

Babinda News

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"The Presidents Notes"

Rachel Nicholas



Hi everyone,

By the time you read this note, our 'Christmas in Babinda' festivities will have been and gone in spectacular fashion no less. A big thanks to the Chambers of Commerce for their huge effort in organising this event.

The Taskforce has been approached by Cairns Regional Council to update the town banners. More on this in the next Newsletter in February 2011.

The 2010/2011 Babinda Telephone Book is coming together fairly well. We should have the books ready for distribution by end of February/March as planned. At our last committee meeting it was agreed that Members/Advertisers will receive one copy free of charge, everyone else will pay a minimum charge of \$2.00 per copy.

Job Find and Work Link are organisations that help the unemployed with/without disabilities get on track and back into the workforce.

Councillor Paul Gregory will meet with you on Fridays with appointment.

Marino Moller lawyers will meet with you on Fridays with appointment as well.

Bryony Stockwell has been running Literacy/Numeracy/Computer classes on Wednesdays 9.30am-3pm. Her last class for 2010 is Wed 15th December. Her first class for 2011 will be Wed 11th January. These classes are free and you don't have to be unemployed to participate.

Don't forget we are a Centrelink agent as well and our doors are wide open from 9am – 3pm Monday to Friday.

On behalf of the Babinda Taskforce we wish you a healthy and happy Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please Note: The next Taskforce general meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17th December, 9:30am in the Spirit of Babinda hall. We currently have 81 members. Everyone welcome, see you there.

Cheers,

Rachel

Rainfall for the Month of November

Bellenden Ker - Top Station— 9873.4 mm

Year to Date - 11,157.2mm

Bellenden Ker - Bottom Station—5430.4 mm

Year to Date - 6642.4mm

Babinda Rainfall - 974.4mm

Year to Date: - 6193.2mm

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POLICE NEWS

Another month and another two rescues from Josephine falls. I was standing at the car park going on midnight watching the latest rescued people being treated by QAS and counted three fire appliances, two QAS vehicles and the police vehicle. I counted at least a dozen fire officers two paramedics, one ranger and obviously one police officer. I had just watched two QFRS officers risk their lives rescuing these two people in the middle of the night from the flooded torrent and thought to myself, where has our common sense and sense of responsibility gone. Is the concept that difficult that if there is inclement weather you do not go swimming at Josephine Falls, or any local creeks for that matter. Despite the numerous signs and media attention people are just not getting the message. As emergency service personnel it is our job to respond to these situations and to protect life, but I perhaps am more perplexed by the flippant attitudes of those people who have just been plucked from a near death experience. On a related matter I have also been noticing of late also that children are swimming in excessively swollen creeks especially near Rotary Park on Babinda Creek. If you kids wish to go swimming unsupervised ask them where they are going and what time they will be back. A little bit of parental supervision goes a long way to preventing a tragedy.

Lastly I am going on Long service leave for the duration January and February 2011 and Senior Constable Barry ANDERSON from Mourilyan will be reliving my position. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a great new year.

Until next month

Stay Safe

Gerard BRADY

Police link-non urgent incidents.....131 444

Artsy Crafty

Our November Sale was a triumph, despite the rain and bridge wash outs. The Raffle was a Great Success, so thank you all who brought tickets. The prize winners were Dorrie Ghidella, Marian Wieland, Heather, Diane Calcagno, the Starkeys, Alice, Holly Goriss, May Jago, Denise Irwin, W. Tieppo, Debbie Quabba & Rosemary Ugart. The \$25 Gift Voucher was won by Bev Ambrum.

We will be having our usual late night shopping night on the 23rd of December. Open until 9pm. Come in & get those last minute gifts.

This year we are closing from 3pm on the 24th of December 2010 until 9am on the 4th of January 2011.

We would like to thank those who have patronised our store during the year and wish our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Contribution Closing Dates for Babinda News Newsletter

Please note: No Newsletter for January

Friday 4 February 2011

AMBULANCE NEWS

Welcome to another month, I hope you are looking forward to the festive season. Please be careful on our roads, the wet weather makes them extremely dangerous so please drive to the conditions. The amount of times we are sent on a case and have to drive around looking for a particular house number is incredible. Quite often there will be 5 or 6 houses in a row without a clearly visible address. When we the ambulance, police or fire can't find you, it is the patient who suffers because they are delayed getting help. So if you are looking for a different Christmas gift for the person who has everything consider something outside the square: if the person you are giving a gift to does not have the number of their house out the front either on the letter-box or a place easily seen buy them the numbers of their property/house and make them clearly visible. They are cheap and effective. This will really help us particularly when it is dark or raining heavily. In the case of an emergency seconds can count. From Justin, Peter and the Local Ambulance Committee we would like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas.

Until next time,

Keep Safe,

Justin Cairns OIC Babinda

Statistics say the average Aussie family will spend \$1200 on gifts, food and drinks over the xmas period. It is important to our District that we plan to spend as much as we can in this town and District.

Why fight the Cairns traffic?

Shop at home.



A Christmas Message from :--

Babinda Meals on Wheels

I would like to wish all the committee, volunteers, and clients of Babinda Meals on Wheels a safe and Happy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

To all our volunteers, thank you for all your support throughout the year. A job well done in a very wet year.

Once again Happy Christmas everyone.



Margaret Bayne



CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Hi from CRC.

The recent Coronial Inquest into the death of James Bennett has resulted in Council taking action at the Boulders. The pre-inquest hearings indicated that Council needed to reinforce safety measures around the Devil's Pool section of the park, which has been complied with by the "No Go" designation of a small section of Babinda Creek. There were already signs warning people of the dangers of entering the water at this point, but now the introduction of this policy means local law officers can order swimmers out of the water, and if not complied with, an on the spot fine of \$200 can be issued. While this may appear heavy handed, the fine will of course be a last resort. This regime will not be imposed until January next year, as Council will be only warning people who don't comply in the interim as an educational measure.

Measures like these can upset many people who see their rights being eroded, but I guess the most important point is that human life is sacred, and all attempts must be made to ensure public safety. Locals will know not to go swimming there anyway as the spot is notoriously dangerous during the rainy period, and visitors such as James Bennett need to be made fully aware of what can result from their actions. Terrible family tragedies last in the relative's memories for a lifetime, and the fewer of such cases, the better.

The wet weather has made the end of the cane crush an absolute nightmare, so my thoughts go out to fellow farmers. We can only hope for better times next year.

On that note, Seasons Greetings to all, and I look forward to catching up after a break over Christmas.

Cheers Paul.

A Day in the Life of a St Rita's School Student

Students at St Rita's Catholic Primary School in Babinda are having a very exciting end to a fantastic year. This term students are participating in a range of hands on, community based learning experiences. The middle and upper primary students are developing coordination and agility skills, over two sessions, at the show grounds, under the guidance of Babinda local, Matthew Hession. Instructors from the Bowls Club are kindly giving their time to lead the children through skills and practice in the art of Bowls. On Thursdays the whole school participates in water safety and awareness lessons at the local pool.

The lower primary students have had a great time exploring the local community. Throughout the term they will be visiting local businesses including the pharmacy, the post office and the bakery. The preps and Year 1's are enjoying constructing dioramas that represent the Babinda Community. You will be able to see these wonderful representations of our town in the shop window, next to Cane Growers, Munroe Street.

St Rita's welcomes parents of the school and wider community to become actively involved in their children's learning environment. If you have an interest or a talent that you would like to share with the school, please feel free to contact Gerard or Julie at the office. In addition, enrolments are being taken for 2011 so please come to the school and meet the wonderful staff and students.

1. **Babinda Colts Seniors 2011** are calling for coach and manager for the Babinda team. Babinda will play as Suburbs Babinda 'C' Grade team and the aim is to play in red & green. This team is already training Wednesday evenings at Babinda Showgrounds. All applications and inquiries to be directed to Peter Boromlini on 0408253290. Nominations close on 10.01.11.

2. Babinda Colts JRL would like to congratulate Brandon Panebianco and Sheldon Powe-Hobbs who played in Northern Pride Under 18 team this year. Sheldon has now signed for 2011 in the Pride Q Cup side, well done to both of you! Congrats also goes to Terrance Massey on being selected in the Northern Pride Under 16 team for 2011. Terrance is currently playing with Suburbs, but played most of his younger years with us. Also doing well this year is Leonard Snowball who made the North Qld side in Under 14. Jason Chapman made the Peninsula Under 12 team along with 7 others from Innisfail and Tully. This was an unprecedented achievement by our district. These 2 talented young men have now been selected in the NQ Cowboys Elite Youth Development Squad- a wonderful effort.

3. BCRJL are calling for coaches, trainers and managers for all junior teams. I has been proposed by Innisfail & District Rugby League that we run in individual ages in 2011. Therefore we call for coaches etc for Under 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16. All interested parties please address written applications to The Secretary, P.O. Box 331, Babinda 4861 by the 21.01.11. Next club meeting with be Tuesday 25.01.11.

MULGRAVE SETTLERS' MUSEUM

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By Don Lawie

Do YOU recognise the item in the attached photo? If you do, then the Mulgrave Shire Historical Society would like to invite you to a Morning Tea at the Spirit of Babinda Hall next January. We are planning a get-together of Babinda and District people who can remember, or remember being told about, Babinda's Earlier Days.

Our Society has a number of old photos which need to have names and places put to them, and we would like people to bring in any old photos for us to copy and keep in our archives for future Babinda Historians. Stories of days gone by are also welcome. The project is being co-ordinated by Society Members Maureen Raddatz and Pauline Lawie and is funded by Babinda Community Bank.

An exact date has not yet been set but it will be around mid-January – weather permitting. Posters will be put up around town and interested people can contact Maureen at home on 40 671 762 or Pauline at 40 671 577 and a register of names will be compiled for later contact. Transport can be provided if required. Our history is fading and needs to be preserved. Everybody is welcome to attend.

And the Mystery Item? Well, it is no mystery. It is the air-raid siren that was kept at Babinda Fire Station during World War Two. Fortunately it was never required. It fell into disrepair and was nearly a write-off but Ernie Rowe has done a superb job of restoration and the siren, in working order, is on display at the Settlers' Museum on George St Gordonvale.



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PEACE

Sometimes one creates a dynamic impression by saying something, and sometimes one creates as significant an impression by remaining silent.

THE POWER OF NOW

When we are living in the NOW we are truly living.

Meditation helps us to be in the now by focusing on the breath.

When we worry we are not fully enjoying the moment—we are living in the past or future.

"When you are doing the dishes—ENJOY doing the dishes!"

Extract from Eckhart Tolle's book,
'The Power of Now'

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON "MEN'S SHEDS"

A new phenomenon is afoot! The Men's Shed movement is here, and it's thriving! There's nothing new about men gathering together in their own space to talk, share skills, swap idea, solve problems or just discuss life in general – it's been happening since the beginning of time. There's nothing new either about men spending time in their backyard shed – an acknowledged Aussie pastime.

What is new is that men, particularly retired men, are combining these two activities in a communal space simply called a Men's Shed. What is also new is how strongly men have embraced this new identity – being a member of a Men's Shed. Men's Sheds, as such, are a peculiarly Australian phenomenon. In the past decade a wide range of community-based Men's Sheds has sprung up – each with its own unique identity and purpose.

Activities within Sheds are many and various: woodwork, metal work, restoration of old cars, building pre-fab houses for war-torn countries, 'portable' Sheds taken to Alzheimer facilities or mobile Sheds for remote country areas. The membership is diverse too. Men from all backgrounds, ethnic and social mixes can enjoy a Men's Shed, bringing their unique cultural characteristics to enliven the activities.

The common theme in all Sheds is about men feeling useful and contributing again to their communities, learning or sharing their skills, making friend, networking and availing themselves of health information programmes and opportunities. Men's Sheds are under the auspices of a variety of organisations whose ethos they tend to exemplify.

Communities are keen to provide activity, identity and meaning for vast numbers of older, unemployed, job-redundant, 'downsized', isolated, depressed and happily retired, active, creative, enthusiastic men. Men's Sheds are fast being recognized as vital, viable places to fulfil these needs and provide relaxed, happy creative spaces for men to enjoy.

Contact Jim Hillard. Ph: 40672454 E: joneshillard@gotalk.net.au

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3 December 2010

Parliament passes laws to strengthen state's sentencing regime

A package of reforms that strengthens Queensland's criminal sentencing regime has been passed by Parliament. The amendments to the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* include laws to establish the state's first sentencing advisory council.

The new laws are part of the State Government's continued strengthening of the state's sentencing regime to ensure it reflects community expectations. Our new laws ensure that offenders convicted of sexual offences against children under 16 years old must serve an actual term of imprisonment unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The amendments also target offenders who repeatedly break the law, by enshrining the principle that judges and magistrates must treat each relevant previous conviction as an aggravating factor when determining penalties. An offender's criminal history is an important factor when setting penalties, to show whether the offence was an uncharacteristic lapse or an ongoing disregard for the law.

While it must be acknowledged that sentencing is one of the most complex tasks facing judges and magistrates, these reforms reflect the community expectation that the previous convictions of repeat offenders should be taken into account when determining an appropriate sentence.

The new laws compel the court to treat the age of a child victim of a violent offence or an offence that causes the death of a child as an aggravating factor when determining whether an offender should be declared a serious violent offender. This will require judges to recognise the disproportionate power of an adult over a young child and the much lower level of force needed to cause serious injury.

The reforms also pave the way for the establishment of a sentencing advisory council which will give the community greater involvement in the sentencing process. Members of the public and victims of crime will have a voice on the new sentencing advisory council, along with experts in law enforcement, criminal law, and juvenile and Indigenous justice issues.

Contact:
Andrew Talbot
Mulgrave Electorate Office, 4056 3175

'Working For You'

Lost ... Misplaced ...

Can't find ... Borrowed ?

Who borrowed our paper guillotine ?

We would be pleased to get it back !

No questions asked.

It was used at the Taskforce all the time.

"WINNER"

The winner of the Babinda Catholic Women's Group
Xmas Cent Sale Raffle of \$150 meat voucher from
Babinda Meat Mart drawn Sat 6th Nov was Judy Dobson.

Many thanks to all for your support.

And have a Happy and Holy Xmas.

Russell Landcare and Catchment Group



Our AGM was held on November 25; the current executive was returned: David Barrow (President); Lynne Thompson (Treasurer); Michele Dale (Secretary). The Vice Presidency remained vacant. We were hoping for some 'new blood' but like many community groups, we struggle to find office bearers willing to take on the necessary roles to provide the infrastructure under which we operate. We will be making some hard decisions about how the group functions in light of the continuing burden on the existing volunteers.

Listening to Dave's great presentation about our projects during the year reminded us of the achievements and fun we have had this year, and we have several great projects taking us into 2011, as well as a focus on fun bushwalks where we hope to spot the elusive creature, *Community members*.

SO...in the New Year – why not support your local Landcare group! **Generation Y**, we'd particularly love to hear from you; or even those of you still at school. Being a land care volunteer gives you something to chat about in those **job interviews** (and get yourself a referee). Stepping as an office bearer is not onerous (we're only complaining because we have done it for years!) and there is lots of help available. Our group is well supported by Terrain NRM (our Coordinator Daryl does all the hard work!).

What can you do? If you'd like to hear our news and how you can be involved, including when our next walk or public information get-together will be, please drop me a line to russell.landcare@gmail.com and I'll add you to the mailing list. All community members welcome! We're also establishing a Facebook Page, so look out for that.

We welcome any general enquiries via email to russell.landcare@gmail.com or pop in and see Daryl at 53 Munro St for information on the group and assistance with natural resource management issues in the Russell Catchment. The office will be open to the public from 9:30am to 4:30pm each Mon – Wed. Email daryl@terrain.org.au or phone 40672515.

Have a safe and happy festive season,

Michele Dale

Secretary, Russell Catchment and Landcare Group Inc.

Email russell.landcare@gmail.com



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !

THIS CHRISTMAS, GIVE AN AWESOME MESSAGE
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\$30.00 voucher

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Holy Cross Anglican Church

Will be celebrating our Xmas Communion Service, on Sunday 19th December at 10am.

Our service will be followed by a "Bring a Plate" Morning tea

Everyone Welcome

Our Women of Babinda

Our series of 'Women of Babinda' Will continue in our February Newsletter 2011.

The Babinda Taskforce staff wish ALL the Women of Babinda and their families a

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

See you in 2011.

Thank you to Judi Van Dycke!

Judi has generously donated one of her excellent 45 minute massages to each of our great people who have been featured in our 'Women of Babinda'.

How Blue Veined Cheese is Created

The cheese is characterised by a network of green-blue veins of mould. These veins are produced by piercing the cheese with fine stainless steel rods.

This allows air into the cheese, encouraging the internal growth of mould – hence the tangy taste!

Now you know!!

Handy tips if a Cyclone visits!

You can fill your wheelie bin with water and use it to flush your toilet if the water supply fails.

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PERSISTENT PRECIPITATION

This persistent precipitation is making people stir crazy,
Sometimes a warm day, hot and dry and hazy,
Would be better than these endless showers,
Which have been here for weeks and days and hours,
Life as we know it and want it, seems to stand still,
Mould and mud are everywhere, even clogging up the mill,
As they try to cut in between the rain which is almost
impossible,
It's like the rain when it stays too long is just miserable,

But rainbows and sunshine return maybe not soon enough,
Mother Nature will again show her glory and love,
For all this rain there is a cause,
I jokingly say, Mother Nature has Menopause,
Or is it just a cycle of the planet, is it global warming?
Does this mean more earthquakes and cyclones, more storming?
Whatever it is, it is hard not to be a defeatist,
When there is nothing but the wet at it's wettest,

It is the last day of November,
End of 2010 begins tomorrow with December,
There is actually some blue skies and sunshine,
A humid day but more of the worse predicted after the fine,
So what do we do, give up trying to take advantage of a good
day,
To catch up on other jobs along the way,
To fix the roads and railway lines that might have washed out,
To hope tomorrow is dry enough, to see the mills chimney
spout,

Chuffing away crushing the juice of the sugar cane,
Will the rain stop any normal season for harvester and train?,
This persistent precipitation makes life seem to crawl at a slow
pace,
But keep hope in your heart and a smile on your face,
We may have to face earths rhythm rhyme and reason,
And try to be prepared for any season,
For changes, for anything the world throws our way,
Babinda's rainbow is there, it's in what we believe or think or
do or say.

Julie Jones

**MERRY CHRISTMAS BABINDA
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Chaplain Kassie Makings

Chaplain's Corner

Shine – Year 9 girls self esteem program

Over term 3 & 4 I have been running a program called Shine with the year 9 girls. Shine aims to build girls' self worth and help them to make positive choices. Topics covered include emotions, convictions, friendship and potential. We recently concluded the program with a celebratory dinner at the Chinese Restaurant.



Mark My Words

Mark My Words is an art competition for 10-18 year olds across Qld. Students read the book of Mark in the Bible and come up with an art work based on what they've read. In September, I partnered with Babinda Heritage Blessing to run Mark My Words workshops for interested students. We entered 6 artworks into the competition

Lion King Christmas Video

Keep an eye out for a short movie that retells the Christmas story using characters and scenes from The Lion King. This video will premiere at the Babinda Christmas Carols and then at Christmas in the Street. This term a group of primary and secondary students have been creating a video to explain the original Christmas story in a creative and simple way.

Have a great Christmas!
Kassie Makings – Chaplain

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Next Meditation

Tuesday 21 December, 2010 at 6pm—'The Awakening' Movie at 7pm .Ph 40672604 for enquiries.

Danielle Morris (Principal)

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Dear Babinda Taskforce Team,

On behalf of Bartle Frere School and P&C we would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication in supplying our community with a fantastic community newsletter. We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and hope to work with you in 2011.

Kind regards,

Bartle Frere School and P&C

INFO CENTRE ILLUMINATIONS

What a delight it was to be working in our centre today! It was clear to me that Santa's elves had paid a visit. The centre is now bursting with Christmas cheer and looks wonderfully jolly and festive. However, someone whispered in my ear that it was the students at Bellenden Ker State School who were responsible for the great decorations, and who had somehow secreted them into the centre without my knowledge.

THANK YOU TO THE STUDENTS OF BELLENDEN KER STATE SCHOOL

Please pay us a visit and see for yourselves what a wonderful job they have done!

Last Friday, the Babinda VIC volunteers celebrated the festive season with a great luncheon. It's not often that most of the volunteers have the occasion or opportunity to socialize together, so it was a fun morning with lots of good food and laughter.

At the meeting held prior to the luncheon, very special Long Service Awards were presented to five of our very special volunteers.

Royce Ryan 15 years
Ann Wonga15 years
Fay Rowe15 years
Ernie Rowe 15 years
Barry Jago 15 years

Congratulations to these wonderful volunteers who have given so much of their time and effort to assist in the running of the centre.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year ... and Happy Trails!

BABINDA LIBRARY NEWS

Something For FREE!

In these challenging economic times it is wonderful to find something that you can get for nothing. If you are looking for free entertainment or something to further your knowledge then perhaps you should be looking to your local library. With your library card you can borrow 10 items from your

library and keep them for 3 weeks with no cost to you. And if you think that we're just about books and magazines, well, think again. You can also find DVDs; music CDs, CD ROM's, audio books,

computers with internet and word processing, plus you can take advantage of the most wonderful stuff online simply by using your library card number. Did I mention that this is all FREE? So, if you haven't been to your library lately, why not come in and check us out? And if you haven't been to the library at all, come on in and become a member (yes, also free if you're a resident of QLD!) to access the best value entertainment and edification in town. You can find Babinda Library at 24 Munro Street, Babinda. For more information on your library service check out our website at www.cairnslibrary.com.au

Upcoming Children's Events:

Christmas themed Story time with a Christmas craft activity - December 15 @10.30am

Summer Reading Club - free activity show bags for children will be available during the school holidays.

From Holly @ Babinda Library

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What a great year! In 2011 we continue to implement our two key areas of school improvement defined by the Triennial School Review of 2008 - curriculum and behaviour. Curriculum-wise, we will continue to focus on English, Maths, Science, literacy and numeracy. In addition, we will start to explore the National Curriculum in the areas of P-10 Mathematics and P-10 History. Behaviour and what we value? While our NAPLAN results are commendable, we can do much better. Student improvement relies on our partners in education – the students and their parents. Continued improvement is dependent on attendance and the completion of assessment. Most importantly, students must attend all lessons. Each day I hear “I slept in Mrs Moore!” “I had to help Mum with the shopping.” No! That’s not OK!

Many Babinda State School P-12 students are repeatedly missing a literacy or numeracy lesson. Over a week, these students are missing one or two new concepts. Over a term it grows - 20 new concepts. Since these lessons build on each other, the situation is only aggravated. If you want your child to be the best they can be – and we certainly do - ensure that they are at **school, on time, every day!** Keep in mind, regardless of the reasons for non-attendance – valid or invalid - no additional resources are allocated to schools to help students ‘catch up’. Limited resources are simply spread more thinly!

The second issue for 2011, is the completion of assessment. Assessment serves a number of purposes. Firstly, it allows teachers to know how your child is going on things the teacher has just taught and then adjust teaching to improve that learning.

Secondly, and importantly, assessment provides a summary of how your child has gone over an entire Semester so that they can report that to you and to ‘the system’– this data stays with students throughout their schooling. When students ‘skip’ assessment days or do not complete assessment items, teachers do not have the ‘evidence of learning’. Those students are marked down. More than ever before, assessment is important. If your son or daughter says “We’ve finished” or “We’re not doing any more tests”, please check. Ring the school!

2011 is our third year of implementation of the Triennial School Review goals – goals set by the Babinda community. Please support us in continuing to meet those targets.

Presentation Night Awards

P & C Award - Jimarie Suket

Bartle Frere Lodge Instrumental Music Award - Josh Gartrell

Member for Mulgrave Award - Josh Gartrell

Year 7 All Rounder - Jessica Erwood

The John Miller “Peace Award” - Year 8 - Brooke Burnett

Year 9 - Rebekah Lauridsen and Mark Nucifora

RSL/Caltex Junior Secondary All Rounder - Kate Atwell

ADF Leadership & Teamwork

Year 10 - Cheyenne Morris

Year 11 - Maria Dobson

Year 12 - Gavin Rodman

Stag Australia Year 12 All Rounder - Gavin Rodman

TAFE Vocational Student of the Year - Lachlan Ugarte

Sportsperson of the Year - Kate Atwell

Principal’s Award - Erin Pearce

Year 12 Dux - Sandra Jago

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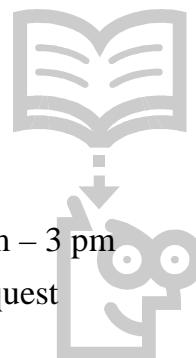
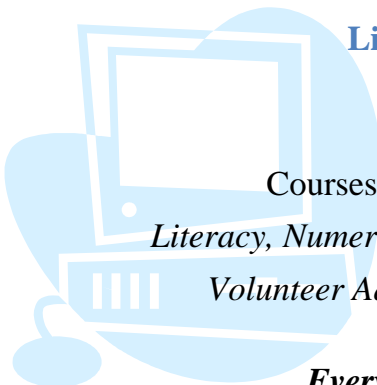
Courses are run every **Wednesday** at **Babinda Taskforce**

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Top left:

Frances with Steve “The Weatherman” of Channel 9’s “TODAY SHOW” in Melbourne



Top Right:

Frances with the TODAY SHOW Team, Lisa, Frances, Cameron, Karl, and Georgie on Melbourne Cup Day 2010

Bottom left:

Frances Alley showing the crowd her Babinda banner “The Wettest Town in Australia” at the 150th Melbourne Cup Race Day



Bottom right: Frances with her “The Wettest Town in Australia” banner at the Four Nations footy games at AAMI Park—Melbourne where Australia defeated England.

Frances displayed “The Babinda Banner” while travelling through Melbourne with her friends and daughter Jenna, Ida and Kevin Hind, Debbie and Trevor Graham, Janelle and Anthony Panebianco, Julie and Mark Atkinson.

“PR Officer for Babinda” Frances Alley on Melbourne Cup Day Race—won 1st and 3rd. 150th year of the race.



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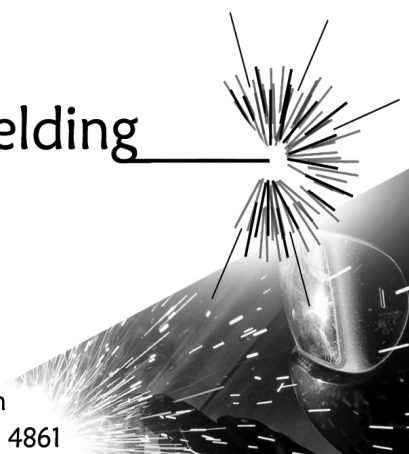
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Please Note: Membership is from July 2010-June 2011

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BELLENDEN KER STATE SCHOOL

With the end of the school year fast approaching, it has given us the chance to reflect on what a busy and exciting year it has been for our staff and students. This was very evident when we watched our end of year Power-Point presentation at our awards night held last Wednesday. The evening was an opportunity for parents, friends and families to come together and see what a great effort the students have put into their year at school. It also gave us a chance to farewell our Year 7 students, Justis, Brenton and Michael who are heading off to high school next year, we wish them all the best for their future endeavours.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for all their support for our school when we have held our raffles during the year. We would like to wish everyone a very merry and safe XMAS. With our large school grounds, great resources and committed staff, Bellenden Ker State School provides a unique supportive learning environment that caters for the individual students needs. Also available for use is the schools fully lit Tennis Court. If you would like to utilise the tennis court or visit our school, please contact us here at the school on (07) 40675292 between 9.00am and 3.00pm. We are located on Harvey Creek Road Bellenden Ker and a school prospectus is available upon request.

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AGM HIGHLIGHTS

Our Annual General Meeting was held and directors John, Laurel and Doug were re-elected for another 3 year term. Frances, Pyramid Polocrosse and Julie, Tournament of the Minds, told the meeting how our sponsorships had helped their groups.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S LUNCH

Twenty women attended this delicious luncheon at the Babinda State Hotel and Maya from The Great Green Way spoke of the health initiatives they have for the district. Andrew, our Business Banker, and Robyn from Bendigo Insurance, assisted.



COMMUNITY FORUM UPDATE

We have had a preliminary meeting with Council and hope we can work with Council and community members to make some of these items a reality next year.



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Our **Community Bank**® sponsors the sportsperson of the year award at Babinda P12 State School Presentation Night. Sally is presenting Kate Atwell with the 2010 award.

CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

Correction: calendars will be priced at \$7 (not \$5) and are available from our Bank, Babinda District Arts and Crafts, Babinda Task Force and Babinda Heritage Blessings now. You may also order Christmas cards. Profits will go to Babinda community groups.

CHRISTMAS IN BABINDA

At 6PM Saturday 11th December, the street will be closed off and the party will begin. Our Bank is giving \$1000 to one local shopper and \$300 for the best Christmas lights.

FAREWELL TO TALEESA

We will miss Taleesa, our CSO who last year obtained a traineeship with the Bank after completing Yr 12. We thank her for the excellent job she has done and wish her all the best in her new position with Bendigo Bank at the Gold Coast.

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Babinda Hospital

Abbeyfield House Babinda – Independent Living

School Donations

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NEXT MEETING TO DECIDE THE FUTURE OF THE HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Monday 20th December, 7pm Taskforce Office

Contact Frances Alley - 40671251

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½ tsp mixed spice

2/3 cup (160ml) Nestle sweetened condensed milk

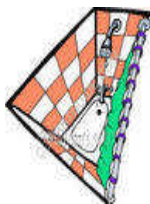
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NEWS FROM BABINDA SES

from Don Lawie

Three of our most frequent activation sites (apart from The Boulders) are the Golden Hole, Josephine Falls and the Bartle Frere Track. These are all overshadowed by Bartle Frere mountain and radio communication in the area is very difficult. Long before my time in SES, our people discovered an open paddock at Bartle Frere which offers superb radio transmission. Now, whenever an activation occurs at any of the above sites, we set up in the paddock with a petrol generator, long and short range radios and various supplies. During a search for a missing walker a couple of years ago I was able to relay messages from the paddock to Search Base at the Josephine parking area and also to SES HQ in Cairns and Malanda and with two search teams on the mountain.

The only disadvantage with this open paddock is that it rains just about every day of the year. We have a need for a light, easily erected rain/sun shelter at the radio site and also at Search Base. These shelters have now been obtained and are stowed in our ready-use trailer, awaiting our next call to duty. Finance for the shelters was supplied through the generosity of Babinda's Community Bank, with whom we do our banking business and who already support us by paying interest on our fund-raising money via a no-bank-charge account. Thank you, Babinda Community Bank!

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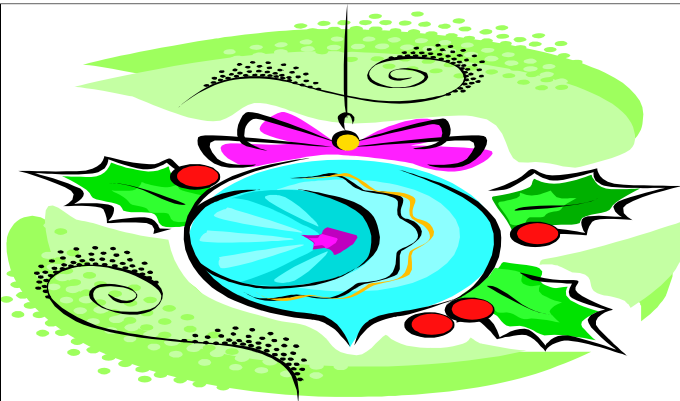
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Men's results:

A Grade – gross Winner – M.Rogge – 73

Nett Winner – F.Joseph

Nett runner/ up – W. Howarth

Nett R/Down – P.Donaghy

B.Grade—Gross winner – C.Bell – 94

Nett Winner – L.McDougall.

C.Grade—Gross Winner – P.Penny – 89

Nett Winner – T.Stager

Nett R/up – W.Anthony

Nett R/Down – M.Lock

N.T.P. == 1/10 – T.Mann 2/11 – F.Joseph

Ladies results:

Table made and donated by W.Anthony was won by Carol Lowell.

Stableford winner was J.Gambling

Silver winner – R.Wilson

Run Up – A.Godrell

Bronze 1 Winner – M.Smith

Run/ up – S.Jarrett

Bronze 11 winner – M.Goodwin Run/ up – D.Corrin

The Babinda Golf Club

Held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 1st December 2010.

Unanimously Elected;

President – W.Anthony

Vice President – M.Smith

Secretary – P.Penny

Treasurer – Y.Montague

Publicity Officer – S.Elliott

Captain – D.Biancotti

Many thanks to our loyal members and visitors

Who played even when the Course was wet and boggy?

We are having a Christmas Party Fun Day on Saturday

11th December 2010.

--Tee off – 12-30 p.m.---- 9 Hole 3 ball Ambrose.

Everyone Welcome, ----. Please ring W.Anthony – 4067 1767

if intending to come.

HELP OUR CASSOWARIES Remember to make note of any of your Cassowary sightings. Dr Hamish Campbell is mad keen to receive any news for his database. A new website has been launched to try to uncover the behaviour of one of the world's most elusive birds, the Cassowary. To record your sightings visit

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BABINDA HARVEST FESTIVAL MEETING—Monday 20 Dec, 7pm, Taskforce Office

BABINDA TASKFORCE -- Third Thursday of the month. 9:30am, Taskforce SOB Hall. 40672900

BABINDA ARTS & CRAFTS - 2nd Wednesday every month - 7pm shop, bring a chair

BABINDA DISTRICT FISHING CLUB first Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Club House - 4067-1087

BABINDA BOWLS CLUB - Weekly Bowls Tuesday 1pm Ladies ;Wednesday 6pm Barefoot ; Thursday Canecutters Mixed Social 1.30pm; Saturday & Sunday 1pm Social - Phone 40671148

BABINDA BOXING CLUB - Hoy at Spirit of Babinda Hall 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 1.30pm

BABINDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKET DAY- 2nd Saturday of each month. Main street.

BABINDA GOLF CLUB - Time of competitions - Wednesday - Chook Run 9 holes 2.45pm Friday - Social Holes 3pm Saturday - 18 Hole Competition 1pm

BABINDA LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday of the month a 7pm at the RSL Hall, School St

BABINDA STATE SCHOOL P & C MEETING - 4th Monday of the month 7.30pm at the school

BARTLE FRERE STATE SCHOOL - Family Day Group Tuesday 9am—11am 4067 6240

BRAMSTON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION—Monthly meetings, last Tuesday of the month held at the Fire Station 7:30pm. Contact 07 40674 215

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 6 - 6.30PM - 1st Tuesday of the month at Roddo's

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am Hospital

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PLAYGROUP - BABINDA BUMBLE BEES - meets every Mon. 9.30am - 1130am at St. Rita's School, Church St. Ring Julie on 4067-2397 for more information.

QCWA BABINDA- 2nd Saturday of the month meeting @ 9.30am Craft held after the meeting 4th Monday of the month - Hoy and Mini Cent Sale @ 1pm

QCWA DEERAL—2nd Wednesday of the month—09.00am Craft lessons (Teacher) - open to all. Meeting 1.30pm—New members welcome.

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STORYTIME - Babinda Library 3rd Wednesday every month

TAI CHI - Every Saturday at the Babinda Golf Club from 8.30am to 9.30am

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YOGA—Every Wednesday 5.30-7.00pm at the Spirit of Babinda Hall. All Welcome.