This week we extend a warm welcome the Gauthier family; Emile in Yr 6, Laurent in Yr 5 and Beatrice in Yr 3 and know they will enjoy their time at Bexhill PS. Welcome also to our Kinder students who are settling in well.

Kinder parents, please return the Nth Star ‘permission to publish’ note if you haven’t already done so as the photo for the Kinder newspaper spread will be taken tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students on their election as 2013 school leaders.
CAPTAINS – Samantha G and Jack M
VICE CAPTAINS – Hannah and Harrison A. These students will be presented with their badges at a special assembly in the near future

NORTHERN RIVERS SWIMMING TRIALS - Nineteen students are representing the school today, along with Mrs Craigie as supervising teacher, at the First North Swimming trials in Alstonville so we wish them speedy swimming in their chosen events.

GSAC (Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre) 10 day INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM – Yrs 2-6
Please return your permission note, with payment, as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers attending.

UPDATE STUDENT INFORMATION – Please be sure to inform the school office of any student absences, changes to your contact details and any medical issues we should be aware of, either by phone or a signed note.

LIBRARY NEWS -
A big thank you to the 2012 Year 6 students, who generously donated some wonderful books to our library as a memory of their school life at Bexhill. A bookplate will be placed in the front of each book to acknowledge their contribution;

Savannah – High School Musical 2
Cameron – Prince Caspian, The Famous Five
Kai – Bear Grylls, Gold of the Gods
Kyle – Guiness World Records 2013
Zahri – The Koala, Creative Arts Award
Angus – Australian World Records 2013, Ripley’s Believe It Or Not 2013 Sp. Ed.

Taylah – Cathy Cassidy
Jade – There Was An Old Bloke Who Swallowed A Chook
Alex – Star Wars Character Encyclopedia
Tae – 200 Easy to Learn Magical Illusions
Jake – The 26th Storey Tree House
Jordan – Mulga Bill’s Bycicle

Many thanks, Melinda Hill

THANK YOU – Our marquee has arrived! Many thanks to the Glasby family for collecting the vouchers last year and also to the sponsors - Nth Star, Nth Rivers Echo, Newcastle Permanent & NIE.
The Woolies Earn & Learn and Coles Sport for Schools gear has also arrived...many thanks to all contributors.

CANTEEN
Thank you to all the parents who have already returned their canteen availability forms, the roster is being done up and the canteen will start on Monday February 18th.

P & C NEWS
Annual General Meeting and First Meeting for 2013
Monday night was our first meeting for the year and included the Annual General Meeting. A big thank you to those parents who attended the meeting and we look forward to see more parents throughout the year.
We would like to thank and acknowledge the out-going P & C Committee members and announce that the 2013 P & C Committee consists of: President : Eloise James  Secretary : Fiona Knight  Treasurer : Sue Glasby
SCHOOL FEES - The school fees pricing was discussed at length at the meeting and it was unanimously voted that the fees being marginally increased to **$70 per student for the year**. A fees notice is attached to the newsletter this week advising of the break-up of the fees and provide payment options.

SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGE-OVER

As many parents would be aware it was decided last year that we would change our existing uniform by updating the both the boys sky blue polo shirt and the yellow sports polo to a new style and colour combination, and change the hat to a microfiber hat that is softer and easier to launder. As you can appreciate BEFORE we start selling the new sport shirts we need to sell all the existing stock, so all current and recent purchasers will still receive the existing yellow shirts and it will be the same with the blue. The change-over is not expected to be completed until the end 2014, so please do not panic if you have just purchased new uniforms we **DO NOT** expect parents to turn around and purchase the new uniforms as soon as they arrive.

HATS - As mentioned above we are changing the hats over to a softer microfiber hat which will be easy for the children to store in their school bags and easier to wash. If you still wish your child to have a stiff broad-brim hat we do currently have some LARGE size ones in stock but are not going to continue stocking these, otherwise you will need to purchase a DARK NAVY one from either Best & Less, BIG W or K-Mart.

We have also conducted a review of the uniform prices and as such there will be a slight increase in the prices. The uniform prices have been the same for many years and as such we needed to look at the increases from the manufacturer.

**2013 - UNIFORM PRICE LIST**

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*Above: Farewell Y6 2012  Below: Christmas Choir*
7 February ‘13

2013 School Contribution

Dear Parent/Carer

Bexhill P & C plays an important role in helping the school purchase books, materials and equipment that are essential for the running of education programs for our children. In order to do this, we need your support!

Our school does not gain additional funding from the NSW Government, therefore in order to be able to continue offering these resources and activities it is essential that all families endeavor to pay the school contributions. The Government has in place the automatic Education Tax Refund for eligible families to help cover schooling costs.

P & C Associations who are affiliated with the Federation (as we are) are covered by public liability. To be covered by this insurance at P & C events (such as working bees etc.) you need to be a member of Bexhill P & C Association. We believe the $5 membership is a small price to pay for this peace of mind.

It was decided at the AGM that the School Contribution would increase to $70.00 per student. You may make payments in installments if this would suit you better. Below is a break-up of the amount to show you how the money will be used. Please return payment, with the slip below, to school in an envelope clearly marked with the family name so a receipt can be issued. Any cheques should be made payable to Bexhill Public School.

Thank you for your support. If you would like to be involved in decisions made for the school, or just have a cuppa and listen to what goes on, our meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7pm. (children may pass the time in the computer room). All Welcome, we look forward to seeing you there.

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SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION—2013

Students/family name: ______________________________

☐ $40.00 Voluntary School Contribution - goes to school to run educational programs

(includes $5.00 P & C Membership (for insurance cover mentioned above) and $5.00 Student Accident Insurance)

☐ $30.00 Text book and stationery levy per child - This goes towards Text Books, Stationery and Educational resources and subscriptions (some schools require students to purchase own text books which would be around $70.00 per student).

Instalments: Term 1 - $_______, Term 2 - $_______, Term 3 - $_______, Term 4 - $_______

Total amount enclosed $____________
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lismore Netball would like to invite children turning 6 to 10 years in 2013 who may wish to learn the skills and fun of our game to attend our “COME TRY DAY” on Saturday 23rd February 10am at the Lismore Netball Courts for an hour of fun. Join us and see if you are interested to join us for a 12 week program being run in both Lismore and Woodburn. *Please wear sports shoes, and bring plenty of water. No Cost. Contact Rachelle Watson at rlwatson.netball@hotmail.com for any further information.

Play Rugby Union in 2013! Bangalow Rugby Football Club is looking for players aged from 6 to 18 years to join our successful and growing Club for the 2013 season. Girls up to the age of 13 are welcome to play. Under 7s play touch footy and there are modified rules at all levels to ensure player safety. Junior games are played on Friday evening, so it’s possible to play Rugby as well as weekend sports. Bangalow junior rugby players also get the chance to participate in a range of other activities, including trips to watch the Wallabies. Sign on days: Saturday 16 and 23 February from 2.00pm to 4.00pm next to the Bangalow Bowling Club Contacts: Dave Phillips (0412 080 614) or Paul DeFina (0400 572 028) or www.Bangalowrugby.com

Workers Junior Sign-On – Albert Park Baseball Fields, 26th Feb & 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th march, 4-5.30pm. For more info call Scott McClelland 0423 050 299.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER - Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Garage Kid Art Studio is designed for primary school children 6-12 years of Age. Students attend one afternoon a week for the school term. Limited spaces are available on Tue, Wed and Thur 3.30-5.30pm. Students will be encouraged to attend each week for the duration of the school term. The Studio is at 5 James Street Girard’s Hill, Lismore. Starting date for Term 1 2013: Week 4, Tuesday 19th Feb, $25 per class, $200 for term 1. Term bookings essential Please call me if you have any questions or to arrange enrolment. Nikki Pearson.

Dunoon United Football Club - Sign On 2013; Saturday 9 Feb 9 – 1pm, Wednesday 13 Feb 4 – 6pm, Saturday 16 Feb 9 – 1pm Dunoon Sports Club. Register Online at: www.myfootballclub.com.au. Free ball and shin pads for all 5 – 7 yr olds, $10 early bird discount if paid by 31 March. Contact: Andy Bain 66895898, Matt Hill 0438 509284, email: dunoonunitedfc@ffnc.net.au

Free Single Parent Family Picnic - Fortnightly social gatherings starting Feb 19th at Heritage Par, Meet other single parents in a relaxed, fun environment, Free salads, snacks and cold drinks available (BYO BBQ meat). When: Tuesday, February 19th Where: Heritage Park, East Lismore, Time: 4.30pm – 6.30pm, Phone: 02 6623 2750, email: belinda.keech@interrelate.org.au Please RSVP by February 15th - Sponsored by Interrelate and the YWCA (A Communities for Children Initiative).

Eureka Football Club is encouraging children of all ages to join the local football club by offering a free ball. Eureka are are also looking for senior men and women. An information day will be held on Sat, Feb 23 and registrations and further info available at: http://eurekafc.com or call the Registrar - James on 6688 4079

MARIST BROTHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE - SIGN ON Saturday 9/2/13 and 16/2/13 10.00am – 1pm. At Crozier Field Lismore – next to Oakes Oval. Enq. Rick Lennon 0408 665554. New players please bring copy of birth certificate, medicare card & passport sized photo. Fees $115 includes shorts, socks, training shirt & boot bag.