FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Friday night, we held the P&F Trivia Night in the Branson Centre. It was a terrific night – about 80 people attended in a range of excellent costumes. The theme was rock and roll!

Some great prizes were up for auction. Thanks must go to Mrs Claire Simmonds, who pulled this event together and spent many hours finding sponsors and prizes for the event. Special thanks also to our own quiz master, Mr Tim Egan, who put together a taxing but very enjoyable program.

Thanks also to Ms Erika Smith, who assisted with the administration before the event and as a coordinator on the night. Michael Crossland was our auctioneer, and over $7,500 was raised for the P&F. Our many sponsors are acknowledged at the end of this newsletter. We are very grateful for their support.

This week, we have hosted three students from Nakazato Middle School in Sasebo, Japan. They have joined classes and been hosted by three of our students in Years 8 and 9. Sasebo is Coffs Harbour’s sister city in Japan. Each year, one of the local high schools that offers Japanese language hosts a group from Sasebo. Our three hosting students will make a reciprocal visit to Sasebo in December.

Congratulations this week to:

- Lillian Kok-McCosker (9), who has been selected to participate in the Girls’ Choice summer school at the University of Newcastle
- Natalie Giri (4) who won a gold medal at the recent Sports Aerobics national championships

To all of our athletes who competed at the NCIS Athletics carnival last week, and to our Age Champions from that carnival:
- Boys Junior Primary Runner Up – Zac Hart (5)
- Boys Junior Primary Champion – Harry Ward (3)
- Boys 11 Yrs Runner Up – Tom Sweeney (5)
- Boys 11 Yrs Champion – Zane Misios (6)
- Equal Boys 12 Yrs Champion – Max Jones (6)
- Girls 12 yrs R/Up – Chloe Davis (7)
- Boys 12 yrs Champion – Tyler Davenport-Rassouli (7)
- Girls 13 yrs R/Up – Cicely Bennett (7)
- Boys 14 yrs R/Up – Sam Parker-Reynolds (8)
- Boys 16 Yrs R/Up – Ben Allen (11)
- Boys 16 Yrs Champion – Toby McCann (10)
- Girls 17 yrs Champion – Emily Malouf (11)
- Boys 17 yrs Equal R/Up – Je Jacobs (10)
- Girls 18 yrs R/Up – Kalina Bennett (12)
- Girls 18 yrs Champion – Ashleigh Van Den Boogaard (12)

Record Breakers:
- Tom Sweeney (5) Boys 11 yrs High Jump
- Max Jones (6) set a new record for Boys 12 yrs High Jump
- Junior Boys relay team – Harry Ward (3), Michael Spinoglio (4), Zac Hart (5), and Aydin Yumru (4)
- Tyler Davenport-Rassouli (7) Boys 12 yrs Long Jump
- Bridgette Ward (8) Girls 14 yrs Javelin
- Kalina Bennett (12) Girls 18 yrs 800m
- Ashleigh Van Den Boogaard (12) Girls 18 yrs 200m, 400m and Long Jump
- BDC won both the Primary and Secondary Shields at the carnival

REMEMBER

It is a College requirement that one term’s notice must be given if a student is to leave the school. Advice regarding students who will not return in 2014 should be sent to Mrs Lyn Mercer  lmercer@bdc.nsw.edu.au by the last day of this term. This applies also to Year 10 students who are leaving at the end of this year.

Principal’s App of the week: Instagram

Alan Ball
Principal

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

This week in Chapel we listened to the words of Jesus as told in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. After much reflection this led me to focus on those who have become lost, not only to God, but within the families of our society. I visited the National Missing Persons Coordination Centre website for accurate information and in Australia it is estimated that over 35,000 persons are reported missing to the Australian Federal Police every year.

The astounding statistics are that at least 20,000 of that number are young people under the age of 18. These are quite frightening statistics and as a parent it makes me wonder what is happening to our families? Of the estimated 35,000 who are reported missing in Australia, more than 95 percent are located within a very short period of time (usually one week). However there remains a significant...
number, more than 1,600 who are listed as long term missing, that is missing for more than six months.

There are three primary groups at risk of going missing: those suffering from a mental illness, young people (particularly females aged between 13 and 17) and the elderly. The reasons for going missing are many and varied, voluntary and involuntary, and include anxiety, depression, misadventure, homelessness, dementia, and domestic violence, becoming a victim of crime, drugs/alcohol abuse.

Most children that are reported missing are located safe and well within 24 hours. Common reasons for children going missing include a breakdown in communication, family conflict, domestic violence, mental health issues, peer pressure and drug/alcohol abuse. Only a small percentage of missing children are the result of stranger abductions.

One of the frequently asked questions is - Do you need to wait 24 hours before reporting a person missing? and the response is - You do not have to wait 24 hours to report someone as missing. If you have serious concerns for the safety and welfare of a person and their whereabouts are unknown, then you may immediately report them missing to your local police.

The outcome for the Prodigal Son was one of much happiness and celebration upon his return and the deeper understanding of the parable reveals that, when we turn away from God and humbly repent of our wrongdoing God celebrates our return. Jesus told this parable to show us the love that God has for us, that God waits patiently, with loving compassion to restore us when we return with humble hearts and its when we admit we are wrong that God is blind to our weaknesses and failings and celebrates our return to his tender love. God is our Creator and Gods love is for all of humanity. Many of us grow to know the love of God whether we are certain or uncertain of our paths even if we’ve wasted the love and have left the straight and narrow path.

As we go through the process of discernment in this Diocese, I would ask you to please pray the Prayer for a Time of Choosing a Bishop.

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

You may have noticed all of the daffodils on sale around Coffs Harbour this week. 23 August is Daffodil Day and is in recognition growing HOPE for a brighter cancer free future. The daffodil is the international symbol for Hope for all touched by cancer. This is the Cancer Councils largest fundraising event and raises essential funds for cancer prevention and support services. If you would like to find out more please and support the Cancer Council please visit www.daffodilday.com.au

DATE CLAIMER:
St John's Annual Garage Sale is being held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 24 August from 7a.m. until 12.30 in the parish.
Ichthus Primary Camp Years 4-6 at Lennox Head from 29 September registrations forms available if you follow this link.
Ichthus Junior High Camp Years 7-9 at Scotts Head registration forms available if you follow this link.

Throughout our journey may we grow and reap the good harvest as we too discover Jesus together.

Shalom
Rev Marion Tanfield
Chaplain

SECONDARY SCHOOL

FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

This week at our Secondary assembly our senior spotlight was delivered as usual by one of our student executive members. Bailee Dean spoke about the concept of ‘paying it forward’ in terms of kindness. Rather than repaying someone for a kind deed after the fact, think of someone and give them a compliment or some form of assistance without feeling the need to be repaying a favour. Who will you think of this week and how do they need your help?

I would also remind parents to speak to children about our Secondary school rights and responsibilities. These are clearly stated in the College diary and are a good reference point for all students regarding the expectations we have of them. The right to feel safe in any environment is of particular note this week. There have been some lapses recently where students are not respecting others' rights to feel safe. I am talking specifically about harassment and threats to safety. This is and never will be acceptable behavior for students of BDC.

Thank you to the families who attended the Post Secondary Options Evening here this week. Apart from the HSC, Year 12 students have many options to consider at this time of the year. Please do your research into options such as early entry, scholarships, University preferences, accommodation options, gap years and the like. Our Careers Advisor Mrs Crisp is available to assist with the various opportunities available, so please make an appointment to speak with her. Thank you to everyone who was involved with preparing this opportunity on Wednesday for our families.
SECONDARY SOCIAL
The Year 12 Executive have organized a social for Years 7-12 students on Thursday 29 March. It will be here in the College theatre and will run from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Please be organised, particularly with the pick up time so that staff are not waiting around late in the evening. This event is strictly for BDC students only.

Tim Egan
Assistant Principal (Head of Secondary)

VISUAL ART
It is our pleasure to announce that one of our students, Tori Yardley in Year 8 entered the annual art competition run by Operation Art in association with Westmead Hospital and was selected to exhibit! Tori’s work was titled ‘Freedom’ and was painted with a focus to enhance a child’s experience while in hospital. Her work will be exhibited at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. Congratulations Tori! Tori will receive her certificate at her Year 8 Meeting soon.

There are a number of art competitions running at present. Please collect entry forms from Mrs Brown's desk or see her for more clarification (HSIE Staffroom).

The Nambucca Valley Arts Council Biennial Art competition is asking for any student artists to enter the youth section. 12 Years - 16 years. First prize $200.00 and other prizes available. Your entry can be any medium or subject but there are strict hanging criteria. Please collect entry brochure for details. Closes 18th September.

The C.EX Coffs Camera Club invites non-professional nature photographers to enter the Marnie Yeates Nature Photography Competition. Entry fee $10.00, closes 31 August.

Rebecca Brown
Visual Arts Faculty

CSIRO TOURING EDUCATION PROGRAM
In Week 8 of this term, on Thursday 5 September, all Year 8 students will be able to attend an exciting Science Show presented by the CSIRO at the College. It’s called “Electricity, Forces and Motion” and will explore how matter and energy interact through demonstrations of forces, conservation of angular momentum, magnetic and electrical fields and, light and sound properties. Attendance has been approved for all Year 8 students and the fee of $6.50 will be automatically billed to family accounts. There is no need to pay online or to send in a permission note.

Sue Siwinski
Head of Science Faculty

DRAMA
HSC Drama Performance Nights will take place this weekend on Saturday and Sunday 6.00pm -7.30pm and Monday Week 7, 6.30pm-8.00pm in the College Theatre. These nights function as preparation for the HSC External Practical Examination, which is on next Wednesday. The Group and Individual Performance pieces are in their final, polished state and this is the last chance to see them.

Ethel Cooper
Head of Drama Faculty

PRIMARY SCHOOL
FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY
The Mufti Day yesterday was a great success! I have never seen so many Harry Potter's in one place before, or princesses and fairies. It is wonderful when the community gets involved and the children loved showing off their costumes at assembly yesterday afternoon. Some people showed amazing creativity without spending a lot of money and this just adds to the enjoyment.

Teachers have been discussing their concerns regarding school lunches. We all want to see our children grow up healthy and without future health issues. Many children are bringing processed and packaged food for recess and lunch every day. Treats are great occasionally but not for school. Below are some ideas for you to try. Of course children should be taking responsibility for making their own lunches by the time they are in Year 5.

If you would like to discuss this or any other matter, please come and see me, give me a ring or drop me an email.

Karin Lisle
Assistant Principal (Head of Primary)
**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club Issue No. 6 booklets have been distributed and orders will close on Monday 2nd September. Orders may be sent to school and handed to your child’s teacher at any time before that date. For parents who are new to Book Club as well as a reminder to those who have placed orders in the past, the following things need to be noted when filling out a Book Club order:

- Fill out your child’s full name and class on the order form, clearly mark all items to be ordered.
- Credit card payments are made by telephone or online BEFORE you send the order to school. The information slip on the bottom of the order form is sent to school with the Book Club order.

Please note that all payments for Book Club is now to be done by telephone or online with your credit or debit card. You will receive a receipt number after you have paid and this is to be written in the space provided at the bottom of the order form. Orders are then sent to school as usual.


Thank you for your support of Book Club. Your orders enable us to receive extra books for our classrooms, library and teacher resources by way of a rewards system. Most importantly, it is a great way to keep our children reading.

Lorelle Newton
Book Club Coordinator

**GRADE OF THE WEEK - KINDERGARTEN**

This term KJ are learning about farms. We have been learning about dairy products and we decided to have a go at making butter. It took a long time but we worked together and we did it! We got to enjoy our butter on some biscuits. YUMMY! Here is how we did it...

Ethan Lastavec drew a picture of a duck swimming in a pond. He then coloured it in using water colour paints.
It has been Moo-velous. We have made lots of animals including Emily's cheeky Chook. We did some fabulous writing about our Book Week Parade.
MUSICAL NOTES

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE
Thanks to Max Egan, Jeff Deng and the Secondary Choir for terrific performances at assembly this week.

THE ROYAL TREATMENT
Bishop Druitt College will be special guests at the Coffs Harbour City Orchestra’s Gala Concert on Sunday 25th August, in the Branson Centre, at Bishop Druitt College. Our Head of Secondary, Mr Egan, is the Conductor of the Coffs City Orchestra. We will be the feature group and play several pieces. We will then combine with our hosts to form a massive Orchestra for a couple of pieces.
Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 concession and free admission for all school age students.
Tickets to be purchased at the door on the day. Hope to see you there!

HSC PRACTICAL EXAMINATION DATES 2013
The Board of Studies has informed us that the HSC Music 2 practical examinations will be on Thursday 12 September from 1:40 – 3:25pm in Music Room 1. The HSC Music 1 practical examinations will be on Friday 13 September from 12:50 – 3:05pm.

TIMPANI
The Timpani arrived yesterday! We used them in the rehearsal last night for Sunday’s concert “The Royal Treatment”. We are very excited to have this fantastic equipment. Thank you to the fundraising support to be able to purchase this equipment.

Dale Condon
Head of Music K-12

COLLEGE SPORT

NCIS ATHLETICS
BDC students once again performed with distinction at the regional athletics carnival last week, taking out a number of major awards and winning both the Primary and Secondary Champion Schools for 2013.

NCIS Primary Athletics Age Champion Awards
Boys Jnr Primary R/ Up – Zac Hart
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Max Jones set a new record for Boys 12 yrs High Jump
Junior Boys Relay Team also set a new NCIS Record

NCIS Secondary Age Champion Awards
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UPCOMING EVENTS
NCIS Netball and Tennis Gala Day – Wednesday August 28, Grafton

Jim Webber
Sports Administrator K-12
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PARENTS AND FRIENDS

P&F TRIVIA & AUCTION NIGHT
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FATHERS’ DAY STALL – WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST
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COLLEGED COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
25 Aug Primary School Tournament of the Minds
28 Aug NCIS Tennis & Netball Gala Day Year 4-12
29 Aug Year 3 Camp

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**BDC Trivia rocks on...**

The Parents and Friends Rock Star Trivia Night was our largest yet, thanks to the space now available in the Branson Centre. More than 140 people came out to play quizmaster Tim Egan’s amazing challenges and raise money for support resources for students with learning difficulties. Some photos ...

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**TATTY ROCKERS:** Kristy Lane, Mike Jones, Caz Heise, Jacinta Young, Juliette Law, Terahn Robinson and David Law.

**WHIP IT:** Best Dressed Man and finalists

**ADDICTED TO LOVE:** Susan Robertson, Libby Crispin and Paul Driscoll.

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**Thanks... to the generous sponsors of our BDC Rock Star Trivia Night:**

- Jetty Memorial Theatre
- Novotel Pacific Bay Resort
- Gourmand Ingredients
- Terry White Chemists
- Moffat Falls Lodges & Cottages
- Curves for Women
- Robson & Oliver
- Village Sports Coffs Harbour
- Scott Geddes and Margaret Roberts at The Dental Centre
- NSW Realestate
- Heritage Healers
- Novaskill
- Bishop Druitt College Executive Masterchef Team
- Dolphin Marine Magic
- Alchemy in Bellingen
- Big Banana
- Clairity Public Relations
- The O’Ferrall Family
- MAP Training Pty Ltd
- Coffs Coast Advocate
More social pictures of the Trivia Night...

LUCKY LAST: The last roll of the coin was also the closest to the prize in a climatic finish.

DEUCE: Winners of the Best Dressed Team—Vincent Joseph, Kay Joseph, Jo Ferguson, Louise Rose, David ‘Ace’ Rose, Rob and Nicole Foster.

LOVELY LADIES: Best Dressed Women finalists.

Thanks... to the generous sponsors of our BDC Rock Star Trivia Night:

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Coffs Candy Kitchen
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