

Batemans Bay High School

# School Matters

## BBHS Shines at Southern Stars



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## Calendar

### Term 3, Week 8

10 – 11 Sept	VALID Year 10
Mon 10 Sept	NDIS Information evening 3:30pm School library
Fri 14 Sept	Mufti day 'Flanno for a farmer'

### Term 3, Week 9

17 – 21 Sept	Year 11 Exams
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### Term 3, Week 10

24 – 26 Sept	Crossroads Year 11
Tue 25 Sept	Fundraiser PA for a day Year 12
Tue 25 Sept	Aboriginal Studies field trip
Thur 27 Sept	Final Assembly Year 12
Fri 28 Sept	Last day Term 3

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## Feature Photo



Southern Stars, Wollongong Entertainment Centre,  
31 August 2018

## Looking for school documents?

Please note that most of our school documents such as newsletters, information booklets etc can be found on our school website.

Download our school app – School Enews





## Principal's Message



Over the past week, we have shown our appreciation to our School Administrative and Support Staff. They coordinate, organise, oversee and perform clerical and administrative duties associated with many school operations. Our SASS also provide secretarial assistance to the principal and serve as a liaison between students, staff, and parents. They provide another layer of service to our whole school community. Some of our non-teaching staff work in the administration office, some work in classrooms or provide students with opportunities to engage in additional learning programs, giving students additional support. Others work physically, keeping our grounds looking tidy and well cared for while others tend our animals in the agricultural area and all support the teaching staff to ensure we are providing students and parents with opportunities to learn.

Our SASS consist of our School Administrative Manager, our School Administrative Officers, our Aboriginal Education Officer, our School Learning Support Officers, our General Assistant, our Farm Assistant and our Business Managers. We also have a Technical Support Officer. The team often perform duties over and above their roles and responsibilities, provide the teaching staff with unwavering support, and are a valuable resource within our school.

I would like to thank our SASS for their professionalism, their commitment to our school and for being a fantastic group of

colleagues. We value their contribution to our school community.



As we head towards the end of term 3, our Year 12 students are beginning to countdown towards the end of their school life. There is an expectation that students continue to work hard and follow a pattern of regular revision, practise past HSC paper questions, attend school and above all, maintain a balanced lifestyle. Students, who have a practical component of their course, have already commenced their HSC. Our dance and drama students have completed practical exams, our music students will perform next week, and our Visual Arts and Design and Technology students are having their practical major works assessed. It will be a memorable time for these students on Thursday 27 September when they attend their final school assembly where we will say farewell.

Year 10 students have nominated to become part of our senior student representative council and will be inducted this Thursday at our school assembly. It is refreshing to see them willing to take on a leadership role in the school and we look forward to watching them grow further as they undertake to lead the student body.

All students are encouraged to maintain a positive attitude over the next few weeks as we head to the end of the term on Friday 28 September. Assessment tasks, classwork and additional study (when necessary) should still be a priority for students. Social interactions should be supportive and revolve around looking after your mates or friends and staying safe. Our school values of being responsible,

being safe and being respectful are a good reminder of how students can behave to ensure they are achieving their potential.

**Ms Fiona Saunders**  
**Relieving Principal**

## From the Deputies

It is nearing the end of week 7 of Term 3 and it is an activity packed time full of assessments and exams for the HSC students of 2018. The Year 12 design and technology and visual arts students have completed their final touches on HSC practical projects, and the creative and performing arts students are currently being critiqued and judged on their final performances by the visiting HSC markers. As the current HSC students busily complete the final modules of work in the classroom, it would be easy for them to think it is time to wind down, but unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth.

Let us make an analogy, and please excuse the sporting metaphor.

The HSC should be likened to a marathon, and like a marathon it is one of the most difficult and stressful journeys that most people ever attempt. It causes stress and pain and people sometimes lose a little hope along the way, others give up in despair, or just walk for a while. Some drop out completely or find that running this race was not what they needed anyway. Most gain a second wind and keep going, but very rarely change pace, fading out near the crucial finish line. While an elite few learn how to play the game by first, learning the rules and starting to practice. They realise that you cannot run a marathon unless you know how far it is, and once you know the distance you probably should try to build up to it by completing shorter runs. Then after some time and several setbacks they begin to undertake significant training, quickly building the necessary skills, stamina and confidence to finally attempt the marathon, knowing they will have a good chance of not only completing the distance, but gaining a significant place amongst the massive field of competitors.

The HSC is not really a test of your intelligence, even though intelligent people can do very well. The HSC, like a marathon, is really a test of your work ethic and stamina. A test of your perseverance and most importantly a test of your resilience or 'grit'. The ability to set a goal and follow through with your actions. To fail and bounce back, again and again, learning from your mistakes along the way. It sets you up with the confidence to challenge your existing beliefs about yourself, and push your upper limits. It establishes good habits that you will need to be successful in life. Things like; time management, meeting deadlines, working collaboratively and dealing with disappointment.

Teachers have observed many Year 12 students deal with the HSC in different ways, and they continually give students advice, counsel and mentoring at every significant stage of their schooling. Probably the most important advice needs to happen right now in the final few weeks of the accumulation of 13 years of schooling. That advice is, not to wind down, but start building up, learn the rules, its never too late, use the time you have, to continue to study and practice as many past exam papers as possible, while continuing to see your teachers, as this is your marathon training time and you need to finish and finish well, because if you do all these things, you will achieve great things, and you will never forget that accomplishment for the rest of your life.

## Acknowledging students and staff

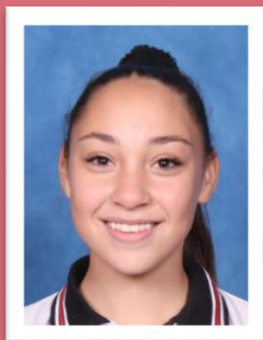
We would like to thank all the Year 12 teachers for giving so much of their time, patience and expertise to this cohort. A special thank you to **Mrs Kelly Cameron** for all her work and time in developing and supervising a very successful study space for our senior students. The senior study hub is an excellent resource that students are using effectively during their free time and we hope to see its benefits flow into this year's and future HSC results.

**Mr Gerard O'Keeffe and**  
**Mrs Caroline Preston**  
**Relieving Deputy Principals**

## Students' achievement

### Nioka Kerry, Year 8

Nioka addresses whole school assemblies and generously gives a welcome to country.



## Uniform Shop



Open Tuesday and Thursday  
8 – 11am during school term

## Scholarships

St Cecilia Scholarships were introduced over 20 years ago to provide assistance for the education of young music students within the South East Region of NSW. Many recipients of the Scholarships have gone on to further their musical careers at tertiary level and beyond.

To be eligible, entrants must be between 8 and 18 years of age as at 31 December 2018. The auditions for 2018 will be held at St Peter's Anglican College, Broulee on Saturday and Sunday, 3-4 November. Application forms can be found at [info@stcecilia.org.au](mailto:info@stcecilia.org.au). Please return on or before 5.00pm on Friday 28 September 2018.

For further details go to the website above or see **Ms Harris** in the Music Department.

**Ms Harris**  
Music Teacher

## Uniform Pool

Do you have any unused school uniforms? Any articles of clothing to our uniform pool would be greatly appreciated by families in need.

## Parents & Citizens Association



Held third Monday of every month  
Next meeting 15 October  
7.00pm in the school library  
All are welcome to attend

Our parents & citizens' association brings the school community together. Parents, teachers and community members can help meet the needs of the school community and contribute to decisions about the school.

## BBHS NAIDOC Week 2018

Week 6 was our NAIDOC week of celebrations. We started the week with a flag raising ceremony with Year 12 student **Torren Mann** raising the flag and Year 11's **Jakirra Nye** explaining the significance of the flag and its colours.

During periods 3 and 4 on Monday, we also hosted the areas Primary school's Koori kids for Traditional Indigenous Games. Tuesday was crafts day with **Aunty Lavina** and **Aunty Meryl** doing beading with Year 7 and 8 and **Aunty Joelene** with special visitor **Aunty Kizzy** showing the kids from Year 9 and 10 basket weaving.

Wednesday we had a panel discussion with the Year 9 to 12 girls who listened to two high achieving Aboriginal women talk about their journey to where they are today, and the hurdles they faced in getting there. One was a former BBHS student **Melissa Ellis** who now works for Aboriginal Affairs and the other was former Australian netball player and now consultant **Marcia Ella-Duncan**.



# Batemans Bay High School

Thursday we held a fantastic assembly, which displayed our students, dance skills of traditional and contemporary dance with choreography by local Walbunja woman **Bronwen Smith**. We also had a special presentation to Aunty Lavina and **Aunty Robyn** for their many years of work with our school and to Aunty Joelene for her help in organising the week's festivities.

Friday ended our week of activities with us hosting the regional NAIDOC week touch footy competition. The weather was not great for us but all had a great time with Moruya HS coming out the eventual winners by beating Bega HS in the final.

Overall, the week was another great success, the staff of the Aboriginal Learning Centre would like to thank all the kids involved, and to our teachers and staff for all their help in making sure everything went off without much drama. We would also like to thank **Coles, Bakers Delight, Funnell's Butchers and K-Mart** for their kind donations to our NAIDOC activities.

**Mr Paul Carriage**  
Coordinator Aboriginal Learning Centre









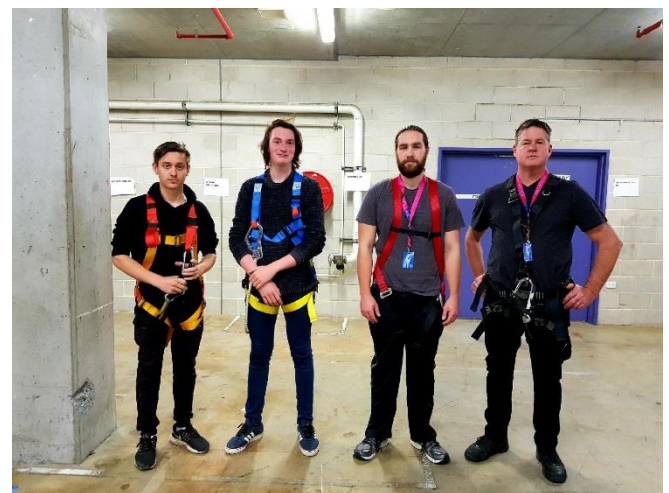
## Southern Stars

Twelve students have trained two or three times a week, for the better part of the year, refining their skills in Adagio in order to represent Batemans Bay High School in this spectacular event. Adagio is the circus discipline of partnered and group balance work and requires significant levels of trust and confidence to be developed within the troupe over an extended period of time.

**Marcus Cristallo, Mitchell Hill, Elijah Kinnane, Jessica Lomnicki, Tahni Mackay-Kierspel, Roisin McGee, Harrison O’Keeffe, Samuel O’Keeffe, Ella Pearce, Emma Stammers, Katie Stammers, Rebecca Wadley, Stephanie Wadley and Alexa Warwick.**

Batemans Bay High School presented a unique display of these skills in collaboration with Ulladulla High School (aerial skills) and Broulee Primary (manipulation skills) to provide our interpretation of the children’s book story “The Tin Forest”. They were ably assisted by two more BBHS students who worked in the roof of WIN Entertainment Centre, carrying out rigging duties to assist the aerialists from Ulladulla High. A great week was had by all, with the whole crew representing our school to an exemplary standard at all times.

**Mr Geoff Perrem  
Circus**





## Community Announcements

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**Next course:**

**Narooma 1st October 2018**

**Batemans Bay 7th October 2018**

**Merimbula 11th October 2018**

## Harvey Norman

Thank you Harvey Norman Batemans Bay, for your support and generosity in donating vouchers for students who have submitted suggestions for the development of a community of schools logo.



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## Euro Coast athletics



Euro Coast athletics in conjunction with Little Athletics NSW & Athletics NSW are conducting coaching courses at St Peters Anglican College on Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 September. These are open to everyone interested in helping their students, children, family members or friends improve their athletics. You can find the links to register below and also on:

[eurocoastathletics.teamapp.com](http://eurocoastathletics.teamapp.com).

Level 1 Athletics coaching course  
Saturday 15 September

<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/favicon.ico>

Introduction to coaching course  
Sunday 16 September



South Coast Music Society, Batemans Bay



and

present

## Tony Lee

*Pianist Tony Lee was the winner of the Nancy Weir Best Australian Pianist Prize of the 2016 Sydney International Piano Competition*



*Tony will play works from Scarlatti, Beethoven, Schubert/Liszt and Debussy*

**3.00 pm Sunday 23 September 2018**

St Bernard's Church, Batehaven

Tickets online at [www.southcoastmusicsociety.com](http://www.southcoastmusicsociety.com) or at the door  
Adults \$35; Members and Concessions \$30; School students free