Principal’s News

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

Congratulations to the students who gained selection in the District sports teams last Friday afternoon. Well done.

Easter Hat Parade

We will be having an Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term, Thursday 5 April. Parents and members of our community are welcome to come and share this event with us at 11:45am. This will also be a mufti day when students will not have to wear their school uniform.

Parent Session with Graham Parry

Apologies for the Parent Session with our School Counsellor, Graham Parry which was cancelled today. This session will now be held next Tuesday 3 March at 9.00am.

Marimba Mayhem at BPS

Our school, through the efforts of our wonderful P&C have been lucky enough to book the famous Jon Madin. Jon is internationally known for his workshops and sessions on "Making Music". He will be with our school for 3 days – Monday 30 April until Wednesday 2 May. During this time Jon will work with each class and on Wednesday evening there will be an evening performance involving all the classes. Jon also loves to work with school staff and parents and there will be a workshop session for both of these groups. We would love to welcome any parents and community members to this workshop and to be part of our evening performance.

PLEASE KEEP WEDNESDAY 2 MAY FREE for our concert/performance.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 3 April – Cross Country, Parent Session with Graham Parry
Thursday 5 April – Easter Hat Parade,
Monday 23 April – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 24 April – School ANZAC Day Service
Wednesday 25 April – ANZAC Day March – Tomakin
Wednesday 2 May – Jon Madin Music Concert

Successful Schooling Today

Author: Mal Lee  Graphics by Greg McKay
Support Materials by Jesse Rowan

This Week’s Topic:
The Role of Grandparents

Assembly
This week’s assembly will be lead by 1/2F – Mrs Frost’s class.
Sue Lowe, Principal

Apps for Learning
Young children love smartphones. Rather than just playing Angry Birds, why not download some educational apps that are fun too? You can find them at many different sites including:

· www.apps4kids.net/
· www.smartappsforkids.com/
· www.bestappsforkids.org/
· www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/about/apps/
· www.inkids.com.au/

Don’t forget to download the terrific free app available at School A to Z for smartphones and tablet devices at:


Local Schools, Local Decisions
There has been much publicity lately about the Department’s move to devolve some of the decision making processes and responsibility from the state office back to the school and the local school community.

I have included below the government’s responses to some of the frequently asked questions regarding this process:

Why is the Government doing this?
The government is committed to giving schools more decision making authority and believes that they are the ones best placed to improve student learning outcomes.

These education reforms respond to the needs of students and place students at the centre of all decisions. There is strong recognition and trust in schools and their communities to make the best decisions that will ensure students get what they need.

When will the changes take place?
These changes will not happen overnight. Some changes will occur this year commencing in term 2. Other changes will take a lot longer following consultation and collaborative processes with stakeholders. It will take between three to five years for full implementation.

Will school funding be cut?
No. Schools will have greater flexibility in using their funding to improve learning outcomes for their students.
What additional budget items previously managed centrally will now be managed by schools?

Next Steps states that a Resource Allocation Model (RAM) is being developed and considers the student enrolment plus complexity factors. The complexity factors have not been finalised but the Gonski report is helping to define these areas. Any funds that have been managed centrally in the past will form part of the discussion for shifting resources from state office to schools.

Will schools have their own bank account and be able to earn interest?

In consultation with principals, the detail about bank accounts and interest is currently being addressed. There is a commitment that the interest raised from school generated funds will be able to be used by schools.

Will there be flexibility between staffing and non-staffing funding?

Staffing funding can only be used to engage people. Schools will be able to use non-staffing funding to support staff related initiatives as well as other resourcing needs.

What complexities will be used to determine school funding?

Any new funding model will take into account the number of students in the school and a range of school complexity factors for example students with disabilities and students from low socio-economic communities.

Will principals be able to hire and fire?

Schools will have a staffing and non-staffing budget. Schools working within a staffing policy framework will be able to determine staff to meet student needs. Schools will have more opportunity to select their staff. Principals will retain responsibility for identifying and managing poor performance under a streamlined policy. State-wide dismissal procedures will be retained and improved.

Will teachers be given bonuses?

No. Teacher salaries will be aligned to the attainment of professional standards. Bonus payments are not part of the Local Schools Local Decisions reform. The policy for aligning salary progression with professional standards will be collaboratively developed.

Will tenure be removed for teachers?

No. Teachers will continue to have tenure when they are appointed to a permanent position.

Will incentive transfers still be available?

Yes, incentive transfers will be available as part our state-wide staffing system.

Will nominated and service transfers still be available?

Yes. Nominated and service transfers will still be available as part of our state-wide system.

Will schools lose teachers if student numbers drop?

Gradual adjustment to budgets as student numbers and school complexity factors change will occur.

When will the new procedures take effect?

The changes will not happen overnight. Some changes will occur this year. For example, increase local decisions for purchases up to $5000 from day 1, term 2, 2012. Other changes will take a lot longer following collaboration with our stakeholders.
Will schools have the authority to engage local contractors?
The engagement of local contractors will be an option available to schools within state-wide guidelines.

Does this mean that schools will have the opportunity to jointly create structures across school, and that teachers could work across a number of sites?
Yes.

Can I share a business manager with other schools?
Yes. Schools will have the ability to pool their resources and facilities to better meet local needs in improving student learning.

Will all schools have to work with a School Council?
School Councils operate in some schools as advisory bodies consisting of parents, carers, staff and community members. If schools and their communities choose to work with a School Council then that is a local choice. School Councils will remain one of the options available to school communities as they enhance their engagement.

What is the range of options available for schools to engage with their local communities?
A range of options for community engagement already exists in our system including P & C Associations, School Councils, parent clubs and cultural parent groups. Schools will be able to select their option in consultation with their community.

Upcoming Events – Click on link below to see our Calendar

Beautiful Artwork

Fish Bit Draw

Stg 1  Gretel
Stg 3  Darcy P
Stg 3  Brodie

5H students are studying Australia's Asian neighbours. These artworks are of people dressed in traditional dress, from the country they are studying.

Click on the link below to see more:
http://web1.broulee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/groups/5h/blog/
Congratulations to Our First Bronze Award Recipients for 2012

Heidi Woolridge, Lachlan Nicholls, Saul Dolphin, Chelsea Freeman and Grace Asempha

Weekly Class Awards

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Belle’s Greatest Shave
LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

On Friday 17 March, our very own Canteen Manager Belle, gave up her lovely head of hair to support the Leukaemia Foundation’s ‘World’s Greatest Shave’.

Professionaly cropped by the talented Melinda Tuan, Belle's close shave contributed to the Leukaemia Foundation raising over 9 million dollars thus far.

Thank you to those who supported Belle with kind donations.

It is not too late to contribute to the cause, for those who would like to contribute Belle is still greatly accepting donations.

What your donation can do!

$26 can provide emotional support to help someone overcome the shock of being diagnosed.

$40 can help improve treatments and find cures by funding a PhD Students laboratory cost for a day.

$57 can support patients who are to ill to drive by providing a days transport to and from treatment.

$80 can a regional family who've hade to moove closer to treatment, a place to call home for the night.

Please be generous.

Community News

Broulee Vacation Care News – APRIL School Holidays 2012

VACATION CARE BOOKING NOW

The Vacation Care will be OPEN for 2 weeks of the school holidays.

Dates: Tue 10 April to Friday 20 April.

OPEN for bookings now – come and see us @ the Broulee School Arts Centre or call 0410516956 for an Information Pack to be posted or pick one up from your school office. Child Care Benefit is available. Ring Centrelink on 136150 to link your children to this service ASAP if you are a new enrolment.

Service Provider: Vac/Care: 407259020H A.S.C: 407256614X
To request a pack by E-mail write to: info@brouleeafterschoolcare.com
**Questacon Invention Convention**

The *Questacon Smart Moves Invention Convention* is a three-day workshop that provides you with the knowledge and skills you need to develop your bright ideas further. It is open to Australian high school students aged 14 to 18.

In 2012 an *Invention Convention* workshop will take place at **Eurobodalla Adult Education Centre Batemans Bay** from 17 to 19 April 2012. Each of the three days will run from 9 am to 4.30 pm (8.45 am registration) and lunch will be provided. A $30 registration fee will apply.

Visit the Questacon website to apply and for more information [http://www.questacon.edu.au/](http://www.questacon.edu.au/). **Applications close Friday 30 March 2012.**

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**Holiday Art Classes**

**Art Central 24 Church St. MORUYA Ph: 44743123**  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES**  
**April 2012**  
ART CENTRAL, 24 Church St. Moruya, has classes during the April School Holidays 2011 for 7 year olds & over.

Classes will be $10 per child these holidays (parents welcome). For more information or to book in please phone ART CENTRAL on 44743 123.

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**CPR/First Aid**  
Course to be held at Malabar Indoor Pool Moruya on Sunday 15th April.  
For more information please phone Michelle on 4474 5169 or email malabarpool@gmail.com