



BCHS BALLINA COAST HIGH SCHOOL

innovation excellence diversity



Hello school community. It has been a very busy Term 2 with a rich variety of activities occurring to support the learning of each student, as well as activities which provide opportunities for students to immerse in special interests and talents.

It was fantastic to see two of our school captains, Bonnie Tinworth and Nathaniel Kelly proudly representing BCHS at the ANZAC ceremony on the 25 April. Bonnie and Nathaniel laid a wreath at the war memorial at the RSL in a moving ceremony commemorating the contributions of all who have served, including those that have died and have suffered as a result of their service.

For students in their later years of school, many have taken the opportunity to explore post school opportunities engaging in TAFE Taster days and work experience. Other highlights include the individual and team achievements in the many sporting opportunities offered at BCHS, as well as the student leadership and performances at the Sorry Day assembly.

Seven of our Aboriginal student's whose talents range from being academic achievers, future sports stars and artists, scored highly competitive Public Education Scholarships. This was such a large number of students from one school that it was picked up by a media outlet, with a story appearing in a local newspaper. It was also pleasing to see so many students take the opportunity to participate in wellbeing and cultural programs with many stating that the programs have had a positive impact.

A shout out to Boorabi house team members who won our inaugural house team competition winning a free BBQ as a result of earning the most gotcha and merit certificates in Semester 1. Gotcha and merit certificates are awarded for positive behaviour, contributions to community and application and effort to studies. A pizza rewards lunch was also awarded to students who had 95% and above attendance, consistently wore school uniform and either earnt a bronze or silver certificate.

I would like to thank BCHS staff who work very hard each school day to maximise student growth and development as well as the vast majority of our students who focus on learning each lesson and are always respectful in our school community. I wish all students and staff a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school refreshed for Term 3. Lachlan Klose, Relieving Principal

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

On Friday 26 May we held a full assembly to acknowledge National Sorry Day 2023. This is a day of remembering and acknowledging the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the Stolen Generations who were forcibly removed as children from their families and communities, which still has ongoing effects today. Sorry Day is an opportunity for us to reflect on how we can play our part in the healing process.

Our Assembly was opened with a moving Welcome to Country by Elder, Auntie Nancy Walke and led by Savannah Roberts-Hickling and Neihanna Hippi. Our students spoke with sincerity and emotion, sharing the history of their people. Our boys and girls dance groups danced traditionally and students, Stewart Jerrard-Kapeen and Neihanna Hippi, sang a beautiful rendition of 'Took the Children Away' by Archie Roach (you can view a video of this on our school Facebook page – we recommend checking it out).

Our School Captains spoke on behalf of the school community and Uncle Stephen Scott spoke about what Sorry Day means to him.

The BCHS student body were silent throughout and took in every moment of this ceremony. We congratulate all of the students involved in this very special assembly and thank them for sharing with us. We also thank our special guests who could join us.



Basketball success is a good reflection of the BCHS Targeted Sports Program

Tristah Bruncker, Sally Crethar, Sasha Oxland and Nina Aboitiz recently represented the North Coast (NC) at the NSW State Basketball Championships in Albury coached by Relieving Deputy Principal, Martin Smith. The girls played exceptionally well and should be very proud of their efforts. Sasha was awarded the Most Valuable Player for the North Coast and was presented with this award by the world's best female basketball player, Lauren Jackson. A moment that she should be very proud of.

Both the BCHS Boys and Girls Opens basketball teams played in knockout rounds to make it into the Top 8 teams. Just missing out on the win with some key players out with injuries. Despite the losses on the day, it doesn't take away the great basketball played by both teams in this competition. The girls just missed out in a thrilling overtime game against Kincumber High School of Sydney North Region by 5 points and the boys team travelled to Tamworth, North West Region, to play Farrer Agriculture High School only to go down in a hard-fought game by 13 points. All players should be very happy with their achievements this year.

The positive results and high-level representation of these players is a good indication of the success of our Targeted Sports Program (TSP), and we look forward to many more great achievements that this program enables our students to strive for.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS NEWS....



We have been working hard alongside the Student Representative Council (SRC) this Term, in hopes of planning fun and thoughtful events for the rest of the year. So far, with the help of the SRC we have helped Uncle Steve and Mr Byrnes introduce the school's first Return and Earn bin. This sits proudly within our playground, collecting recyclable bottles, that the SRC cash-in appropriately. So far, the school has seen fantastic results. Let's keep it up BCHS!

We have also begun bringing student ideas to life, such as looking into ways school breaks could be more fun and exciting. There have been many great ideas so far, so keep an eye out for what may be coming soon! We as captains have continued to strive forward in helping the BCHS community be at it's best, and we look forward to what the rest of the year will bring.



Year 12 Design & Technology

In Design and Technology, students are currently making and experimenting with different materials, to create solutions to a chosen problem.

N'taeya Lawless is designing growing kits with a focus on sustainable plant pots. She has been in the kitchen exploring plant pot possibilities with biodegradable ingredients.

Chloe Ollier is looking at creating healthy snacks for young children. Along with encouraging healthy eating, the kits will introduce children to the kitchen.

In the photos they are making silicone moulds using 3D printed master copies. N'taeya's mould is for her plant pot and Chloe's is for a muesli bar shape.

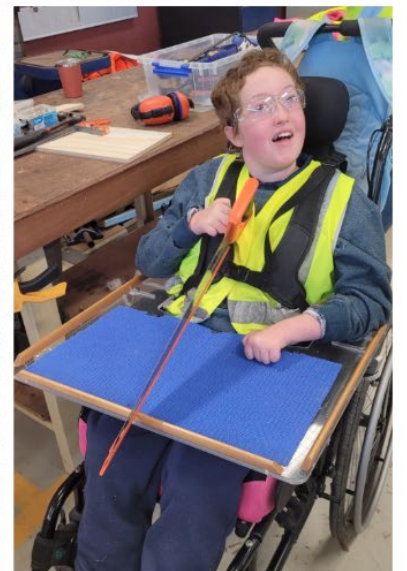


SUPPORT CENTRE NEWS

Our wonderful Year 11 and 12 students from the Support Centre have been busy completing work experience at various businesses in our local community.

Students have been working at Bunnings Ballina, Supa Value Ballina IGA and Summerland Farm Alstonville.

Thank you to the amazing businesses that allow our senior students to learn new skills and prepare themselves for life after school.



Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen (SALT), is a non-profit incorporated organisation, which began to provide a support network for tradeswomen, apprentices and women who wish to enter the trades. We had a wonderful group of young women who got to experience the SALT workshop, where they created a timber project from measuring up, cutting and assembling. The students used measuring tapes, set squares and various cutting saws, hammers, drills and other assorted tools. The workshop begins with a safety induction and is very engaging. Each tool is explained, and correct use shown and overseen. This workshop is a very empowering experience and is a great way to gain tools skills **#tradielady**.

Year 10 Careers News

It has been a busy time for Year 10 this year in Careers. They have been engaged in a number of activities throughout the term including:

- A 4-week TAFE Taster
- Whitecard Training
- Defence Force Recruiting Trades talk
- Aboriginal Education Strategy talk, promoting school-based traineeships
- The YES Plus 8-week TAFE Taster
- The Trade Readiness Workshop
- The Yes 6-week TAFE Taster
- The Aviation Expo
- SALT Workshop for women in trades
- The Screen Futures Expo
- The Trade Readiness Industry Tour
- The Health Careers Expo

I have been so impressed with the number of students who have been actively participating in these career focused opportunities with more scheduled for next Term so watch this space! For careers information, you can check out the School Careers Website <https://www.ballinacoastcareers.com/>

Donna Ryan, Careers Adviser



Cross Country Age Champions

	Girls	Boys
12 years	Tayla Franklin	Sebastian Tainsh
13 Years	Marley Donald	Ricky Bazzana
14 Years	Madison Keogh	Conor Legzdins
15 Years	Takiyah James	Hamish McClymont
16 Years	Lily Newlove	Bryce Pettingill
17 Years	Sophie Gaskell	Jeffrey Clark

Multi-Class

Jnr Boys Oliver Bowden	Snr Boys Lee Skimmings	Jnr Girls Manami O'connor	Snr Girls Shatarlee King Jones
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BCHS Athletics Age Champions

	Girls	Boys
12 years	Tayla Franklin	Phillip Davis-Marlowe
13 Years	Sophie Binder	Jai Hogan
14 Years	Nakaylie Bolt	Conor Legzdins
15 Years	Alliera James	Oscar Healey
16 Years	Tristah Bruncker	Sam Patch
17 Years	Savannah Roberts-Hickling	Stewart Jerrad-Kapeen

Multi-Class

Jnr Boys Tirren Shields	Snr Boys Garry McKenzie	Jnr Girls Shatarlee King Jones	Snr Girls Cindi Cook
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SPORTS REVIEW

Term 2 has been busy with our annual Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals, both days were bright and sunny and there were some great results from both days.

Pictured above is Jamie Holmes and Tirren Shields who competed at the Regional Cross Country in the multiclass events. Jamie finished 2nd in the senior category and Tirren finished 3rd in the junior category.

Congratulations to the Open Girls Soccer Team (pictured) for making the Final of the CHS Competition against Bellingen. Whilst they didn't win on the day, they played really well and held possession for most of the second half. Coach, Mel Watson is excited for next year as the majority of the team will still be at school.



Farewell to International Student Artemis Mebold

who returns home after being at BCHS since Term 1.

What Country do you call home?

I call Germany home, I was born and raised there.

Most memorable moment at BCHS?

When I fell down the stairs and partly tore two ligaments and all of the crazy stuff with my friends here.

Your favourite Aussie food?

I really like Aussie burgers and some of the pies.

Favourite Australian Animal?

Definitely Koalas

Something you love about Australia that you will miss when you go home?

My friends here

One Vision Productions Empowering Our Youth

One Vision Productions uses innovative hip hop and multimedia workshops to engage local youth and to explore issues relevant to their lives.

Students had a week to work with well-known industry professionals and learnt valuable life lessons along the way.

They had the opportunity to learn audio visual and music production technology, lyrical composition, beat making and performance while producing their own music video.

Thank you to Tina Peate from our wellbeing team for organising such an awesome experience.



Interact Trivia Fundraiser

BCHS Interact Club hosted a fun trivia night, raising money for St Gertrudes Primary School in Uganda, a project we have been working on for the last 18 months. We raised over \$450 that will go towards installing windows for the main school building. The night was a roaring success with some participants really getting into the Disney theme and winning themselves some fantastic prizes! Special thanks go to Ballina RSL and East Side Butchery for their contributions and support to the evening.



#whatshappeninginclass



Four of our senior students attended the Rotary District 9640 Model United National Assembly debate. Their assigned country was France, and they came 2nd in the best dressed category.

Year 8 HSIE, Mummifying themselves like the Egyptians



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