

Batemans Bay High School

School Matters



BBHS Swimming Carnival

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Calendar

Term 4, Week 10

Wed 13–15 Dec	Indigenous Cultural Immersion Program
Wed 13 Dec	Djaambii Swimming Program
Thur 14 Dec	Battle of the Seniors
Thur 14 Dec	SEC Tree Planting
Friday 15 Dec	Last Day For All Students

Term 1, Week 1

Mon 29 Jan	Staff Development Day
Tue 30 Jan	Years 7-11 Students Only Return to School
Wed 31 Jan	All Students Return to School
Fri 2 Feb	Photos – New Students

Term 1, Week 2

Mon 5 Feb	HSC Drama Festival
Tue 6 Feb	UOW Discovery Day, Year 12
Thur 8-9 Feb	Senior SRC Camp

Feature Photo



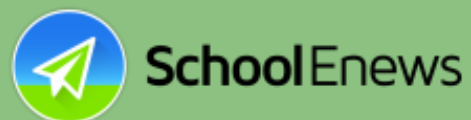
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11 December 2017

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Stay up to date with stories about our school in the local media by following us on Facebook.

Principal's Message



Reflections

By most measures, 2017 has been a successful year for the school. A quick review of the most recent editions of *School Matters* will give you a small indication of the milestones and achievements recorded by our students in the past 12 months. Unfortunately, so much takes place on any given day that it would be impossible to document every single success. It would be almost unfair to try and condense the year into a single summary, so I've tried to select three defining events that stand out for me.

It is difficult to look past *The Night Circus* production as the highlight of the year. As massive as ever, it was created and delivered in little more than a term (although I dare say the idea had been incubating for a while) and really united the whole school. The memories will be with the performers, production crew and audience forever. Activities like *The Night Circus* will never appear in the school plan or in a performance evaluation, which is probably a good thing as the contribution of these undertakings is immeasurable.

I also believe the rapid and momentous changes within the NSW school system are worthy of recognition, primarily because you are probably unaware of the scope and magnitude of these reforms. It is a testament to the dedication and diligence of all staff members that the educational process has continued in spite of this. Teachers are working harder than ever to provide students with a broad yet rigorous education in an increasingly crowded, dynamic curriculum, and are doing so successfully. The school support staff is sharing much of this burden with new complex and time-consuming administrative responsibilities. The irony that these constantly changing systems and expectations are actually intended to improve student outcomes is not lost on us. Despite this, I am proud to say that our educational product is as good as it has ever been.

Which leads me to my final point – in fact, the point of high school itself. We are preparing students for the next phase of their lives. I'm proud to know that most of our leavers and graduates already have a degree of certainty about their futures. Whether it is an offer of tertiary study, an apprenticeship with a local employer, or an even grander plan that leaves Batemans Bay behind, our students are genuinely equipped to handle the modern world.

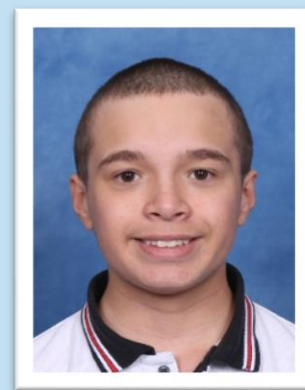
Thank you for your support over the year. Have a good holiday and we look forward to greeting Year 7 and 11 students on Tuesday 30 January, followed by the rest of the school on Wednesday 31 January. If you regularly travel down Beach Road, you won't miss the reminders.

Mr Greg McDonald
Principal

Student Achievement

Joseph Nikiforos Year 8

Joseph's enthusiastic attitude to school extends to other external endeavours. He has just been recognised for his outstanding efforts in his local cadet group, displaying many of the characteristics that he has shown here.



From the Deputies

This year has flown by and we are now a week away from our summer break. We have celebrated many student successes and achievements, seen changes in staffing, experienced challenges and above all done loads of learning.

We would like to express our gratitude for all the support everyone has given us throughout the year and hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. Summer is here and while you are most likely prepared for all the fun things this presents, are you ready for hazards that come with the summer months as well? This article provides some sound advice on enjoying the festive season.

Holiday driving

Holiday destinations are often a long drive from home and many people enjoy motoring adventures that involve long hours behind the wheel. When holidays come around it's good to think about the safety of you and your family and ensure that you safely arrive at your destination.

- **Prepare your car** – have your car serviced and prepare an emergency pack with a blanket, torch and first aid kit.
- **Prepare yourself** – be rested before a long drive and plan the trip so you share the driving and take regular breaks to avoid fatigue.
- **Prepare your pets** – make sure you have appropriate restraints in the car for your pets.



Driver Fatigue

Fatigue is a major cause of death and injury on Australian roads, particularly in the country.

- Don't push on to the next town if you are tired
- Take a break before a tragedy happens
- Avoid driving when you are normally sleeping – this is the most dangerous time on the roads for the fatigued motorist
- Don't drive beyond the speed limit
- Stop every 2 hours for a 15min break
- Eat well and drink plenty of sugar-free fluids
- Adjust your driving for the conditions

Celebrating safely

There are a number of things you can do when going out to make sure you have a good time but stay safe.

- Don't drink and drive (or boat); it's not worth the risk of ruining your life or someone else's
- Drugs are illegal and dangerous; they may affect your health, safety and career
- Have water between drinks, eat something, and remember that only time will make you sober

- Pour your own drinks so that you can manage how much you consume
- Plan some alcohol free days

Mental Health

Do you feel like you're on an unstoppable express train to the end of summer? There's relentless shopping, a tendency to overindulge in food and alcohol, the summer heat and weather extremes.

- Pressure on your bank balance fuels stress – talk to friends and family about how to keep Christmas fun, without breaking the bank
- If there is any family conflict involving you, or you're dealing with a loss of some sort, emotions and inner turmoil can be heightened at this time of year. Giving yourself time and space to focus on this before Christmas arrives can be helpful acknowledging how you feel can diffuse the situation
- Recognise how stressful the end of year and holiday period can be, manage your stress as you do any other time of year.
- Prioritise getting enough sleep, eating well and getting regular exercise
- If all else fails, plan to debrief with someone you trust. Try to come up with a plan for how you'll do it differently next year

[Our tips for staying safe this festive season | MEGT \(Australia\) Ltd](#)

Acknowledging Students and Staff

Mrs Preston has been acting DP for five terms now and is coming to the end of the appointment so it is timely to acknowledge her contribution to our school. To name just a few of her achievements in this time, she has lead improvement in school culture, supported many students and their families and worked tirelessly on improving our assessment processes. Mrs Preston's leadership of Aboriginal education and the support and guidance that has been afforded to the staff including the executive and senior executive have been invaluable.

We would like to extend our best wishes for a safe, restful and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2018.

Mrs Caroline Preston and Ms Fiona Saunders
Deputy Principals

Careers

Apprenticeships & Vocational Education

A new initiative launched by the Turnbull Government will showcase and promote the diverse range of rewarding careers available through vocational education and training.

Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, **Karen Andrews**, recently launched real skills for real careers to champion the benefits of VET and Australian Apprenticeships.

Speaking at the 2017 Australian Training Awards in Canberra, Minister Andrews said real skills for real careers would feature people sharing their personal VET success stories in videos, podcasts, brochures, posters and across social media.

"For too long, perceptions surrounding VET have been out of step with reality," Minister Andrews said. "Many parents are still inclined to encourage their children to go to university after leaving school, rather than consider a VET career pathway. Others are convinced that VET is only for traditional trades like plumbing and carpentry. We need to dispel those myths. "The fact is that VET qualifications lead to successful, meaningful, professional careers with great salaries and outstanding career prospects.

Minister Andrews unveiled the first video, starring VET Alumni and Australian Apprenticeships Ambassadors talking passionately and honestly about their experiences. "The people in these videos exemplify what's possible through becoming a graduate of Australia's quality VET sector," Minister Andrews said.

"We're also partnering with organisations that reach out to young people on a daily basis, through sport, community programs or mentoring, to extend the real skills for real careers message."

They are:

- NRL
- AFL Sports Ready
- Career Industry Council of Australia
- Foundation for Young Australians
- GO Foundation
- SkillsOne
- Year 13
- Student Edge
- Tradeswomen Australia
- SALT (Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen

The new initiative also features a refreshed My Skills website, with an improved version of the national

directory of VET in Australia. "The website will now have five clear entry points for different groups of people: those starting, those advancing and those changing their career; parents and career advisors who are guiding a young person through career choices; and employers looking for information on how to up-skill staff," Minister Andrews said.

To find out more about the initiative, and watch the real skills for real careers video, visit www.myskills.gov.au.

University Experience Day

Fifteen Year 10 Bay High students joined with other regional students from around NSW to experience a day at the University of Canberra.

On arrival at UC, we were greeted by our Aspiration's Agents, Sam and Britt. They were our guides for the day as we participated in a scavenger hunt, expo, and accommodation tours, ate lunch and participated in hands on workshop. We were treated to a speech from Olympian Lauren Wells who spoke of her many achievements and her determined comeback from a car accident in the lead up to a World Championships.

A highlight for one group of students was looking at the future of food production and eating a variety of insects in different forms – brownie form being the most popular!



Heather gives a thumbs up for the speaker



Wynta gathers some information at the Expo



Deklyn Pascoe, Sea Breeze Aviation



Nutrition and dietetics tutorial

Work Experience

Work Experience gives our students a chance to have a firsthand look at a possible future career. This year, we have had many students undertake this opportunity. From one day per week to a full week of work, we have had students in Day Care Centres, hospitals, hair salons and many trades. For some, this has led to a part-time job, for others, it informs subject selection and for all, it helps with setting both short and long-term goals.

Any student wishing to do work experience can see the Careers Advisor at school. If you have a business, and would like to share your skills and expertise, you can contact the Careers Advisor also to be matched to a suitable student.

Mrs Chantal Bradshaw
Careers Advisor



Billy Jones painting at Banksia Village

Community of Schools Band Day

On Friday 24 November, 29 excited and slightly anxious students from Batemans Bay and Sunshine Bay Public schools visited Batemans Bay High School for a fun-filled day of music. The day provided an opportunity for them to meet different people, improve their skills and increase their musical repertoire with new material presented on the day.

Experienced musicians from the community; **Peter Poole**, **Debra Nute** and **Jeanette Cullen**, gave their valuable time to attend the day assisting in sectional and whole band work. The students learnt two

new pieces and performed to a small, appreciative audience in the hall at the end of the day.

Band members enjoyed a sausage sizzle at lunch prepared by siblings of students in the band. A big thank you to **Bryton Draper, Ellie Griffin, Christina Young** and **Jacob Zimmerman** for being reliable, responsible assistants on the day.

Kathie Harris
Music Teacher



Uniform Shop

Thursday 14 December

Last day of sales 2017

8:00 to 11:00am



We are looking for students who would like to help out in the Uniform Shop during January. Students will be given \$20 per hour store credit.

Wednesday 24 January 9:00-2:00pm

Thursday 25 January 9:00-2:00pm

Monday 29 January 9:00-3:00pm

If interested, please contact the school this week, 4478 3600.

Mrs Pauline Street

Uniform Shop 2018 Opening



January 2018

Wednesday	24 January	9:00am-2:00pm
Thursday	25 January	9:00am-2:00pm
Friday	26 January	Closed
Monday	29 January	9:00am-3:00pm
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Wednesday	31 January	8:00am-12 noon

February 2018

Thursday	1 February	8:00am-12 noon
Friday	2 February	8:00am-12 noon

Then every Tuesday and Thursday
8:00am – 11:00am

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who attended and competed in our swimming carnival held on Monday 11 December. We welcomed students from Year 6 Bay Primary and Sunshine Bay schools. Students competed in swimming and novelty events. Awards will be handed out during our first assembly in 2018.

Ms Danielle Dunajcik
Head Teacher PDHPE



Presentation Day

On Tuesday 12 December we recognised student achievements over 2017. Over 100 awards were presented to students in front of our school, parents and special guests. This would not be possible without our many local business and community sponsors. The school would like to pay special thanks to Batehaven Newsagency for its ongoing support.





Christmas Hamper

The *Links to Learning* Year 8 girls organised a project for the collection of items for St Vincent De Paul, for families at Christmas! Many items were collected by the school.

Mrs Caroline Preston
Deputy Principal



Karabar Distance Education Centre

On Friday 1 December, Karabar Distance Education Centre held their annual presentation ceremony in Queanbeyan.

The Batemans Bay Outreach students received a number of awards for consistent high standards in individual subjects.

- **Kaitlin Turner**, Maths and History
- **William O'Connell**, History
- **Isabella Santos**, Advanced English and Ancient History
- **Claudia Martin**, Business Services and Exploring Early Childhood

Isabella, Claudia and Makaela Latham were also part of the graduating group for 2017.

Kerrie Obst
Teacher, Karabar Distance Education

7ENT Magazine Covers

Students in 7ENT have been working hard this term to create magazine covers using Microsoft PowerPoint. These are a few more from Year 7.

Miss Alyssa Coursey
Head Teacher English



Lily Pearce



Suana Campbell

Youth Frontiers Program

This year, **Todd Steveson** and **Jack Stewart** from Year 8, and **Chloe McAuley**, **Chloe Knight**, **Taylor Kilby-Connelly** and **Taylor Davis** from Year 9, self-nominated to take part in The Youth Frontiers Mentoring Program, an initiative of the NSW State Government. They joined a group of 10 other students from Year 8 or 9 from various schools in the Eurobodalla Region who were all matched with a volunteer mentor from the community. The students worked collaboratively with their mentors on a self-devised community project, based around one of six topic areas, the aim being to:

- Increase student involvement in volunteering and community activities
- Help students to overcome barriers to taking part in their local community
- Help students to develop life skills in teamwork, communication, leadership and decision making which will help now and later in life
- Celebrate the contribution that young people make to their local communities.

Chloe Knight, supported by her mentor **Ali Minogue**, chose the topic Conservation and the Environment. With a passion for keeping Australia beautiful, Chloe took up the challenge of educating young people about the importance of keeping our streets and beaches free from litter. Chloe adopted the title 'Little Litter Warriors' and spread the message through a variety of sources, including an Instagram campaign, a local newspaper article, and a Power Point presentation to 100 students at Sunshine Bay Public School, after which the students created a human banner which read Be the Change.

Chloe is to be congratulated on a very well thought out and managed project.

Todd Stevenson chose the topic Engagement in Sport and held a League Tag development day which involved students from Year 5 and 6 from Batemans Bay Public School. Todd's main driving force was his passion to encourage children to be active. The day provided lots of activity, lots of fun and gave the students an opportunity to meet a local Rugby League hero. Todd also organised a sausage sizzle for lunch and goodie bags for the students to take home. When asked about his experience participating in the program, he stated, "What I achieved was amazing and exactly what my goal was: to get kids active. I learnt how to be a more confident person when speaking to members of the community. I would recommend Youth Frontiers to anyone; it's a great way to give back to the community and also a great challenge. You learn a lot about yourself".

Todd had great support from two mentors, both passionate teachers from Batemans Bay High School: **Mr Glenn Hall** and **Mr Jason Compton**. He was also supported by his peers and family members, who helped run the activities on the day.

A special thank you must go to the **National Rugby League Association**, **Taylor's Car Yard**, **Haven Quality Meats Batehaven**, **Bayside Meats and Deli**, **Woolworths Batemans Bay**, **AJ's Hot Bake Batemans Bay**, and **Bakers Delight Batemans Bay** for their donations.

Jack Stewart, supported by mentor **Patrick O'Connor**, also chose the topic Engagement in Sport. Jack is a passionate supporter and player of AFL and his initial aim was to inform his peers of the greatness of the game and ultimately to increase participation at his local club the Seahawks. As with many projects, they don't always take the path we first imagined and Jack changed his focus to gathering information on AFL players past and present and learning about what makes them do what they do. Jack has recorded an interview with an ex-player and is aiming to share it with others via a social media platform.

When asked about his experience, Jack stated, "I would recommend the program to people who want to learn time management or to gain confidence talking to people. I think it was a great experience and I think every young person would gain something positive from undertaking the program".

Taylor Kilby-Connelly, a keen sports person, chose Engagement in Sport. Taylor organised a sports day for the students from the Special Education faculties at Batemans Bay High School and Batemans Bay Primary School. Her brother, who is a student in the Support Unit at our school, was the inspiration for her project, the aim of which was to encourage and involve students with support needs in organised sports. A fantastic mix of modified/wheelchair friendly versions of skills and drills, activities and games saw all participants having a go. A sausage sizzle and prizes were also enjoyed on the day. A special thank you to **Woolworths Batemans Bay** and **Haven Quality Meats** in Batehaven for donating bread and sausages.



Students having fun taking part in activities organised by Taylor



Will Kilby-Connelly, Taylor's brother and student of Bay High. Will was Taylor's inspiration for his project

Taylor was encouraged and well supported by her mentor Batemans Bay High School Careers Advisor **Mrs Chantal Bradshaw**, with assistance from **Ms Deb Gabriel** who stepped in when Chantal was unavailable and her fellow students who assisted her on the day.

Chloe McAuley chose the topic Empowering Young Women and organised a seminar titled 'Be Who You Want, When You Want' for Year 7 & 8 female students from Batemans Bay High School. The students in attendance had the opportunity to engage with topics such as bullying, standing up for yourself, and body image, via presentations made by Eurobodalla Mayor **Liz Innes**, Legal Aid lawyer **Simone Doherty**, founder of The Girl Campaign **Kimberley Eke** and Tamlyn Senior Psychologist: Education. Speakers gave both personal and professional accounts of these topics and question time was available for students to ask for further information or to comment on their own experiences.



Kimberley Eke from The Girl Campaign inspiring those students attending Chloe's 'Be Who You Want, When You Want' workshop

Peta Thompson Mentored Chloe throughout the project and was invaluable as a guiding hand and support. Chloe's family and friends also supported her, assisting with organisation of morning tea on the day.

A special thanks to Mayor Liz Innes whose substantial financial contribution assisted in making the day such a success.



Pictured left to right: Lawyer Simone Doherty, Mentor Peta Thompson, student Chloe McAuley and Eurobodalla Shire Mayor Liz Innes.

Taylor Davis chose the topic Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing. Taylor is passionate about easing the burden around mental health issues in young people and their ability to overcome such issues. Taylor was planning to create a short video which looked at providing useful tips and information on coping and dealing with mental health issues. Unfortunately, circumstances were such that both Taylor and her mentor **Bronte Enright**, were unable to complete the project.

All participants found the program to be extremely worthwhile, developed their organisational, time management, administration, public speaking and networking skills, and built their confidence. Batemans Bay High School would like to thank **Ms Julie Sheers** for inviting us to participate in the program, the mentors for their commitment to our students, all community members who donated goods and the friends and family members who supported the participants. Todd, Jack, Chloe, Taylor and Chloe are all to be congratulated on their efforts.

Miss Bec Pleasant
Youth Frontiers Program Coordinator
Teacher Special Education

Community Announcements

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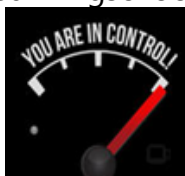
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Christmas Celebration

Combined local churches and community hosting a Handel's Messiah Christmas Celebration at St Bernard's Church, Batehaven

Sunday 17 December

Welcome 4:30pm

Celebration begins 5:00pm

BBQ from 6:00pm

Soloists and choir will lead celebration of Christmas with carols and Christmas bible readings.

Free for celebration, \$5 per adult for the bbq.

Tickets for the bbq are available from Vinnies shop, Orient Street, Batemans Bay



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Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

2018



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February 2018

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ITEM		PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL INCL GST
Girls	Short Sleeve White/Black Blouse	26.00			
	New Girls Stretch Shorts	36.00			
	JNR A.line Skirt	32.00			
	SNR A.line Skirt	30.00			
	Black Girls Slacks	39.00			
Boys	Beltloop Shorts	29.50			
	Boys Elastic Shorts	30.00			
	JNR/SNR Custom Polo Shirt	28.00			
Unisex	Hooded Fleecy Top	35.00			
Knitwear	Wool Jumper 08-28	68.50			
Sports	Microfibre Jacket	65.00			
	Standard Microfibre Shorts With Zip	23.00			
	Unisex Trackpants	38.00			
	Sport Polo Shirt	36.00			
Accessory	White Socks Short(pack Of 5)	20.00			
	School Cap	20.00			

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