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Bulletin – Term 4

Bexhill Staff wish all families a safe and Happy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year

IMPORTANT DATES - 2014
• Tuesday 28th Jan – Staff Development Day
• Wednesday 29th Jan- School resumes for Years 1 - 6
• 29th, 30th, 31st January Kinder Best Start
• Monday 3rd Feb – Kinder starts

IT’S YOUR BIRTHDAY
A big Happy Birthday to Lachy D in December and Krystal, Makayla, Ziggy, Kurt, Myra, Harry, Hannah, Seth and Byron all in January

IMPORTANT - OOSH NEWS
Dear Parents,
I am pleased to formally announce that we will be starting a before and after school care program at Bexhill School next year.
After several months of investigation and many meetings it has been decided that OOSH will be run by Kathy Degier, through Northern Rivers Family Day-care, on the school premises.
This is the cheaper alternative for parents, and you will still be able to claim your CCB and CCR benefits.

The service will run Monday to Friday,
Morning sessions will run from - 6:30am – 9am
Afternoon sessions will run from- 3:30pm-6:30pm

By law we can only have 7 children per session, per day, so places are limited. Depending on how popular this service is there may be a chance to up these numbers in the future.
As is with any childcare, once you have your spot you must pay for it, weather you use it or not.
If you think that you are interested in securing a spot, you will have to first register with Northern Rivers Family Day care in Lismore, then contact Kathy as soon as possible so she can work out how many spots will be available on what days.
The cost of this service is still being negotiated, but as mentioned before this will be a cheaper alternative to other options we had available to us, and we will know by the new year how much it will be per hour, and Kathy can work out based on your CCB percentages what you will pay.
For further information please contact Kathy Degier, via email or phone.
Email: dignkaf@hotmail.com - Phone: 0424436474/ 66284574
This is great news for our school and the community, and we are looking forward to starting this service, to help make life a little easier for our working parents.
FAREWELL BEXHILL

After seven fantastic years at Bexhill PS I stand here saying goodbye. Thank you to every teacher who helped and guided me over the years. Thank you Miss Aafjes for all the caring for me when I was sick or if I got hurt. Thank you to all my friends for making me enjoy and look forward to go to school every day. Now let’s go on to an achievement I have loved having: Being elected School vice-captain was a thrill and definitely a challenge. Thanks to everyone who allowed me to get that spot. I will never forget Primary School and all those great memories. Harrison

Before I begin I’d like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone that made it to this very special assembly. In this speech I’ll be giving my special mentions but, before that I’ll share my favourite moment at Bexhill Public School. We’ve experienced friendships, worries and woes but nothing like leaving each other, we never thought comprehending. Tears shall be shed in the very last moments but it’s just another chapter to our lives. I’d like to thank everyone who’s helped from transportation to helping me achieve my current academic skills. I’d finally like to thank my mum for encouraging me to do things I thought I couldn’t achieve or if I had a ‘rough’ or ‘boring’ day. I have never lost doubt in you Mum. I love you.
Thank you for letting me talk to you. Merry Christmas. Cooper

Today I will be giving a speech for the 2013 year 6 graduation. I will deliver a short speech for the time I’ve been here. I remember when I first came to this school. I was so excited because I had heard so many great things about the school. I spent my first two years with Mrs Toniello and my last year with Mrs Craigie for the first term and the rest with Mr Butler. I can’t thank those teachers enough.
I’m leaving this school with so many good memories but I couldn’t ever leave without thanking all of my teachers over the past three years, Mrs Aafjes in the office and all of my friends for being there when I really needed them. Thank you. Brendan

Firstly I would like to thank all the teachers who have taught me since Kindergarten. Mrs Hill and Mrs Mapstone in Kindergarten and First Class, Mr Clarke in Second Class, Miss Koch in Third Class, Mrs Toniello in Fourth Class and Fifth Class and Mrs Craigie and Mr Butler in Sixth Class. I would also like to thank Mrs Virtue and Mrs Arfias for tending to my cuts and bruises and also helping me with my Asthma throughout my 7 Years at Bexhill. A huge thankyou to my friends for getting me through school with encouragement, fun and laughter. This school has changed a lot since I started in Kindergarten and I will carry my memories of Bexhill with me. As I leave to start High School I would like to donate this book, “Ripley’s Believe It or Not - Dare To Look”, which is a book for all ages. Cody

Good morning teachers and students. I would like to thank the teachers for helping me through primary school and an even bigger thank you to Mrs Aafjes. I have had good friends all through primary school. Bexhill is a great school. Isaac

Good morning Teachers, friends, family, students, visitors and staff. I started seven years ago grabbing my mums leg but over the years I slowly became more confident and now I am standing tall and proud.
It was all thanks to every teacher at this school and the students. I would like to stay another year here but I’m afraid it my time to fly. Lachy
Bexhill has been my second home for seven years now and it is so sad to be leaving this wonderful place. I started here in kindy 2007, being so little. I don’t remember much though I do remember my wonderful teachers, Mrs Hill and Mrs Mapstone. I came here with one other girl, Heidi. Thank you so much, without you I wouldn’t have survived.

In Year one all Heidi and I ever wanted was for another girl to come and sure enough in grade two Hannah came along. In Year two I remember our concert item; Beep Beep and how all our cars made out of cardboard broke just before we went on stage.

Now to Year 6; the best of them all. This year has been so wonderful, all the memories and friendships I could never forget.

I’ve decided to share with you my top 3 inside jokes for the year.

Number 3 would be 32 bus lines in Mississippi. I was with Will and we were talking to Siri on mum’s phone. For those who don’t know, Siri is the commands lady on iPhones. Anyway Will asked her something and she didn’t know what he said so she replied “Sorry I missed that.” then we said “missed what, the bus?” Siri paused and after a while she said “within the hour there are 32 bus lines in Mississippi.” Had to be there!!

Number 2 would definitely be Stick Kosciusko. I was with Lucy at Maranatha on our school excursion this year. We were in a creek and we found a fallen tree by the river. We went over to the tree and claimed it. We called it stick Kosciusko. You probably think that stick Kosciusko is really tall but it’s actually only 18cm above water. Number 1 will have to be having a beer with the deer. We were at Maranatha again and we were doing drumming as a night activity. Jassy and I went to get a drink. On the way we came across Mr Butler and Mr Marr. I asked why they weren’t upstairs with us. Mr Butler replied, “We can hear it from here.” I was pretty sure they said they were having a beer so we asked why they were having a beer. Mr Marr said, “No, we can hear it from here.” Jassy said “You’re having a beer with the deer?” I don’t know whether you realise but Tooheys beer actually has a deer on it.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me; teachers, friends and any volunteers and to the rest of Year 6, Good Luck for high school. Sami

Hello teachers, parents and fellow students.

Over the years I have been at Bexhill I have really enjoyed having all the experiences and friends that I will always remember, like the bike days we had, being a Sports Captain in Year six and SRC in Year five.

I will always remember the great friends I have had over the years and all the excursions we had been on. I will be sad to leave this school but I will always remember it with good memories. Thank you for listening to my speech. Luke

Teachers, pupils and fellow graduates, it fills me with great pleasure and joy to be standing here before you all, delivering this speech. I cannot believe how quickly these last few years have gone. Suddenly, over the past few weeks I have realised how much I will miss Bexhill. This school and all the people in it have taught me so much. I am just so grateful that I have had such generous and kind mentors. But I know that high school will hold so many new adventures that my teachers have been preparing me for.

I have no knowledge of what the future holds and my mind is burning with curiosity. And as my fate creeps up on me I embrace the change. Good bye Bexhill. Seth

Good morning teachers, students, friends and family. When I started at Bexhill Public School in year two I was very nervous but as I walked into the school grounds I saw that there were two girls waiting for me. Those girls were Sami and Heidi and they made me feel very welcome however I was still very nervous. Heidi has sadly moved to Skennars head after a six month trip to Canada but Sami is now a wonderful school captain. I have been getting braver and braver and I am now a school vice-captain. It is a fantastic experience. There is one thing I must tell you though, I would never have got through all these years without all my fantastic teachers and friends so I would like to thank you by donating this book, the dog that survived the titanic and other amazing animal stories. This book has over five hundred true animal stories. I hope everyone will enjoy borrowing and reading this book. Hannah

Good morning everyone. I’m going to talk to you about my life at Bexhill.

In Year 1 I was counted as a newbie. I had no friends back in those days but now I have a lot.

In Year 2 Seth was counted as a newbie. Seth hardly had any friends but now he has a heap of friends.

In Year 3 we had the world’s best teacher Ms Koch. She always let us do PE and never let us be bored.

In Year 4 Brendan was counted as a newbie. He had a lot of friends and he still does. In Year 5 we had a really really good teacher, Mrs Craigie, who is also our Principal, but now she’s taken Mrs Hill’s place as the librarian.

This year I must leave this school and travel to a new level of schooling. You know what they say when life brings you lemons you make lemonade. Thank you everyone for the great memories. Goodbye, Phill
For a long time, there was me and my body. I was full of learning, of education, of academics, of achieving my goal. Then there was my body, composed of sport, of physical education, of becoming a sports star. Each of them got in the way of each other. But, then I came to Bexhill Public School and they bonded as one. My whole time at Bexhill, I have enjoyed every moment. Although there are not many kids, there are heaps of memories. I have been here for 7 years so... I started Kindergarten in 2007. Let’s start our journey back in Kindergarten.

Kindergarten started off on the 29th of January 2007. I walked into the ‘Big School’. Through the gates, up into the office to find many other kids my age standing around worrying. Just there I thought, “This is the start of my school journey, of happiness, excitement and fun. That was one of my favourite years at primary school. My most memorable moment in Kindergarten was our Ballina excursion. I still remember like it was yesterday, we all climbed up on a railing while we were listening to our driver telling us what to do and what not to do. Then we had to climb up ladders to actually get in the bus. When we were on there were no doors or windows, just... nothing.

Now let’s skip through to year 4 otherwise we will be here tonight and I would only be on year 3. Year 4 started off on the 28th of January 2011. My teacher that year was Mrs T. That year there were many memories, but this one stood out. One day after lunch we came into class and we worked out Mrs T wasn’t there, so it was her bad luck. We came up with a prank that we all sit normally. Except for Jade Grey, she hid under Mrs T’s desk. So when she came in she was amazed that everyone was so quiet, so then she goes to take a seat. When she sits down she screams, as if something was crawling up her leg. So she jumps out, but she didn’t take it as it was funny. So from then on each time she checked to make sure that no one was there. Also that year I went and performed at the Sydney Opera House. Also that year I broke my first record when I was 9, in the Junior discus. So that was Year 4.

Let’s skip to Year 6. It first started off finding out that I was elected school captain at a swimming carnival. The most memorable moment this year was easily putting out the high-jump mats. Jumping around, sliding on the mats and climbing on them. Now I am here, finishing primary school. Before I finish up I would like to thank my family, Mrs Craigie, Mr Butler, Mrs Brierley, Mr Clark, Miss Parson, Mrs Harris, Mrs Hill, Mrs Mapstone, Mrs Arfeas, my fellow students and anyone else who helped me with my skills it take for granted now. Thank you. Jack

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 STUDENT LEADERS

YEAR 4/5C – Student Leaders 2014 Election Speeches

Hello fellow students and teachers. My name is Charlotte James and I am running for School Captain in 2014. I believe that I am suited for the job of school captain as I will look after our school in a friendly manner and make sure our school environment is filled with smiles, kindness and care. I have two years’ experience; firstly in a leadership role in year 3 and currently as House Captain of Bennett.

I also bring these qualities to the leadership role:-

*I am a positive role model to others.
*I am a polite and helpful person.
*I try my very best in everything I do.
*I will encourage everybody to try their best.
*I always follow the school rules.

I have represented our school in Hockey, The Northern Rivers Choir, Performing Arts Festival, Small Schools Choir, Lego modelling, Leadership day at RRHS and Athletics.

I believe being a good school leader is all about preparation and that means being organised, being willing to attend meetings, present speeches and organising fun days. All of these tasks I am willing to do.

In conclusion I hope you consider voting for me to be school captain in 2014. Thank you for listening to my speech and have a great day.

Charlotte James - Captain

Good morning Bexhill Public School. Today I will be discussing with you why I should be school captain. Being school captain is a huge responsibility and I am up for a challenge. If I am elected school captain I will pick every piece of rubbish up off the ground and look after the plants and the chooks. I will water the plants until the plants are sparkling green. When any teacher asks me to do a job I will say, “Sure no worries at all.” and I will also mulch the front gardens to stay neat and healthy when in need. Also I will never let Bexhill PS down.

If you vote for me to be your school captain the new kindergartens will be very happy to be at Bexhill PS also. I would show them where the toilets, sports shed, snake pit, sports bin, classrooms and chook pen are. I would
also show them where all the out of bounds areas are and explain to them why they are not allowed in there, as well as all the Bexhill school rules. If you vote me in as captain I will be really responsible to every student. I am in Bennett and am a great sportsman and very fair. In sport it is not fair to be a bad sports person so choose me. I’m great at helping and teaching you everything there is to know about sport. Throughout my six years at Bexhill I have been very successful in the area of sport. When I represent I have never let our school down and I never will.
Whenever I represent my school at any event I’m always neat and tidy and very respectful.
So come on Bexhill vote for me as your 2014 school captain. Just remember I will never let you down. Don’t forget.
THANK YOU! Kurt - Captain

Good morning Teachers, Parents and Students.
I’m Sophie Petty and I’m running for Bexhill’s School Captain for 2014. I have spent all my primary years at Bexhill and have enjoyed every moment of it. I would like to become the new school captain of Bexhill to make sure this school stays as great as it is for this coming year and many years after I leave.
I would also try my very best to make it even better. I feel I would make a great School Captain as I have seen all the other School Captains come and go and I have learnt from what they have done. I also feel I would make a good School Captain because I am responsible, organised, thoughtful, enjoy helping people and am a good team worker. I will happily attend any meetings, special events, camps and I will participate in all the school events. I will strive to follow all school rules, and I will gladly listen to everyone’s ideas and try my best to enforce them. Whenever there are new students coming to this school throughout the year I know that they can be shy and uncertain about things or simply don’t know where things are so I would gladly greet and show them around the school to ensure that they never get lost and can make plenty of friends. There are a few improvements I would like to make to this wonderful school such as I would like to make more fun day and fundraising days like Movember and adding more casual days and things like that.
Some of you may think leadership is simple, just a piece of cake and anyone can do it. But, leadership is much more than that and it’s much harder, and you must be prepared for all possibilities, consequences and circumstances that will come with being a leader.
Leadership is not always fun. It can be hard work and you must be ready at all times, though sometimes there are fun things that come with being a leader. I would also do all the day to day stuff like putting up the flags, running the assemblies, making sure that all the sports equipment is away and be the best example to all the kindies and other students.
I will work even harder than before if I’m elected School Captain. I will ensure that I try my best to keep my promise to make this school better and enforce all my ideas and yours. I can and will accept all the possibilities, consequences and circumstances that come with being School Captain. As much as I would love to be School Captain I know that there is lots of competition and that really it is up to you to choose your next School Captains and Vice School Captains.
Thank you very much for taking time to listen to my speech and whenever you’re feeling sad just remember somewhere in the world someone just dropped their ice-cream. Thank you.
Sophie – Vice Captain

Good morning Bexhill Public School.
As I am going into year six next year I am running for school captain. If I was to be voted school captain I would value my position greatly. I would lead Bexhill proudly at the school march on ANZAC day and at Eureka and show that Bexhill really is a great school.
I would also organise more fun days and be as good a school captain as possible; which means being co-operative and taking care of other students.
This leads me to my next point, being a role model for the new kindergartens next year. I would take them to their new classes help them find their friends and help them when they’re sad that is also the same for everyone. I am responsible enough to do the flags every day without being asked and that is the same with the assembly items etc. That is why I would be a great school captain for 2014. Thank you.
Will – Vice Captain
THANK YOU – Books for Sumatra

Many thanks to those who donated books. Your support is very much appreciated. It means a lot and changes the life of children in the village where I came from. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, Mega Wright

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