Term 1 - Week 6
7th March 2013

**Dates to Remember**

March
7 Zone Swimming
11 Hazelhurst Excursion Years 3-6
19 Harmony Day
20 Athletics Carnival
27 Easter Hat Parade

April
3 Kindergarten 2014 Information night
11 School Photos

**School Assembly Fridays**

Assembly tomorrow at 2.45pm.
1/2L Class Item

**Notes Home Week 6**

Athletics Carnival
Athletics Carnival Lunch Order Note

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**Principal’s Message**

**PARENT HELPERS IN THE CLASSROOM repeat** At the recent P&C meeting it was suggested that a parent database 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 or email the school at bonnetbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

**ZONE CARNIVAL** A team of 21 swimmers represented us today at the Zone Carnival. All the results will be in next week’s newsletter.

**PARENT SURVEYS: help needed**

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. The two online surveys:

- **Differentiating the Curriculum -** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DJXG5HM](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DJXG5HM)
- **Communicating & Decision Making -** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MYKTDTV](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MYKTDTV)

are available via the two links above. At this stage we only have two replies so I would ask that all parents of students from Years 1-6 this year please complete the survey online. It will only take about 5 minutes per survey. It will help us greatly if we can get a representative sample of parent opinions.

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY** This Friday, 8th 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. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us this week.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPEAT**

Please note that this event is on this term in two weeks.

**STAGE THREE CAMP** This week Stage 3 with Mr Green, Mrs Riggs and Miss Neralie went to Milson Island Sport and Recreation Camp. A great time was had by all and we look forward to a full report soon. Looks like a great location!

**ONLINE TRAINING**

All school staff are currently completing a series of online and face to face modules on Understanding Dyslexia. A more detailed report will be given at the next P&C meeting.

**KINDERGARTEN INFO NIGHT** If you have friends or neighbours in your street with pre-schoolers please tell them about our special night on Wednesday 3rd April where we introduce new families to our school and all of its wonderful programs.

**Roger Caines**

Principal

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School Response Unit
9672 2061
Sutherland Police
9542 0899
Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21st March each year. It’s a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. It’s a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity.

The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2013 is that Everyone Belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It’s a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It’s also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live. In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia.

Bonnet Bay Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 19th March 2013. As part of the celebrations, students and staff will be enjoying an afternoon of fun activities and games.

We would like the children to come dressed in appropriate “mufti” clothing with a focus on the colour ORANGE. This is the traditional colour worn to celebrate harmony day.

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Scholastic Update - Issue 2

Orders due back Friday 15th March

The latest brochures have gone home this week and orders are due back to the office by Friday 15th March. If for some reason you did not receive any brochures or would like books at a different level for your child there are spare brochures at reception.

Every dollar you spend does help the school with new books/resources for the classrooms & the library.

Orders are usually sent home with the children, but if you would like to collect the orders yourself just put “Office” at the top of your order form(s) and the office will give you a call when the order is ready to pick up.

Thank you for your continued support.

Virginia McCrea
**Easter Hat Parade**

Wow! The Easter Holidays are approaching so fast! On Wednesday 27th March Bonnet Bay students would love to invite parents and families to our Easter Hat Parade at 10.50am and then join us for morning tea.

Students are asked to bring along a creative Easter Hat to share with their friends and families. It can be simple as their favourite hat or a creation of cardboard with an Easter theme or just a pair of rabbit ears! The choice is up to you! It’s just a way of sharing in the Easter spirit.

Our wonderful Parents & Citizens have organised an Easter raffle to support our school and will have tickets for sale for 50 cents each to win Easter egg hampers! Tickets will be available for sale from Monday 18th at Recess by our student leaders.

Come join in the fun and come to our Easter Hat Parade where every hat will proudly be displayed!

Karen Deacon
Assistant Principal

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**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.*

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**Congratulations Oliver**

Congratulations to our very own ‘Oliver’ who was chosen to play ‘Oliver’ in a new production of *Oliver*, being performed at Hurstville Entertainment Centre by new stage group, St George Theatre Company. We’re so proud of you Oliver!

*NEW* production of one of the world’s best-loved stage musicals, *Oliver*, will be performed at Hurstville Entertainment Centre from Friday, March 1. It will be the first production by a new stage group, St George Theatre Company, which incorporates the historic Rockdale Musical Society. Based on the classic story by Charles Dickens, the musical was written by Lionel Bart, who died in 1999.

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**A Taste of 5/6 Camp………**

*More Photos Next Week*
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.

MESSAGES FROM THE DEC

Good Number Sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


Essay Planning
Kids often rush headlong into essay writing tasks without thinking through what is required. Effective essay planning can involve brainstorming, mind-mapping, and organising notes depending on the question and type of response required. These factsheets explain everything.


Reading with your Child at Home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.


Removing Head Lice and Nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


Does Multi-Tasking Reduce Focus?
Can your kids really study while updating their Facebook page, listening to their music players and messaging their friends? Research shows dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and a greater ability to retrieve information.


When Kids are Bullied
We send our kids off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn’t stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime.


Claudine Schoolwear

23 President Avenue
Caringbah NSW 2229
Ph: 9526 2525

10% discount on all purchases made between Monday 25th March & Saturday 20th April 2013.

Price List available at school office.

Have you Received the Schoolkids Bonus?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.