



Weekly Bulletin

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WEEK 2 - TERM 4

On School Uniform

The level of student compliance with consistent uniform wearing is falling away. This concerns me and many others in our school community.

Students wearing the school uniform on a daily basis has many benefits including defining our school identity, developing a sense of belonging and school spirit in our students, promoting the values of inclusiveness, non discrimination and equal opportunity. Being in uniform is an essential component in ensuring student health and safety by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders. And for families it is more affordable than paying for transiently fashionable and expensive clothes that our students are tempted to wear through peer pressure.

I have indicated to the P&C that I am seeking confirmation from them that our parents and community support a school policy of consistent uniform wearing by our students, and that they will also support the measures the school will use to increase uniform compliance. These will include strategies to encourage the wearing of uniform, and sanctions and extra duties for those students who are out of uniform without seeking an exemption. In some cases it may be necessary to exclude students from certain activities if health and safety or the school image is compromised.

At school we are currently reviewing a policy for increasing uniform compliance and at our next P&C meeting I have flagged the school uniform policy as a topic for discussion. If parents or carers would like to be involved in that then they are welcome to attend. Otherwise you may wish to provide us with your thoughts by contacting our CLO Mandy Hallinan.

School Program review

As I write the first phase of our program review is nearing completion. While some preliminary information will be provided to the staff today, a full report with recommendations will be completed over the next week or two. I have been very impressed with the rigour and depth of the process and thank the review team for their work. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Jan L'Orange – parent representative and Robert Gartner – teacher representative who have been very giving of their time and energy to make this an effective and inclusive process. Thank you also to all the parents, students and teachers who willingly participated in the interview process and gave us some valuable insight and feedback. I am confident that this process will give our school the clear direction and support it needs to ensure that our student welfare and learning programs are highly effective.

STOP PRESS! :

Due to one of our key primary schools not being able to attend the Yr 7 2010 family orientation barbeque on 3 December 2009, we have decided to change the date to Thursday 10 December 2009 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Ian Graham

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Forward your email address to mullumbimbh-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with "School Newsletter" on the subject line to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin, the monthly School Newsletter as well as other important pieces of information. Please also give your name, your child's name and year level.

Diary Term 4

Monday 9/11 & Tuesday 10/11

School Certificate Exams

Tuesday 17/11 - Friday 20/11

All My Own Work

Friday 10/11

Yr 11 Presentation/Reports

Monday 23/11

P & C Meeting

Friday 11/12

Yr 10 Presentation Ceremony

Monday 14/12

Yr 7,8, & 9 Presentation Ceremony

Friday 18/12—End of Term 4

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

It is important to nominate people who may be called in the event of an emergency when the parents cannot be contacted. Ideally, someone who lives close to the school is preferable. If this emergency person has moved on, don't forget to update your details. Call the school on 6684 2600.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our new canteen is running very successfully with a wonderful new menu. Copies of the menu and item prices can be found on our website.

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Excellence through challenge and support-

Talking to Young People about Alcohol and Drugs

It is best for education about alcohol and drugs to begin before young people are exposed to personal decisions about their use. Young people who have accurate information, coping and decision making skills and understand the issues, will be in a good position to make responsible decisions about alcohol and drugs.

Parents and carers can begin this education in the home and support school and other programs such as the RRISK Seminars. Parents also provide a powerful role model when it comes to drinking and attitudes to alcohol and other drugs.

Take time to talk. For example, sitting down with the young person in your care and mapping out a plan of action and what to say if they are offered drugs or alcohol can help equip them for the almost inevitable real event. Listen to what the young person in your family says about alcohol and drugs and follow up with a discussion. Take the opportunities when they come up during everyday activities, for example:

When you pour a glass of alcohol

When alcohol or other drugs are mentioned on TV or other media

When using or giving out medicines

When your young person has an assignment on alcohol, smoking, medicines or other drugs.

It is important to understand that in some situations young people may take risks. Sitting down afterwards and helping them identify where things started to go wrong enables them to consider what they could do differently the next time they are faced with a similar situation.

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our new website www.rrisk.com.au


SCHOOLIES HUB BYRON BEACHFRONT NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

SCHOOLIES VOLUNTEERS			
RSA Volunteers Responsible Service of Alcohol volunteers have had training in supporting people who are over intoxicated	First Aid Volunteers providing general first aid in their role as the first and supporting Schoolies who may have injured themselves	Activities Volunteers on the beach and in the park day time fun and entertainment activities, beach games, fun things to do...	Child Care Volunteers helping at the 24hr nurse information centre, dentures, welfare...

'SCHOOLIES HUB' NOV 21-DEC 6, 2009

Byron is seeking volunteers to help make sure that the young people coming to Byron for their 'Schoolies Celebrations' have a good time and celebrate safely. We need all sorts of people to volunteer just a small amount of time that could make a big difference for these young people. The beach front 'Hub' tent will be open for the entire duration of 'Schoolies' and needs to be manned on a 24 hour basis. We are particularly looking for people who may have special skills such as First aid or RSA training. We also need people to run activities and beach games, musicians and entertainers and also those that just want to help out.

To register as a volunteer for the 2009 'Schoolies Hub' email: byronvolunteers@yahoo.com.au or phone Nicqui Yazdi on 0402013177



BRUNSWICK HEADS COMMUNITY CARE COUNCIL ART IN THE PARK @ Brunswick Heads

Brunswick Heads Youth Activities Group will be hosting ART in the PARK at the Housie Shed in Banner Park on Saturday 7 November from 10 a.m.

Young artists are encouraged to come along and help us make Banners and Posters for our events.

We would also like to get young people involved in decorating the interior walls of the Housie Shed. The mural on the adjacent storage shed in Banner park also needs a makeover. The "theme" for artworks will be "Summer, Fun in the Sun", and reflect the many positive fun activities young people can do over the summer holidays.

For further information contact Michele on 6680 3163



YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL BROTHER OR SISTER !

climate change? further education? cultural differences? language? study habits? careers?

AND WHAT FUN TEACHING HIM/HER ABOUT AUSTRALIAN CULTURE.



Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

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HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS

FREE workshops for parents and supervising drivers

Enterprise Training Company in association with the RTA are running FREE 2 hour workshops to help you with practical advice about :

- * Understanding of the new laws for **L** and **P** Licence holders
- * Supervising learner drivers
- * Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- * Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road **driving** experience

The next workshops in our area will be held :

On: Monday 9 November

At: 7 p.m. To 9.00 p.m.

Venue: Byron Bay Services Club

Book now on : 1800 007 400

Bookings Essential

UNIFORM SALES

The uniform shop is open on Monday 1pm to 3pm and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30. a.m.

Special prices

Blue shirts \$22,
PE shirts \$27.

Stock up now for the new school year.



Times don't suit? Leave your order in a sealed envelope at the front office. Check that it has size, child's name and class and correct money, cash or cheque included. Mark the envelope "Uniform shop".

Wanted good quality second hand shirts for the uniform shop to sell. It is our aim to dress our students as easily and cost effectively as possible in school uniform.

Thanks from the P&C for your support.