



# THE MONTHLY BUZZ

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This issue of The Monthly Buzz is dedicated to the staff and students of BPS for encouraging, helping and supporting us through our time working on the newsletter.

We would like to thank Cheryl for starting The Monthly Buzz, Mr Flannery for encouraging us to keep working on it and our teachers for letting us take time out of our classes.

We would like to say "Farewell" and "Good Luck" to two of our beloved, lovely and caring teachers, Mrs Noble and Mrs Davie, who are retiring at the end of the year.

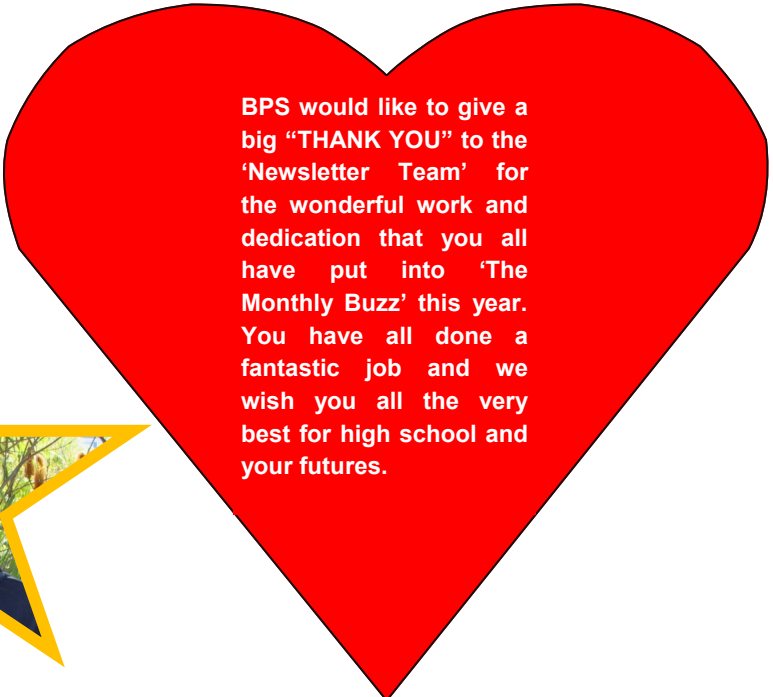
Thank you,  
Paige I, Alex, Brendan, Fergus, Chelsea D, Dean, Brianna H and Jasmin.



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*Our year 6 students.*



BPS would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to the 'Newsletter Team' for the wonderful work and dedication that you all have put into 'The Monthly Buzz' this year. You have all done a fantastic job and we wish you all the very best for high school and your futures.

What a great year we have had! And a great year of Monthly Buzzes.

We are sad to say, but this will be our final newsletter for this year, as our news editors will be starting high school next year **{scary!}** and we will hopefully have new editors you will get to know next year.

But just because this is our last, doesn't mean it is our least. Just wait until you see what we have in store for you this month. It's a ripper if I do say so myself, so enjoy your reading!

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Recently I went to Townsville which is a city in north Queensland and is across from the Great Barrier Reef. I went there to go to a Convention.

This event was taking place all over the world, I made heaps of new friends there and had a lovely time. But while we were up there we made a holiday of it. We got to go swimming at a place called Alligator Creek and even picked and peeled coconuts to eat! We had such a great time.

**By Paige**



*by Chelsie J*

## *The Last Newsletter for 2014*

This is the last Monthly Buzz newsletter for 2014, but in this edition we have more stories and more fabulous interviews. We also have a Joke Corner for some laughs.

The Newsletter Team...Fergus, Jasmin, Paige I, Brianna, Brendan, Alex, Dean and myself put as much effort as we could into this edition, and boy did we! because it is the last one. This newsletter has stories inside and outside of school.

We, The Monthly Buzz Team would like to thank all of the students, staff and parents/carers for reading our newsletters. Also, a massive thank you to Cheryl...you are amazing and without you our stories would not be as good without your tips.

So please enjoy this newsletter as much as we enjoyed putting it together!

Goodbye from 'The Monthly Buzz Team'.

# Talent Quest

## Ballina Public Has Talent!

Story by Brianna

### Paige:

**Were you scared getting on stage?**

No, I just enjoyed the moment.

**What song did you sing?**

"Read All About It" by Emeli Sande.

**Who did you sing with?**

Coda and I sang the song together.

**Were you happy when you and Coda won?**

We were surprised but proud of ourselves!



### Jade:

**Were you scared getting on stage?**

Not really

**What song did you sing?**

"A Thousand Years" by Christina Perry.

**Who did you sing with?**

Jacinta

**Were you happy when you got the encouragement award?**

Yes we were very excited.



A huge congratulations to Paige and Coda on winning the Talent Quest, your performance was breathtaking!! Well done to everyone else who was involved, all of your performances were outstanding and BPS is very proud of you!!

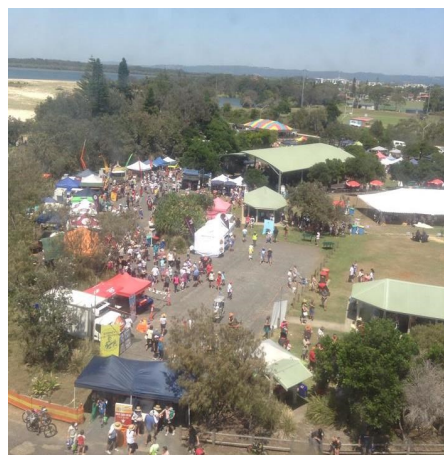


# Prawn Festival

## By Chelsea and Jasmin



On Saturday 15th November the Prawn Festival was held near the Skate Park in Ballina. There were rides, games, jumping castles and lots of delicious foods. You could win prizes like long snakes, skulls, Bob Marley bananas, monkeys and many more great things. Some of the rides were Shake It Up which everyone sits in a line on a big machine and you go around and around. There were also Bumper Cars where you sit in a small metal car and smash into other cars, it was really fun. There was a huge Ferris Wheel which was taller than the Ballina Water Slide. You could buy Snow Cones with different flavours and you could also have rainbow ones.



What do you have planned for next year's Monthly Buzz?

A new Newsletter Team, because you are all leaving me! And lots of fantastic stories.

What gave you the idea to start the Monthly Buzz?

I actually got the idea from a friend who said she used to do a student newsletter when she was at school.

Have you enjoyed working on the Monthly Buzz?

I have loved it! How could I not with the wonderful Team I have had to work with.

What was your original roll at BPS?

School Learning Support Officer and I actually really miss being in classrooms with our wonderful students.

How long have you been working at BPS?

About five and a half years now and loved every second.

What are you going to do in the holidays?

Put my feet up and watch a lot of movies, probably gardening and housework as well and I am going away to the Gold Coast for a few days.

What would you like for Christmas?

I would actually like a petrol trimmer because it would make my job easier in my garden.

Interview with Cheryl  
By Fergus





# SPORTS DAY

## By Alex

On Friday 14th November BPS had a fun Sports Afternoon. It was really hot but we all still had a lot of fun. The day was organised and run by the SRC and raised \$150.00 to go towards buying new sports equipment for the school.

Justine.....

Did you enjoy the Sports Day and why?

Yes, because it was fun and we got to do sport all afternoon.

What was your favourite sport?

I liked the ITA.

Did you learn anything new?

No but I had a lot of fun.

The sports day was a great success enjoyed by everyone.



# Interviews with the 'Team'

## BRIANNA

**Did you enjoy being on 'The Monthly Buzz' team?** Yes, because I worked with my friends.

**What did you enjoy the most about putting together a newsletter?** Working on stories with Paige.

**Would you be on a newsletter team again if you had the chance?** Yes

**What was your favourite story that was published in 'The Monthly Buzz'?** 'My Holiday' story.

**What are your best memories at BPS?** Writing a book about all of our funny moments at school.

**What will you miss the most at BPS?** My friends that are going to a different school.

**Are you looking forward to going to High School?** Yes

**Thinking about your future, do you know what you would like to do when you finish school?** I would like to be a teacher.

## ALEX

**Did you enjoy being on 'The Monthly Buzz' team?** Yes, because I got to write stories.

**What did you enjoy the most about putting together a newsletter?** I liked being able to do my own thing and write stories that I chose.

**Would you be on a newsletter team again if you had the chance?** Definitely, it is so much fun!

**What was your favourite story that was published in 'The Monthly Buzz'?** I liked them all.

**What are your best memories at BPS?** Being on the 'Touch Footy' Team.

**What will you miss the most at BPS?** Seeing my friends that are going to different schools.

**Are you looking forward to going to High School?** Yes

**Thinking about your future, do you know what you would like to do when you finish school?** I would like to be a Personal Trainer.

## PAIGE

**Did you enjoy being on 'The Monthly Buzz' team?** Yes, it was a great experience!

**What did you enjoy the most about putting together a newsletter?** Seeing everyone's ideas and how well everyone worked.

**Would you be on a newsletter team again if you had the chance?** Yes, I would really like to!

**What was your favourite story that was published in 'The Monthly Buzz'?** All of them!

**What are your best memories at BPS?** I have had so many...including Public Speaking, being with the Band and Choir and the Spelling Bee.

**What will you miss the most at BPS?** All of the teachers, they are all very special. Also meeting the new Kindergarten kids.

**Are you looking forward to going to High School?** No!

**Thinking about your future, do you know what you would like to do when you finish school?** Lots...Carpentry, travel, speaking lots of different languages, an Author and a Tourist Guide.

## CHELSEA

**Did you enjoy being on 'The Monthly Buzz' team?** Yes, it was fun writing stories.

**What did you enjoy the most about putting together a newsletter?** Working on stories and reading the other stories.

**Would you be on a newsletter team again if you had the chance?** Yes, it was fun.

**What was your favourite story that was published in 'The Monthly Buzz'?** 'My Holiday' by me.

**What are your best memories at BPS?** Singing at the Opera House.

**What will you miss the most at BPS?** My friends that won't be coming with me.

**Are you looking forward to going to High School?** Yes, I am looking forward to all the different subjects.

**Thinking about your future, do you know what you would like to do when you finish school?** I would like to be a fully trained Mechanic or a Police Officer.



### **JASMIN**

**Did you enjoy being on 'The Monthly Buzz' team?** Yes, it gave me the chance to use my photos and work with friends.

**What did you enjoy the most about putting together a newsletter?** All the ideas that we came up with.

**Would you be on a newsletter team again if you had the chance?** Yes

**What was your favourite story that was published in 'The Monthly Buzz'?** 'My Holiday' by Chelsea.

**What are your best memories at BPS?** The Lake Ainsworth excursion and just being at school.

**What will you miss the most at BPS?** My friends, because I am going to a different school.

**Are you looking forward to going to High School?** Yes, there is a photography unit.

**Thinking about your future, do you know what you would like to do when you finish school?** I would like to be a Marine Biologist, Palaeontologist and Archaeologist.

### **FERGUS**

**Did you enjoy being on 'The Monthly Buzz' team?** Yes, I enjoyed working with the Team.

**What did you enjoy the most about putting together a newsletter?** Working on my stories.

**Would you be on a newsletter team again if you had the chance?** Yes, definitely!

**What was your favourite story that was published in 'The Monthly Buzz'?** My interview with my Dad.

**What are your best memories at BPS?** Going to the school Fete for the first time.

**What will you miss the most at BPS?** My friends.

**Are you looking forward to going to High School?** Yes

**Thinking about your future, do you know what you would like to do when you finish school?** I would like to be an Electrician or a Mechanic.

### **DEAN**

**Did you enjoy being on 'The Monthly Buzz' team?** Yes, I enjoyed doing interviews.

**What did you enjoy the most about putting together a newsletter?** Interviewing and writing stories.

**Would you be on a newsletter team again if you had the chance?** Yes

**What was your favourite story that was published in 'The Monthly Buzz'?** My story about Mrs Ball.

**What are your best memories at BPS?** Swimming and school fetes.

**What will you miss the most at BPS?** Year 6

**Are you looking forward to going to High School?** Yes

**Thinking about your future, do you know what you would like to do when you finish school?** I would like to work on cane fields.

### **BRENDAN**

**Did you enjoy being on 'The Monthly Buzz' team?** Yes, I enjoyed working with the Team.

**What did you enjoy the most about putting together a newsletter?** Working on my stories.

**Would you be on a newsletter team again if you had the chance?** Yes, definitely!

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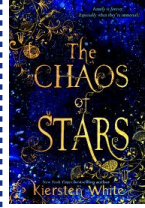
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**Are you looking forward to going to High School?** Yes

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# Book Reviews By Jasmin

## THE CHAOS OF STARS BY KIERSTEN WHITE



This book is about Isadora whose parents are Egyptian Gods, Isis and Osiris, and a heap of other Gods that are always so busy you never even get a glance. When Isadora gets a chance to move to California with her brother, she jumps at the chance, but getting away from family is hard, especially Isadora's.

## PROPHECY GIRL BY CECILY WHITE

Emily was born to kill Crossworld Demons of any kind, she didn't care that everyone said she was born for it. She meets a new man she instantly falls in love with but with her combat classes and everything else, she can hardly get anything done. When she finds out that the prophecy foretells her that she is to kill the man she loves, she refuses. Falling in love and surviving is very hard.



## THE DEVIL'S TRIANGLE BY MARK ROBSON



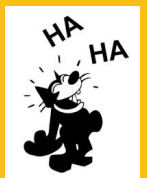
This book is about the mysteries and wonder of the Bermuda Triangle or so called 'Devil's Triangle' and the story of a family who are haunted by the curse.

## HERE LIES BRIDGET BY PAIGE HARRISON

Bridget was a mean person before she passed away. Then she realises mean wasn't the way to be and she gets given a second chance. What will she do this time around?



## The Joke Corner



- **Why do French people eat snails?** Because they don't like fast food. **Lydia.**
- **Did you hear about the race between the lettuce and the tomato?** The lettuce was a head and the tomato was trying to ketchup. **Douglas.**
- **Why did the dinosaur cross the road?** Because chickens hadn't come about yet. **Bianca.**
- **Knock knock - Who's there?** Boo-Boo who! No need to cry it is just a joke. **Jade.**
- **Some one told me you sound like an owl - who?** Ha Ha Ha. **Brianna.**
- **Why was the belt arrested?** It held up the pants! **Paige.**
- **What beside rain falls from the sky?** Rain Deer's. **Seth.**
- **Why did the cookie go to the doctor?** It was feeling crumby. **Brianna**
- **What music are balloons afraid of?** Pop music. **Brianna**

All of us from the 'Newsletter Team' would like to wish all of the Year 6 students, farewell and good luck.