**Term 1 - Week 5**
**28th Feb 2013**

**Dates to Remember**

**March**
- 4-6 School Camp 5/6R
- 7 Zone Swimming
- 11 Hazelhurst Excursion Years 3-6
- 20 Athletics Carnival

**April**
- 3 Kindergarten 2014 Information night
- 11 School Photos

**School Assembly Fridays**
Assembly tomorrow at 2.45pm.

**Notes Home Week 5**
- ICAS 2013 - Yr 3-6
- Japanese Language Program

**What’s Happening ?**

**Principal’s Message**

**PARENT HELPERS IN THE CLASS-ROOM** At last week’s P&C meeting it was suggested that a parent data base be set up for parents and community members who would be willing to support our students in their learning. It may not be the class your child or grandchild is in but the staff would welcome any regular assistance. If you can help on a regular basis, even if it is only once a week for 30 minutes, then one child can be helped. Please complete the reply slip later in this newsletter to indicate your availability.

**JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM** A note went home today regarding the cost of the Japanese Language program. We look forward to your support of this initiative and I am sure that it will be a wonderful opportunity for all of our students. If payment is of concern please see me so we can make a mutually suitable arrangement.

**COMBINED SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL / ZONE CARNIVAL** The children did very well last week and we came >>>>>> overall. A team of 21 swimmers will represent us next Thursday at the Zone Carnival. If you can help with transport please let Mr Green know via the section on the permission note. Permission notes must be returned by this Friday as many of the students involved in the Zone Carnival will not be here next week due to camp.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPEAT** Please note that this event is on this term in three weeks.

**STAGE THREE CAMP** Next Monday Stage 3 with Mr Green, Mrs Riggs and Miss Neralie head off to Milson Island Sport and Recreation camp site. All parents need to be aware of the departure schedule. Trains will not wait and all students need to be on time at Sutherland Station otherwise it will be a long drive to Brooklyn. It should be a great three days and we will keep you informed about their return which is estimated as 3.30pm on Wednesday afternoon.

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY** This Friday, 1st March, we ask that all students come prepared to clean up our school. Students are asked to bring a plastic bag and gloves that fit (either disposable gloves or gardening gloves) to protect their hands.

**FREE CHESS WORKSHOP** All the students had lots of fun learning about chess yesterday. Perhaps you could encourage their learning by playing at home to develop their skills.

**MONEY IN THE BLACK BOX** We ask that parents and students please use the metal box on the wall outside Kyla’s office for all payments. Money should not be taken to the classroom or handed to the class teacher.

**PARENT SURVEYS** If you still have a Three Things Survey from last year, please pop it in the box in the foyer. Also on line surveys for parents here last year should have been completed by now. See Kyla for details.

*Roger Caines*  
**Principal**

*Quote of the Week:* “I always prefer to believe the best of everybody; it saves so much trouble”  
Rudyard Kipling
**Easter Eggs Fundraiser Update**

Eggs to sell: 86 cartons
Number sold: 10 cartons (based on money returned)
To go: 76 cartons
Off to a great start with our fundraiser. Please return money as soon as you have sold them. Banking details below. Please try and remember to include slip on note in box.

**Option 1 – Direct Deposit**
Money can be payed directly into the P&C Bank account through your home internet banking.
Account Name: Bonnet Bay P&C Association
BSB: 032155 A/C Number: 180882
Please return slip below in the safe deposit box at school.

**Option 2 – Cheque**
Cheque to be made payable to Bonnet Bay P&C Association and placed in an envelope with below slip and put in the safe deposit box at school.

**Option 3 – Cash**
Cash can be returned to office with below slip and put in safe deposit box at school.

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**Scholastic Update**

I noticed a great book that a parent ordered in Issue 1 of Scholastics the other day and wanted to share if you are interested in purchasing one. The book is called “ Targeting Maths Dictionary”. It is basically a dictionary for Mathematical terms and shows diagrams. Now if you are like me and was not good at Maths this book is great! It retails for $9.50. I will be placing a separate order for one for our home, if you want one send me a text by Monday 4th March and I will order you one.

Please leave money in an envelope at office and I will get book to you.

Regards,
Virginia McCrea - 0412 219 350.

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**Uniform Shop News**
The new Uniform Committee for 2013 is Barbara LaGrutta, Leanne Levi and Joanne Rogers.

We would firstly like to say a HUGE thank you to Eleisha Legg and Melissa Harrigan for doing such a fantastic job over the past year.
- hopefully we can run the uniform shop as well as you have!!

We will not be doing any large orders until our winter order, which will be towards the end of Term 1, but if you need any items before then please contact us as we do have some stock available. Also, Kyla has a supply of hats and socks at the office.

We also have a large assortment of second-hand clothing in the uniform shop, so we will be holding a sale in the quad on **Friday 1st March**!

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

Barbara LaGrutta... 0416 283101
Leanne Levi ........ 0415 397337
Joanne Rogers....... 0409 522299

**Uniform Committee**

**Second Hand Uniform Sale!**

We will be holding a second hand uniform stall in the quad tomorrow, Friday 1st March, from 3pm.

Please come along if you want to find some great bargains! We have a selection of summer and winter uniforms, jumpers $5 each, shorts and shirts $3 each!

**Parent Helpers in the Classroom**

I am able to assist in the classroom on:

- [ ] Monday
- [ ] Tuesday
- [ ] Wednesday
- [ ] Thursday
- [ ] Friday

Time Available: _____________________

I prefer to work with:

- [ ] Kindergarten – Year 2
- [ ] Year 3– Year 6

Name: ______________________________

Phone: ______________________________

*Please complete and return this note to the school. Thanks for your assistance.*
MESSAGES FROM THE DEC

All About Apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership

When Older Kids Struggle with Reading
Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they’re heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading

Multiplication times tables

Sorting Fact from Fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction

High school
Solving Equations
Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/RId5/44/algebra

Avoiding Injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Experts discuss and give tips on what to watch out for. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy

ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS IN YEAR 6
are invited to apply for
THE JANNALI HIGH SCHOOL
SELECTIVE CLASS YEAR 7 – 2014

The selection process includes an external examination at The Jannali High School on 12 March.
Call the school on 9521 2805 for an Information Package and Application Form.

Applications must be received by 7 March 2013.

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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.