Congratulations Students, Teachers and supporting staff at fabulous Bateau Bay Public School! It has been my pleasure to have held the President’s position for a 3rd year, and have enjoyed working alongside the entire school community to achieve great results. The rewards for our students, teachers and families are well worth the effort and I thank everybody for your support.

We have a brilliant team of hardworking, dynamic P&C committee members and although we are small in numbers, we are large in heart and commitment. I would like to extend my eternal gratitude and say a big thank you to:

- Carolyn and Aiden and the super team at OOSH,
- Lisa and her fabulous team at the Uniform Shop,
- Donna, our Canteen Manager and the wonderful volunteers in the Canteen during 2012 especially Mary for being Donnas trusty assistant.
- The fantastic Fundraising team, particularly Janine who put in a massive amount of time and effort being Fundraising Convener for the most part of the year.
- Di and Shelley for being great P&C ‘all rounders’ and thanks to Fergus for the time and effort he has put into arranging the new school sign and representing the P&C on many occasions in my absence.
- Thanks also to Maureen Gray, Mark Waite, Toni Formby, Howard Renwick and every one of our dedicated teaching staff for endorsing and supporting all P&C activities.

Without the collective efforts of these people we would not be the awesome school we are! Thanks must also go to all our families that supported the school by:

- Buying uniforms at our uniform shop
- Entrusting your children with our fantastic team at Before and After School Care and at Vacation Care for loads of fun and excellent care!
- Sending money with the students to buy food at recess and lunchtime at the Canteen AND

As a result of supporting all 4 sub-committees, we, the school community, have collectively raised over $35,000.00 this year!!! Actually it could be more as we have yet to finalize our end of year count.

Raising funds can be hard work but we’ve had a lot of fun along the way, strengthening relationships and benefitting from the rewards in many ways. We have a great dedicated committee that have a No Fuss approach that LOVE spending money to enhance our students learning in Mathematics, Reading, Writing and Ethics.
Over $50,000.00 of P&C funds have been spent during 2011 on the following:

- Electronic School Sign
- Mathletics Computer Learning program for all Bateau Bay Public School students
- Reading Eggs Computer Learning Program for selected grades
- Books
- New Computers
- Photo Frames for School Foyer revitalization
- Landscaping Materials and Turf
- Paint to complete the school renovations

This has been a standout year at Bateau Bay School with improved school communication through the new Electronic School sign, an additional Computer Lab fitted out, Mike Marland’s garden and Mr Renwick’s wonderful Creative Landscaping that welcomes us all to school. We are so lucky to have Howard and Mike put their time and heart into these projects for the benefit of us all. These are just a few highlights, with many academic and sporting achievements to add to an amazing list.

We look forward to another great year ahead, supporting our teachers and students with additional resources the school budget just cannot stretch to cover. In addition to the funds we contribute annually to Reading, Literacy and Numeracy programs we hope to improve the school play areas by purchasing a large play equipment shade cover and possibly soft play surfaces.

But in order to do this, we need your help. I welcome everybody to consider joining or assisting the P&C next year. We need more active committee members for all areas including OOSH, Canteen, Uniform Shop and Fundraising. All offers of help are greatly appreciated as ‘Many hands DO make light work’!

In closing, I would like to thank Maureen Gray, our fearless leader and wonderful principal for her dedication to our school over the last 7 years and her support and involvement in the P&C. Maureen has been a joy to work with, a true professional and always with the schools best interest at heart. We will miss her as our Principal and wish her well in her new appointment as Principal of Cromer Public School. Our loss is Cromer Public schools gain, Maureen has shown great respect for our school and we respect her in return, she has certainly left a Legacy to be proud of.

I wish everybody a Merry Xmas and another fun and exciting year in 2013. In keeping with our school motto, En Avant – Go Forward, that we will.....go forward to more good times ahead!

Sue Turl
2012 P&C President