HELICOPTER VISIT
On Wednesday 11th March, Bexhill PS has been fortunate to be awarded the opportunity for the Westpac Helicopter to visit our students, landing at Sam Trimble Oval at 9.40am. We have incorporated some of their program into our HSIE units and are very excited at the prospect of this visit given the valuable service they provide to our community.

HARMONY DAY
On Friday 20th March Bexhill will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students will be encouraged to celebrate by dressing in national costumes or to wear something orange to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

THE BIPPALO SEED
A very entertaining performance of Dr Suess ‘The Bippolo Seed’ will take place at the Temple Theatre in Lismore on Thursday 26th March. We will be attending the morning performance at 10.00am. The cost of the excursion is $10 per child which includes bus travel. If you wish your child to attend please return the permission slip on page 4, with monies to classroom teachers as soon as possible.

BEXHILL CROSS COUNTRY  Friday 27th March
The Bexhill School Cross Country will take place at Sam Trimble Oval. Students will walk to the oval at approximately 9.30am for a 9.45am start. Any parents able to assist would be much appreciated. It is a good idea to bring a chair and hat or umbrella for shade. If you can assist please leave your name with Mrs Aafjes at the office. Parents are most welcome to attend and cheer the students on. Children are encouraged to wear their house colours; blue for Bennett and Yellow for Withers. Don’t forget to pack a hat and plenty of water to drink.

YEAR 5/6 CAKE STALL
On Thursday 5th March, Year 6 will be hosting a cake stall to raise money for a gift for the school at the end of the year. All items will be 50c so please remember to bring your money. The children will be allowed to purchase after they have eaten their lunch.

ELTHAM RAFFLE
Sunday 8th March - Emma Fountain. Emma would appreciate some company to assist selling raffle tickets. If you are free to lend a hand this Sunday from 12-3pm please give Emma a call on 0427 151 545. This is a valuable fundraiser for the school. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
First North District Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 5th February, selected students from Bexhill Public School went to the First North Swimming Carnival, competing against five other schools. Competitors included James, Taj, Lachy, Jayden, Georgia, Issy, Harrison, Jessi, Inaya, Will, Billy, Kye and Tom. With the help of Ms Craigie and some other teachers from a few more schools we were set for a fabulous day. They helped us start, cheered us on throughout the race and expertly timed each race. It was very exciting!

It was a great day for everyone, especially for Harrison who won the Junior Boy age champion and Issy who came first in the 13 years 50 metres freestyle and broke the record! Now some of the lucky swimmers are getting ready for the Northern Rivers Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 26th February. Good luck Georgia, Kye, Issy, Harrison, James and Lachy! By James and Taj

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 26th February, Lachlan, Georgia, Harrison, James, Kye and Issy attended the Zone Swimming Carnival. We had to be there early at 8.30am with many students from a variety of schools. We all tried our best and had an enjoyable day. The main highlights included some 'personal bests' being broken and Issy, Kye and Georgia making it to the next level - the North Coast Regional Carnival at Lismore on Wednesday 4th March. We wish them the best of luck!
By Georgia and Lachlan

2015 Boys Cricket Knockout

Last Thursday, the Bexhill Public School boy’s cricket team played against Modanville. The Bexhill team was made up of Wilson, Ziggy, Hamish, James, Korban, Charlie G, Dylan, Lennox, Henry, Sebastian, Jayden and Harrison with Jeffrey as the reserve. We went to Sam Trimble Oval to play. It was a sensational match and we were successful with a win by four wickets. Man of the Match went to Henry with an amazing four wickets, two fours and one six! We only just managed to finish our game before the rain. The whole cricket team would like to thank Mr Cooper for umpiring and Mr Freeman for training the team and for umpiring. Thank you to Mrs Craigie and the parents for your support too. By Wilson and Ziggy
**Sebastian’s State Cup Adventure**

In the holidays my brother, dad and I travelled to Sydney with the Far North Coast Futsal Academy to compete in the State Cup. We had an exciting time playing lots of games, meeting famous players and hanging out. 

In the state cup, teams were competing from all over New South Wales. We played five games in one day, successfully winning all our games to be crowned the State Champions! We were all very happy to win at the end of a tiring day. We also did some touring around Sydney. We saw the National Museum, the Sydney Opera House, drove over the Sydney Harbour Bridge and were lucky enough to watch a professional futsal match. It was an amazing experience. We all enjoyed the trip to Sydney. Hopefully we can all go back next year and win the double! 

By Sebastian P

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**CLASS / MERIT AWARDS**

**KINDER** - Eva, Amelia, Nina & Ivy

**Y 1** - Ayla, Layla, Blake & Cruz

**Y 2/3** - Johny, Vivien, Tom C,

**Y 4/5** - Gabby, Jahedyn, Sky, Sophie H, Myra, Josh & Billy

**Y 5/6** - Charlie G, Makayla, Cooper, Charles C, Lily N & Kye

**RICHMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL invites you to the Year 6 – 7 2016 OPEN NIGHT EXPO**

To be held at RICHMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL on Thursday 5th March 2015 from 5.00pm to 7.30pm

All are most welcome

**CLEAN UP OUR SCHOOL DAY**

Thank you to all students. What a great result and a testimony to our environmental programs.......this is all we collected!

**Kadina High School Invites you to our Year 6 into Year 7 2016 Information Evening**

**Wednesday 11th March 6.30pm-8.00pm**

Kadina High School is a quality comprehensive secondary school providing outstanding educational programs.

- Strong student support programs
- Highly qualified and dedicated staff
- Engaging literacy and numeracy programs
- A high level community involvement

Visit the website:
http://www.kadina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Phone Enquiries: 02 66243133

**Congratulations to Mr Doug Jones.** Our very hardworking General Assistant has achieved 20 years of service.
THE BIPPALO SEED – THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

A performance of The Bippolo Seed will take place at the Temple Theatre in Lismore on Thursday 26th March. We will be attending the morning performance at 10.00am. The cost of the excursion is $10 per child which includes bus travel.

I give permission for my child/ren, __________________________________________ to attend the performance of The Bippalo Seed on Thursday 26th March, travelling by bus to and from the Temple Theatre, Lismore.

At a cost of $10 per child, payment of $ ________ is enclosed.

Signed (Parent/Carer): ________________________________ Date: ________
Bexhill Public School  
Leadership Assembly  

On Friday the 13\textsuperscript{th} of February, Bexhill Public School hosted our annual leadership assembly. The rain did not hold off for this event, but we carried on regardless!

First of all, Mrs Brierley presented the assembly awards for the week and gave a warm welcome to everybody. Following this, the captain badges were presented with Georgia collecting hers and repeating her captains speech. Unfortunately James, our other captain, was absent on the day. Mrs Brierley presented the vice captain badges to Isabella and Taj. It was lovely to see their parents come to the stage to pin on their badges.

Next, the Withers house captain badges were presented to Jessi and Ziggy and the Withers vice house captain badges were presented to Makayla and Lennox. After this, the Bennett house captain badges were presented to Krystal and Charlie and then the Bennett vice house captain badges were presented to Korban and Bodhi. Many proud parents were photographed pinning their children’s badges onto their shirts.

The final presentation was to the S.R.C. The first group to be presented was the year 3’s Kate and Kane, then up came the year 4’s Sophia and Joshua. The year 5’s for this year on the S.R.C are Lili, Kye, Billy and Wilson. The year 6 S.R.C badges were then presented to Lily, Bodhi, Ziggy, Charlie, Georgia, Isabella and Taj. Parents happily continued to pin badges on their children and more photos were taken, including a school leader photograph.

This concluded the badge presentation for the 2015 representatives. Mrs Brierley thanked everybody for coming and making it such a special occasion. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend and made for a very exciting assembly!

By Georgia and Issy
Our Kindergarten children are thoroughly enjoying the ‘hands on activities’ being provided by the Southern Cross University Prac Students

CHESS CLUB
The Chess club at our school could like to thank the P & C for purchasing some new Chess Boards. With over sixteen children attending our meetings every Tuesday, Mr Lake’s assistance is greatly appreciated. If any other parents are interested and would like to be involved, please contact the school.

Above: Yr 2/3 Assembly item “We’ll be coming around the mountain

Below & right: Year 1 have enjoyed learning about helicopters in their transport unit of work.

Tuesday, 24 February 2015
The Principal
Becker Public School
32 Wether Stree
Becker NSW 2550

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in response to your recent donations to The Salvation Army. Please accept our thanks for the generosity of the School.

With regard to your donation of goods to the Salvation Army’s Christmas Hampers effort it is most appreciated that organisations such as yours join with us in these efforts. I trust that (Becker Public School) and The Salvation Army can continue to work together on various activities of this nature.

These generous donations will assist the local Salvation Army Community Welfare Centre to continue its work here in the Umina area through assisting people in various areas they find themselves needing assistance.

Once again our thanks for your support.

Yours in Christian Service,

Linda Reeves (Captain)
Corps Officer – Umina Corps
3 March 2015

BEXHILL SCHOOL FEES

NAME/S: ________________________________

School fees for 2015 are now due and are set at $75.00 per student.

This includes: $40.00 School contribution to assist with educational resources

$35.00 Text Book & Stationery Levy

Payment may be made in the following ways;

☐ Eftpos ☐ Cheque – payable to Bexhill Public School ☐ Cash

Please indicate if you wish to pay in instalments as shown below

Term 1 – $ ________ due now  Term 2 - $ ________  Term 3 - $ ________

(e.g. $25.00 per Term)

Your support is much appreciated.

Helen Craigie (Principal)

Kath Degier (P&C President)
P&C MEETING NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting last night, (3rd March). We discussed a possibility of hosting a cake stall and sausage sizzle at the Bexhill hall on the morning of the election, the 28th of March. This would also be a fantastic opportunity to sell raffle tickets for the Easter raffle, and raise money for the school. Thank you to every family who has been sending in donations, please keep sending these in, as the more we have the more prizes we can raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent out on Friday to each family, and you can request more when you need them.

We will also be having a Pie Drive after the Easter holidays, and order forms will be sent out very soon. This is a very popular fundraiser with families and we have discussed doing 2 pie drives this year because of the high demand.

We have been offered the opportunity to do a sausage sizzle at Masters in the month of May, and this will soon be confirmed.

Thank you also to Kirralee and Gemma for the lovely salads at last weeks BBQ and thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday March 31. This will be the last one before the school holidays and we plan to consider/organise our major fundraiser of the year and the Mother's Day stall.

Regards
Kath Degier
P&C President

A collection of stories from Year 4/5

Candy the Spider Monkey
Once there lived a Spider Monkey named Candy who lived in a zoo. One day a family was looking at her when their five year old son dropped a jelly bean in her cage. Candy went to the edge of her cage and picked it up. It was a bright blue jelly bean Candy decided to give it a lick. That jelly bean changed her life forever.
That night, Candy woke up exactly at midnight. Her eyes were glowing red and she now understood how to unlock her cage door. The zoo keeper came walking past with a torch and he shined it on her bright red eyes. Candy jumped at the zoo keeper, digging her teeth deep into his shoulder. The zoo keeper dropped to the ground and Candy ran to the big front gates and climbed over. Candy ran as fast and as far as she could.
She came to a town, a secret town with big buildings everywhere. Were there other Spider Monkeys here? She asked herself. Yes! She went over to a nearby motel called the Blood Thirsty Motel.
Candy went inside to book herself a room. A room cost only three bananas for the very best room. She took the keys and went to her room. Candy looked around and thought this is it! I am home.

By Grace

My Teacher Thinks....... Sometimes he thinks.... well he could think I dance on the moon or he could think that I hula hoop on Planet Pizza. Maybe he thinks I party with Owls on Planet Typo or he could think I play in a green room made of mozzarella on Planet Cheese. Sometimes, he thinks I take a luxury cruise on a boat that has extra-terrestrials on it. Perhaps he thinks I eat tacos with friends or maybe he thinks I love maths. Well, dear teacher when I roll my eyes in maths, it generally means no I don’t! But he could be thinking I am playing with puppets in my head or thinking of a good book about queens. I will never know because he is Mr Clarke.

By Sophia

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The Wheatles
My dog’s name is Leroy and he has a band like the Beatles but they are called the Wheatles. The Wheatles are Leroy McCartney, Panda Harrison, Hugo Lennon and Trumpy Starky. They are all very cool and sometimes cheeky.
Sadly Hugo Lennon and Panda Harrison died and Hugo was shot by a parallaxes tick. Panda was brought down by old age.
Only Leroy and Trumpy are alive and they still play as well as they did in their younger days.
Leroy McCartney has a girlfriend called Willow who loves food and is very kind to Leroy. When she has the chance to take food to Leroy she does, because she loves him and she doesn’t want to disappoint him.
Leroy is great at playing piano and guitar. Leroy also owns twenty different guitars.

By Billy

Through the Gate
One day through an old rusty gate lived a monkey. He was not your ordinary monkey but a sneaky Spider Monkey. He lived in a tiny little shed with zombies and rats. This monkey’s name was Zombie Zig Zag.
One day Zombie Zig Zag went for a walk around his house when suddenly he noticed a strange little door in the hedge. Zombie put his ear to the door and heard odd noises coming from behind the door. When he pulled on the door it didn’t open, because it was stuck. Zombie decided to mark the location of the door just in case it disappeared and then he ran into his house.
That night he was thinking of what could be behind that door.
“Hmm, could it be money singing or could it be people dancing?” Zombie didn’t know what it could be.
In the morning, Zombie tried the door and again had no luck in opening it, but this time he had come prepared. Zombie had found some dynamite late last night and he placed it at the door.
“KABOOOM”
The door blew off its hinges.
He went in and discovered a secret city. It wasn’t money singing and it wasn’t people dancing. It was a city of Spider Monkeys!
As time went by, Zombie realised he didn’t like anyone in the city so he closed the door to the city and sealed it forever.

By Gabby

The Big Trip
I was finally ready! My bags were packed for the trip to the South Pole. I wished we were going to the North Pole where I could visit Santa. It was seven fifteen in the morning when we left for the port.
On the trip the hours passed slowly and the temperature grew colder and colder. I couldn’t sleep it was that cold! I was jealous mum and dad had a great sleep.
Finally, we arrived at the Pole and I wondered where we were going to stay. I remembered that dad had picked up our old tent before we left. I asked mum if she needed help putting up the tent.
She laughed, “We are not staying in a tent we are staying in an igloo!”
I asked dad, “What happened to the tent?”
He said he put it in the bin because it had lots of holes in it.
As the sun set we all became sleepy. Mum made some soup for dinner then we all went to bed and had a sound sleep. The next morning we went fishing and dad made a little hole in the ice and then gave us a rod each. I caught two fish but mum and dad didn’t catch any.
After fishing we went skiing and it was a lot of fun. Dad almost fell over but mum and I were skiing with great skill. We had a race and the winner got to have the loser’s coat for the night. Of course dad lost and I won so I was going to have the best sleep.
For dinner we had left over soup and some fish I caught.
“I thought this trip was going to be boring” I said, as dad shivered his head off.
That night it didn’t take long to fall asleep. Well, most of us went off to sleep. Dad stayed up all night and slept during the day. It was an awesome holiday with much more excitement to come.

By Jaimie
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

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