread of preferences between Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian, Vietnamese and Korean.
- The need to provide opportunities for students to study the local indigenous language was evident.

There will always be healthy differences of opinion, but with all factors taken into consideration, the school will continue to offer French as its primary LOTE. Students will still be able to study other languages through distance education in Years 9 to 12 and opportunities for further school-based study of LOTE that do not impinge on the broader curriculum will be investigated. If any parents would like to discuss the future of LOTE, please contact me through the office.

**Greg McDonald**  
Principal

## What's On Term 3

### **Week 2**

Tuesday 26 July

Zone Athletics, Cooma Monaro High School

Parent/Teacher Afternoon 4-6.00pm

Year 11/2017 Information session 6.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 27 July

Year 10 Live, Learn, Drive presentation, 9.30 and 11.00am

Thursday 28 July

Chess at Warrawong High School

### **Week 3**

Sunday to Wednesday

July 31 to 3 August

Year 11 Snow Trip - Thredbo

Tuesday 2 August

Far South Coast Careers Market - Year 10 to Moruya

Year 9 Canberra NASA Science excursion

Thursday 4 August

General Assembly - school hall, all welcome, 11:50am

Year 9 Museum Theatre Workshop

Friday 5 August

Regional Athletics - Canberra

***School Photographer - Monday, 8 August***

### ***Important Reminders***

**Parent Teacher evening -**

Tuesday, 26 July  
4-6.00pm in the MPC

**Year 11 2017 information session -**

Tuesday, 26 July  
6.30pm in the library

## Student Achievement

### **Jack McFarlane Year 9**

Jack was one of 125 students from Eden to Broken Hill who attended the regional SRC conference in Murrumbateman last term. He has been elected by the students at the conference to be part of the organising team for next year's event.



# Coondoo Mountain Bike Race

On Thursday, 16 June, a group of students competed in the Coondoo Mountain Bike race at Nowra. **Mr Smith, Ms Pratt and Ms Halliburton** came along to help the riders. The students competing were: **William Graham, Calum MacDonnell, Hamish Laverack, Alexander Graham, Stella Cross, Jack McFarlane, Rohan McArdle, Carter Rowlands, Mitchell Glanville, Jordan Carriage, Will Aiken and George Moran.**

The Coondoo Classic is a four hour endurance race for teams of three to four riders. One rider per team rides one lap of the track which is about 8.5km long. As soon as the first rider gets back, the next team member is tagged and starts the new lap. The aim is to complete as many laps as possible within the four hours.

Our team met up at 6:00am at Batemans Bay High School to drive up to the event near Nowra. We travelled up in two buses and a car; altogether twelve students took part in the race. When we got to the race course, we unpacked the bikes and registered our teams. We had time to do a practice lap to get to know the track. It was a single trail with sandy and rocky sections. The track was a bit intimidating with a few jumps in it but it was fun to ride.

Out of our four teams, two got placements. Everybody had a lot of fun riding and having a good time with each other. We arrived back at Batemans Bay High School at about 4.30pm tired but happy.

## ***Mitch Glanville***



The MTB race was really good but if I had had a decent mountain bike it would have been even better. It was a great experience and I would advise other students to give it a go. The track was well maintained, it was not technically hard but you need physical fitness to ride it fast.

## ***Carter Rowlands***

I was so excited for the competition, I couldn't sleep the night before. The track was long and bumpy and wore me out, but I had so much fun. My friends Carter, Jordan and I were in a team together. While I was racing, I saw other friends from our school. I tried to keep up but they were too quick.

## ***Rohan McArdle***

I was so proud of myself for completing one and a half laps of the Coondoo mountain bike track. Rohan, Carter and I were in a team together. It was so cool riding off log drops, big rocks and tree roots.

## ***Jordan Carriage***



**Alexander, Jack & Stella**



**Rohan & Jordan**



**William, Calum & Hamish**





# CAPA Evening

Our Creative and Performing Arts Night held on Thursday, 23 June last term to a capacity crowd, was a great success.

There were 30 items performed across a wide range of arts areas including Dance, Drama, Music and Circus. We had solo's, duets and group performances that were outstanding and really captured both the hard work our students put in as well as the enthusiasm and natural talent they possess.

At intermission the audience was guided to the library to be served a wonderful supper put on by the Home Economics department and then led to our art gallery space to see artwork from many students namely our Year 7 and 8's as well as our seniors.

Congratulations to all the students involved on a very professional and well presented matinee and night show and special thanks to **Ms McCutcheon, Mrs Preston, Ms Harris, Mr Dexter, Mrs Ramsland, Ms Anuyahong, Mrs Fowler, Ms Meacham, Mrs Powell, Mr Scognamiglio, Mr Attwood, Mr Perrem and Mr Street** for helping to make this happen.

**Caroline Preston**  
**CAPA Head Teacher**









# NAIDOC Week Celebrations

For this year's NAIDOC week we celebrated 'Songlines, the living narrative of our nation'. The week held many events for students to get involved with and celebrate Indigenous culture.

On Monday the flag raising ceremony was held in the Koori Garden, raising the flag symbolised the beginning of the week. Following the flag raising ceremony, we had our teacher v students touch football game. It was very competitive, eventually the teachers came out on top, winning four tries to two. Tuesday involved Batemans Bay Primary School students coming to the high school and getting involved with koori games and dancing followed by a BBQ. Thursday showcased our NAIDOC week activities at the school assembly with presentations from students about the theme 'Songlines', including what NAIDOC week means. Batemans Bay Primary Schools Koori Choir sang and The Bundoo Dance group performed with some of our Indigenous students to conclude the assembly. Following the assembly there was a community morning tea. To finish off the week students had the opportunity to come and make damper and practice their boomerang throwing.

Overall the week was a great success and we hope everyone involved enjoyed it.

*Richard Lloyd*









# Wellbeing Report, Term 2

Batemans Bay High School students from Year 9 and 10 have hosted and participated in two very successful educational workshops at the end of term 2.

The **LOVE BITES** program consisted of two interactive educational workshops on domestic and family violence, and sexual assault prevention, followed by creative workshops in art, drama or music. The artworks and other works created in the creative sessions are presented by the students to their communities to challenge violence against women. LOVE BITES aims to build respectful and helpful relationships between male and female students and staff. It also provides an avenue for youth led community campaigns to *Say No to Violence*.

Students in Year 10 were involved in group activities that allowed them to:

- Develop respectful relationships among their peers and school staff;
- Engage on the issues of family and domestic violence;
- Challenge gender stereotypes, attitudes and values on violence against men and women and assist in eliminating violence against women;
- Be encouraged to support their friends.

**REACH** workshops are held at Batemans Bay High School annually for Years 9 and 10, and involves students talking freely about themselves among their peers while being guided by a professionally trained REACH representative. The REACH team has the ability to draw out student's innermost feelings, emotions and anxieties about the world they live in, so they can learn how to succeed over adversity. The students freely share and speak about topics and feelings that they would usually bottle up and dwell upon.

Following the workshops, the students say they have increased self-awareness and optimism, and the ability to build deeper, more meaningful connections. REACH creates this space for teenagers where everyone, no matter who they are or what their circumstances, can explore their lives and connect with other people they can relate to.

**Mr Gerard O'Keeffe, Wellbeing**



The School Photographer will be at our school on **Monday, 8 August**.

Each student will receive an individualised envelope this week with their name and year to return on Monday, 8 August. Every child needs to return their envelope even if payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope, *on the day*.

Special envelopes are available from the office for any parents who wish to purchase a sibling photograph.



It is very important that every student wears the correct school uniform including a white school shirt on Monday, 8 August.



## Open Days and Early Entry

### AIE

Sunday, 14 August

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE open Day. Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide campuses will open their doors to visitors interested in full time and part time courses starting in 2017.

<http://www.aie.edu.au/OpenDay>

### UNSW

Saturday, 3 September

This is the perfect day for any prospective students interested in studying at UNSW to come and meet with current students and lecturers. Register now to stay up to date on all things Open Day. <https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/open-day>

### Western Sydney University

Information and interview days to assist students find out about careers in creative fields of communication, media, arts and design.

Friday, 29 July    Sunday, 28 August    Friday, 2 September

<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/informationabout/bonuspoints/earlyoffer>

### University of Sydney

The number of principal supported applications per school has increased from 20 to 30. Applications are now open and *close on Friday, 2 September*. For tips and information look up

<http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/e12/>

## Resources for Students

**The Good Careers Guide** is a valuable new resource for the careers sector. The guide features everything you loved about Job Guide, while providing updated content tailored to meet the needs of the modern day student or jobseeker.

For more information visit <https://www.goodcareersguide.com.au/>

### UAC Guide

Planning on university next year? New guides are available for free from **Ms Goodrich** at the Careers Office.

## Master Class 2017

### UOW Summer HSC Year 12 Master Class 2017

In2Uni's Year 12 HSC Summer Master class program is a three week intensive course, held over the summer school holidays. It is designed to provide you with an opportunity to get a head start in your HSC and experience university life on campus, by participating in lectures, tutorials and labs. Successful completions of the program rewards you with a UOW Early Admissions interview with the faculty corresponding to your Summer Master Class subject, as well as six unspecified subject credit points towards a UOW degree.

<http://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/year12summer/index.html>

## Sport & Recreation Centre

In May this year I went to the Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre for a high school deaf camp. I travelled there with **Ms Sarah Butler** (my hearing teacher), **Sam Murray**, another student from Vincentia High school and **Mr Allan McDonald** from the Ulladulla Lions Club.

I really enjoyed doing BMX riding, the Damper/Wombat Hole and the Giant Swing in particular. This is how I found these activities:

- BMX Riding was refreshing and difficult when I had to ride up hills
- The Damper/Wombat Hole was scary and also challenging; and
- The Giant Swing made me overcome my fears.



I thought the food was amazing, I slept well and the staff members were awesome. I am really looking forward to going again next year.

I would like to thank **Mr McDonald** and Batemans Bay High School for helping to pay for me to go on this camp.

**By Mitchell Glanville, Student**

## MATHS CHALLENGE

Write down your solution and hand it to **Mrs Cannings** with the names of all students who participated. A solution is more than just the answer. It must show how you found the answer.

### Paul's Children

Stage: 3 Short Challenge Level:

Paul is 32 years old. In ten years time, Paul's age will be the sum of the ages of his three sons. What do the ages of his sons add up to at present?



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Working together to build a strong school community

Solid foundations, gives you a great base to build success



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#### South Coast Electorate



#### When:

Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016

#### Where:

Batemans Bay Public School  
Mundarra Way,  
Surfside NSW 2536

Time: 10am – 2pm

Registration from 9.30am

Light lunch and refreshments provided

Registration Open Now!

Click to [Register](#)

Further information please call Debbie

Ph: 1300 885 982

or

Email: [projects@pandc.org.au](mailto:projects@pandc.org.au)

RSVP: 5pm 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016



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