What’s Happening ?

Dates to Remember

February
1 Book Sale day
4 Kindergarten students start school
20 Combined School Swimming Carnival

March
4-6 Years 5/6 Camp
20 Athletics Carnival

School Assembly
Fridays
Assembly tomorrow at 2.45pm

Notes Home Week 1
General Consent Note
Band Note - Invitation for new members.
Text Book Sale Day

Principal’s Message
WELCOME back all students, staff and parents to our beautiful Bonnet Bay school! Hoping you are all well rested and ready for another exciting year of learning! A special warm welcome to our new families the Urwins, Ureys, Fernadez & De Gruiters, we know you have chosen the best school in the shire!

CLASSES FOR 2013 Classes have been tentatively been formed and students informed that these may change over the next week or two until all our Kindergarten students have enrolled to ensure stability in our numbers. It is important for all to understand that a great deal of professional discussions have taken place to ensure the students are placed in the correct class for their best educational interest, we as the staff appreciate your support and know that 2013 will be a great positive year of learning for all concerned.

TEXTBOOK SALE This Friday has been set aside for our textbook purchase day. All students are reminded to bring their money envelope and textbooks will be distributed for them to use. This is the only day they will be able to be purchased. Money to be paid directly to Harper & Co.

Families may find this site informative also.

PARENT /TEACHER NIGHT It has been planned for staff to be available for a Parent/Teacher Information night early in the term as this is vital in establishing strong home partnerships which in turn benefits your child. It is envisage this will be held in Week 3 on Wednesday 13th February. As you can imagine the beginning of the term is busy for staff setting up their new class so if you wish to speak to a teacher in regard to a specific concern please feel free to arrange a set time for an appointment through a note or contacting the office.

BUSH CARE ADVERTISEMENT – WE ARE IN IT! Great news Bonnet Bay has hit the web on an advertisement for BUSHCARE on the Sutherland Shire Council Website. Our fabulous combined choir and KD joined in singing the backing track. Check it out at http://www.youtube.com/user/sutherlandshirecouncil?feature=results_right_main. FANTASTIC!!! Spreading the word to save our Environment!

Karen Deacon
Relieving Principal

“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference” Winston Churchill

Our school newsletter is available ‘online’ and you are encouraged to use this facility. It can be viewed via our website or it can emailed to you each Thursday.

Simply go to our website at www.bonnetbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au - click on ‘Our School’ followed by the ‘Newsletters & Email Subscribe’ tab. On this page you can ‘subscribe’ to receive the newsletter by email. Our aim is to be as ‘paper free’ as we can.
**Band**

Just a quick reminder to all band students that band rehearsals and tutorials resume next Monday 4th February at 8.30am. Looking forward to seeing you there! Those students wishing to hire a school instrument, please forward the appropriate paperwork (dated 10/12/12) to the school office ASAP or alternatively, see Mrs Turner to determine your instrument hire requirements.

Students in Years 3 -6 who may be interested in trying out for the training band will have a note sent home this week, and the try outs will be the following Monday 11th February 2013 at recess time.

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**Canteen News**

The canteen will be open again from Monday 11th February 2013. Canteen facilities will once again be available each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, however, we still need volunteers. If you are interested in helping out in the canteen or have any questions, please contact Donna Brown – 0410 797 466 or donnamariebrown@bigpond.com. Leave your name, email and mobile number. Alternatively please leave your details with Kyla at the office.

The Canteen Committee

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**School Banking**

School Banking will commence next week on Tuesday 5th February 2013.

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The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmite token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmite reward item.

School Banking Packs are available at the school office.

**Remember, School Banking day is every TUESDAY.**

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**School Assembly Awards**

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Do weekly maths mentals lead to tears? In this hands-on workshop you will learn to play some great maths games that will help your child develop their maths skills at home. Some handy hints for managing maths mentals homework are also provided.

**Date:** Tuesday 26 February, 2013  
**Time:** 6.00pm-8.30pm  
**Venue:** Learning Links Penshurst– 10 Railway Parade, Penshurst 2222  
**Cost:** FREE*  
**Suitable for:** Parents ONLY

For enquiries and bookings please phone Dana on 8568 8200.

*This workshop is funded by the Department of Education and Communities.*

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**Years 4-6 Dance Camp & Ensemble**

This year Sydney Region Arts is having their first non-residential dance camp early this term with an added element, at this camp the students can nominate to stay back and audition for the Sydney Region Dance Ensemble.

Applications are online and close next Thursday 7 February 2013. All of the information and the application form can be found at [www.sydneyregionarts.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sydneyregionarts.nsw.edu.au).
Take care when going to and from school

Welcome back to the new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Parking Officers will be out at all Schools this year helping you to ensure that all children get to and from school safely.

Dropping off or picking up your children

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians; your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Boys are twice as likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents as girls and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (RMS).

Have a plan

Plan with your son or daughter how you will collect them. When and where you will be after school? Where should they wait? Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if you are stopped, they should wait until you have parked at the side of the road.

Plan to arrive AFTER the school bell goes in the afternoon, so your children are ready and waiting for you and you are not blocking traffic.

Parking offences in school zones carry heavier fines and loss of demerit points. Sutherland Shire Council makes no apologies for fining drivers who break the law around schools and in school zones.

No Parking Zones

A No Parking zone is a pick up and drop off area, you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and must remain within three metres of the vehicle. When parents park in a No Parking zone for longer than two minutes they prevent other parents from stopping to drop off or pick up their children, creating frustration and dangerous situations.

If you block the drop off and pickup areas, you risk a fine.

Some signs you will see around your School

You can find out more about the Australian Road Rules and other road safety information on the RMS website www.rms.nsw.gov.au

If you have any questions or concerns about safety at your school contact Council on 9710 0333 or email ssc@ssc.nsw.gov.au
MESSAGES FROM THE DEC

2013 Homework Planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Doing Well in Class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Eight Ways to Get Your Kids Organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Smart Foods to Boost Learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Parents Pool their Tips (High School)
Ask your child to write all their teachers’ names on their timetables and make a copy for the fridge. If they have a mobile phone, have them take a photo of their timetable so they have it with them all the time. Read more tips from experienced parents.

Benefits of Team Sports
If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated.

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA
Family Law Network Australia have recently launched a website which is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters.
We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au.

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shireparents.com.au
Be sure to check out www.shireparents.com.au. It brings everything you need as a parent, all into one place and will continue to grow as new information and services become available. It has sections for Education, Careers & Family Support Services. It also contains relevant articles, case studies, local news and events as well as employment and educational opportunities that become available.
Sign up on the front page to receive their newsletter twice a school term.

PLAY RUGBY WITH YOUR MATES AT SYLVANIA BULLDOGS
Minis U6 to U9 play for free. That's free rego, socks, shorts and free use of jersey
Registration details at www.sylvaniarugby.com