**Principal’s Message**

**WELCOME** back to staff, students and parents. And thank you everyone for the warm welcome on my return on Wednesday. It is great to be back at BBPS! Yes really!

**CLASSES FOR 2013** With all of our Kindergarten enrolments in place, classes formed provisionally last week will become the permanent classes for this year. We greatly appreciate your support in settling the students into the new year and their classes. All classes are working well and it has been very encouraging to visit classes yesterday and see students already engaged and positive in their learning.

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** All parents are cordially invited to attend a parent information evening next Wednesday 13th Feb. This session will give parents a broad idea of how the curriculum is delivered in each classroom. If you have specific concerns about your child please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher at another time. The class sessions will be at the following times and will last for 30 minutes.

- KD: 5.30–6.00pm
- 1/2T & 1/2L: 5.00-5.30 pm
- 3/4G: 6.00-6.30 pm
- 5/6R: 6.30-7.00pm

We hope to see everyone there.

**P&C AGM and FIRST MEETING** Parents and community members are invited to attend the P&C’s AGM and first meeting for the year on Wednesday 20th February. There will be an election of new officers for the P&C. Please note that this is a week later than planned due to the parent teacher night next week. We hope to see lots of parents attending to provide their input into the corporate life of our wonderful school. Thank you very much to our outgoing executive of Donna Grubb and Anne Noakes who are stepping down after three years of outstanding service to our school. Your efforts on behalf of our school and its students is very much appreciated.

**JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM**

Interviews for this position will be held next Thursday 14th and it is planned for the teacher to commence the following week on the 19th. We are very excited about this initiative, which will provide an exceptional opportunity for our students. All classes in the school will have one lesson per week. There will also be a lesson in the preschool and a lesson in the Before and After School Care Centre for those students attending the BASC who would like to improve their skills.

**COMBINED SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL** Stage 2 and 3 students will be representing our school on Wednesday 20th Feb at Caringbah Pool. I am sure that whatever the results, our students will demonstrate sportsmanship and good behaviour as they always do.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION** A note requesting your assistance regarding voluntary contribution and class levy went home today. Please be aware of how important this funding support is to our school and the continuation of the outstanding programs that we offer here at BBPS. If there are financial concerns please see me. If you look at the contribution per child, from a real world perspective, it is less than the cost of half a tank of petrol. Let’s give our kids the best education possible.

Roger Caines

Principal

*Quote of the Week: “Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well” Lord Chesterfield*
**Performing Arts Night DVD**
If you purchased a DVD of the Performing Arts Night and the quality is poor, please let us know at the school office.
Thanks.

**Wilson’s Family Shoe Store**
Be fitted by the Best - Wilson’s Family Shoes. Quick Service with all trained and experienced fitting specialists.

Wilson’s Family Shoe Store have extended financial support to our school in the form of a ‘Back to School’ Fundraising Program. Remember to collect your written receipt/ School Sponsorship Voucher when you purchase school shoes from Wilson’s Family Shoe Store at Jannali. Please hand in vouchers to the school office. The school receives a payment for 5% of the total value of any collected vouchers.

**Wilson Family Shoe Store**
40 Railway Crescent, Jannali
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**School Banking**
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 Dollarmites token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item.

School Banking Packs are available at the school office.

Remember, School Banking day is every TUESDAY.

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**Scholastic Book Club**
Issue 1 order forms have gone home for the Scholastic Book Club. This is a great way to encourage your child to read more as well as support your school.

The school receives bonus reward $$ that are used towards resources for the classrooms/choir and library resources. Last year we saved the school $584 at the end of the year in purchasing resources needed for 2013 as well as many additional FREE books for our Library. Look forward to your continued support in 2013.

While we do accept cash orders, payment by credit card or cheque is preferred.

If you would like your order to go to the office please place “OFFICE” under your child’s name and someone will call you to pick up otherwise the order will go to your child in the classroom.

**Order forms are due back at the school by Friday 15th February.**
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 sso@ssc.nsw.gov.au
Road Safety

It’s important to remind children, especially younger ones, of the need to be vigilant when out and about. Talk to your child about road safety and model good behaviour yourself. For lots of good safety reminders, Kidsafe NSW has an informative website with a number of free brochures and fact sheets on maintaining a safe environment for your child and teaching them about staying safe. They are also available in several community languages. [www.kidsafensw.org](http://www.kidsafensw.org)

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.


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.


LEAGUE

SUTHERLAND SHIRE SQUADRON

Air cadets for boys aged 8 years and older

Flight training - real-life flight simulator

Aviation courses - engines, navigation etc.

Camping, camouflage and bush survival

Flying days, aeromodelling and ball games

Leadership, teamwork and self-discipline


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Before and After School Care

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Players needed for our
Under 8’s & 9’s teams.

Free registration for all new players including jumper, shorts and socks.

Register at Sutherland Oval, Grand Pde Sutherland
10th & 17th February 10am – 2pm

For more info call Mark 0407 709 161 or visit
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