

# Newsletter

## Engaging minds, Empowering success

### IMPORTANT DATES

Mon	Feb 25	K-2 Assembly 1.40pm
Mon	Mar 4	PSSA NC G Cricket - Sawtell
Mon	Mar 4	Yr3-6 Assembly 1:40pm
Tues	Mar 5	PSSA District Football (soccer) Trials B&G
Wed	Mar 6	PSSA NC Swimming - M'bah
Wed	Mar 6	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
Thur	Mar 7	PSSA District Tennis Trials
Fri	Mar 8	P&C Trivia Night 6:30 for 7pm start
Mon	Mar 11	K-2 Assembly 1:40pm
Mon	Mar 11	PSSA District AFL Sth Twd Juniors
Fri	Mar 15	PSSA FNC Tennis Kingscliff
Mon	Mar 18	Yr3 - Yr6 Assembly 1:40pm
Tues	Mar 19	School Photos
Tues	Mar 19	PSSA District Hockey B&G
Wed	Mar 20	School Photos
Wed	Mar 20	PSSA FNC Football (soccer) Trials
Thur	Mar 21	PSSA Softball Knockout Gala Day
Fri	Mar 22	PSSA District RL Open's & U11's
Mon	Mar 25	PSSA FNC AFL Trials Byron Bay
Mon	Mar 25	K-2 Assembly 1:40pm
Tues	Mar 26	PSSA NC Tennis Grafton
Fri	Mar 29	PSSA RL Knockout Gala Day
Mon	Apr 1	Yr3 - Yr6 Assembly 1:40pm
Mon	Apr 1	PSSA NC Football Trials Grafton
Mon	Apr 8	Staff Development Day - Pupil Free

#### Little Grommets OOSH

Before School Care 6:30am – 8:30am  
After School Care 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Vacation Care 7:00am – 6:00pm  
info@grommetsooshc.com.au

#### P&C MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of the month  
from 6.30pm in the Staff Room

#### P & C STUDENT BANKING TUESDAYS

#### P & C UNIFORM SHOP

Mon 8:30 - 9:15 am  
Tue 2:30 - 3:15 pm  
Julie-Anne Frech 0406 505 071

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

### TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY MARCH 8 2019

Everyone loves a trivia night. As Principal I love seeing parents and community coming together. Please gather a group of friends and put a table together for the forthcoming P&C Trivia Night to be held Friday March 8th in the school hall. Details are found later in the newsletter.

### MEET THE TEACHER EVENINGS

Thank you to the many hundreds of parents and students who attended our K-2 and 3-6 'Meet The Teacher / Parent Information' evenings over the last two Wednesday evenings.

Schools are about people. People thrive when successful relationships exist. Thank you for taking the time to come to school and meet your child's teacher. Students from families who have relationships with the class teacher will build on this and engage successfully in the classroom, on the sportsfield and in the playground. In making the effort to attend you have signalled to your child that you value school and learning and happiness at school. Please continue to stop in to see the teacher and 'check in' on how your child is progressing throughout the school year. This will help you, your child and your child's teacher all understand each other just a little better.



Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments are being taken now. Please contact the school office to register your child.

## ATTENDANCE AT BPPS IN 2019

**Attendance at BPPS:** Attendance continues to be strong at Banora Point PS with an attendance rate in 2016 of 94%, 94% again in 2017 and 93% in 2018. This compares with 2013 at 93% and 2014 at 95%. Average attendance for all NSW Public Schools in 2018 was 93%. An attendance rate of 93% equates to approximately 14 days absent each school year; or 3.5 days each term. Our school seeks to improve attendance in 2019 back to 2014/2015 levels.

**Extended Leave:** Families who elect to take family holidays during school term, can no longer apply for a 'certificate of exemption' from NSW Public Schools under 2016 adjusted NSW Department of Education policy. Exemption means excluded from total absence count. While our school will on occasion approve 'leave' for special one off holidays during school term dates (Overseas trips, etc) absences accumulated from extended holidays are included in the count under policy requirements. Our school recognises that family holidays are rich experiences where our students learn much about the world, however, parents are reminded that these absences are included in both the child's attendance record and the school's. Parents looking to travel on holidays during school term are asked to complete an 'Application for Extended Leave' form – available from the office. This will be processed by the Principal.

**Arrival Time:** The official school times for our school are 9:00am to 3:00pm. The playground is open 30 minutes before classes commence and teachers are rostered on duty in the playground from 8.30am. Students arriving after 8:15am and before 8:30am are asked to sit quietly in the COLA where supervision will be provided. Children should not be arriving at school before this time. Parents are reminded BPPS OOSH does provide child care before school.

**Attendance Procedures at BPPS:** Whole and part day absences are recorded and registered each day by Banora Point PS staff following DoE policy and guidelines. **Students who have attendance rates below 85% will be identified as a concern** and are required to be followed up by school and or regional staff. 85% attendance rate equates to approximately 8 days absent each term or three school weeks each semester and will have a negative impact on learning.

**Late arrivals:** At BPPS, the school day commences at 9:00am and finishes at 3:00pm. Students who arrive at school after 9:00am are required to present to the office and get a 'late slip' before proceeding to class. **At 9:15 am students are 15 minutes late and will be recorded as a 'partial absence'. Students who arrive after 9:15am at BPPS are required to be signed in at the office by an adult before going to class.** In the circumstance where students arrive after 9:15am unattended by an adult, 15 minutes after the school day has started, the parent will be contacted and asked to return to the school to sign the child in. This process ensures that both parents and school staff have full knowledge of our students' whereabouts at all times. If you are running late, please help us by following this process. There will always need to be a cut off and we believe 15 minutes is reasonable. Thank you.

**Early leavers:** When a student is collected early, prior to 3:00pm, parents are asked to report to the office in the first instance and collect a leave slip from the office. This slip is passed to the teacher upon collection of the child. This process ensures the school can account for all students at all times – which is critical in the event of an emergency. Late arrivals and early leavers will be recorded as a 'partial absence' (P) as per DoE guidelines.

**Administration of student absences:** When a child is away from school their absence is declared on the attendance register. Parents and carers are asked to notify the school (in writing - within 7 calendar days of the absence occurring) of the reason for absence. This note must be provided within seven days of the student's return to school and must clearly state the student's name and class, and be signed by a parent/ guardian.

**Unexplained absences:** If the school does not receive notification within 7 days of an absence occurring, the absence is required under NSW DoE Policy to be registered as absence unexplained (A) and cannot be changed. Absence unjustified will also be recorded (A) on the attendance register when the reason for absence is deemed unsatisfactory. An example of an unsatisfactory explanation might be 'My child was absent because we went shopping' or 'My child was absent because he was away.' Your co - operation in providing written explanations for all absences on your child's first day back at school is appreciated. A phone call before the absence where possible to supply appropriate information is appreciated.

**Sick:** Students who are unwell are recorded as sick (S). Our school may ask parents to supply a medical certificate after three consecutive sick days. A medical certificate is not required for absences of one or two days but may be requested by the school for absences of three days or more. Parents may choose to supply a medical certificate for sick leave for any number of school days.

**Leave:** When there is absence and the child is not sick, schools can grant leave (L) for special or significant events such as religious occasions, funerals, festivals or special family events. Schools are limited as to how many leave (L) days can be granted annually.

**Extended Leave:** Families who look to take extended holidays are advised that a special 'application for extended leave' form is now available from the office. This must be done in advance of the extended leave and cannot be completed post absence.

## **STUDENTS ENTERING SCHOOL PREMISES OUT OF HOURS**

All parents carers are advised that the school is determined to be 'inclosed lands'. Inclosed not enclosed. This means that entry onto the grounds without prior permission is prohibited out of school hours. Should any BPPS student be identified on the premises out of hours, and there be damage to school property, it is likely they may be held responsible for the damage because they were seen to be there when the damage occurred. Please remind your children that students are not permitted in the school after hours. This includes scooters, bicycles and skateboards. We are trying very hard to bring up the presentation of our school grounds and damage is usually incurred out of hours.

## **NOTE TO PARENTS AND CARERS RE: SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT CHANGE**

Thank you to the 72% (430 notes) of families who returned the note from the school requesting permission for a change in dates for the School Development Day in Term Three – Monday July 22nd to be brought forward to Monday April 8th Week 11 Term One.

The result shows the majority of parents are in favour of this change and thus the school will proceed with the change. 96% of notes returned indicated Yes in favour.

To confirm

- Monday April 8th will be a student free day
- Monday July 22nd will now be a normal school day with all students required to be in attendance

Paul Taylor  
Principal

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - STAGE ONE STAFF

On Tuesday 19th February Stage 1 staff met for the day for a day of professional development about strong curriculum design. Year 1 and Year 2 teachers co designed a unit on the theme of identity, with each grade doing a different aspect of the unit. The unit design was carefully crafted to ensure learning for our students is challenging, engaging and empowering. There is a strong thread of students developing a 'sweaty brain' when they engage with activities and they will be encouraged to work together. In the coming weeks you will hear about the lessons we've designed and of course you can follow their learning journey by downloading Seesaw, where teachers will regularly post examples of what we're doing.

Mrs Crawford

Assistant Principal Stage One



## SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

School Photos will be held Tuesday 19 March and Wednesday 20 March. Envelopes with ordering information will be distributed from The School Photographer. All students will have their photo taken regardless of whether they return their photo envelope. The photos will include a portrait and a traditional class photo. There is no need to return photo envelopes to the office, please hand them directly to The School Photographer.

Sibling Photo Envelopes will be available from the school office. More information will follow.

All students should be in day uniform. This includes full black school shoes. Girls should be wearing green, white or black hair accessories. We will endeavour to share the schedule prior to photo day to ensure students are in the correct uniform.

## BANORA'S BITES - CANTEEN NEWS

Our new menu is out. Should you not have received a copy please contact the office.

Remember.... Return you finished tray of Thai Coconut Curry or Fried Rice or Butter Chicken and receive a 50c ice treat.

Sandy and the team

# ROBOTS CLUB

Hands on fun with robots and coding!

## Murwillumbah Library

Tuesdays 4pm-5pm  
beginning Tuesday 26 February  
phone 02 6670 2427

## Kingscliff Library

Wednesdays 4pm-5pm  
beginning Wednesday 27 February  
phone 02 6674 1607

## Tweed Heads Library

Thursdays 4pm-5pm  
beginning Thursday 28 February  
phone 07 5569 3150



Join our seven week club where you can learn how to block-code robotic movements, use sensors to detect walls and objects, and use light boards to display messages!

Robotics Club is fun and hands-on with lots of cool tricks you can code.

Bring a friend or make new friends while creating something fun.

If you have your own tablet, please bring it along, or just use one of ours!

**Richmond Tweed Regional Library**  
Connect. Discover. Escape.

# THE BATTLE OF BANORA



## TRIVIA & GAMES NIGHT

*Friday*

8th  
MAR

6.30pm  
for 7pm

Theme: Nautical or anything relating to the water

Entry: \$5 or purchase a table of 8

Where: BPPS Hall  
97 Pioneer Parade, Banora Point

Pre-purchased entry includes a ticket in the raffle for an amazing Berger Houseboat Holidays prize (value \$1400).

Additional tickets available on the night.



Book your tickets online at  
[www.trybooking.com/470925](http://www.trybooking.com/470925)

This is an 18 years+ event

Any questions please contact the BPPS P&C at [banorapointpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:banorapointpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/bppspc](https://facebook.com/bppspc)

BYO  
food, alcohol, drinks,  
table decorations

Prizes for  
best dressed  
and best table  
decoration

Bring gold  
coins to  
participate  
in games





**Active Kids Vouchers**

Did you know that the NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids Program? Parents, guardians and carers can easily apply for a voucher valued at \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school!

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. For more information, visit <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>



**TENNIS COACHING - BANORA POINT PRIMARY**

Monday 3:00 - 3:30pm  
 Wednesday 8:00 - 9:00am  
 Thursday 8:00 - 9:00am  
 Saturday 9:00 - 9:30am (juniors/beginners)  
 Saturday 9:30 - 10:00am (12 yr+)

Enrol now for 2019  
 Paul Mobile: 0475 788 818 \$10 per person



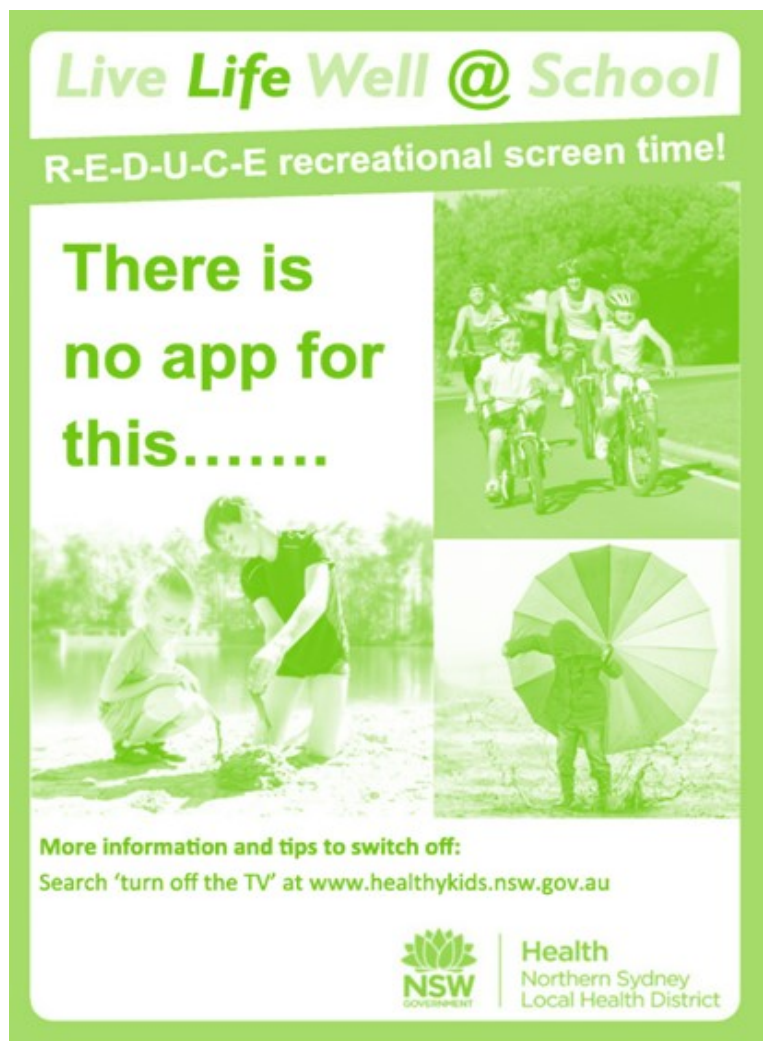
**Are you interested in playing rugby league?**  
 South Tweed Junior Rugby League caters for the ages of 5-16 year old's. Register now!

Register Online  
 Go to [southtweedjrl.sportingpulse.net](http://southtweedjrl.sportingpulse.net)

**OR**  
 At the Club  
**WHEN:** At training on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 5pm-6pm.  
**WHERE:** South Tweed JRL Clubhouse, Corner of Fraser and Leisure Drive, Banora Point

Fees are \$210 for the 1st child, \$200 for the 2nd child, \$190 for 3rd child and free for 4th child

This includes playing shorts, socks, training shirt training shorts, club polo, insurance, trophies and BBQs



**Live Life Well @ School**

R-E-D-U-C-E recreational screen time!

**There is no app for this.....**

More information and tips to switch off:  
 Search 'turn off the TV' at [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

NSW GOVERNMENT | Health Northern Sydney Local Health District



**Live Life Well @ School**

A joint initiative between the NSW Ministry of Health and NSW Department of Education

**SAFETY ON WHEELS**

- It's the law for everyone to wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place. The helmet must meet Australian Standards and be securely fitted and fastened.
- Children under 16 and adult riders supervising them may ride on the footpath unless there is signage prohibiting this. Cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians.
- At intersections, children and adults must dismount and use safe pedestrian behaviour as they wheel the bike or scooter across the road.

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