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14th March 2013

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Principal’s Message

NATIONAL ACTION DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE This is tomorrow and we will be completing classroom activities in support of this important day. Our school staff are diligent in ensuring that all students are safe and happy at school.

HARMONY DAY Next Tuesday we will be celebrating Harmony Day. We ask that students wear something orange. It is a mufti day so the students can wear everyday clothes and hopefully something orange as well. There will be games and activities in the afternoon session for the students.

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/DJXG5SHM
Communicating & Decision Making - 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 Last Friday the students did a fantastic job of cleaning up our school. Thank you to all of the parents who sent the appropriate equipment along so all the students could participate. Well done boys and girls!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPEAT Please note that this event is on next week. There will be a separate note tomorrow giving details of the program of events for the day. All family members are welcome.

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

EASTER HAT PARADE DAY Everyone is invited to join us for the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 27th March. It will start at 10.50 and parents and visitors are welcome to stay on and join us for morning tea. Parents are asked to make a hat for their child. Please bring the hat to school on the day of the Parade. Raffle tickets will be on sale for the Easter Raffle next week. Tickets will be 50c each. Details of the prizes will be published on a separate note.

Roger Caines
Principal
“If people knew how hard I work to gain my mastery, it would not seem so wonderful at all”. Michelangelo
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Scholastic Reminder

Book club orders are due in tomorrow – Friday 15th March.

Please place orders in the secure box outside the office.

Any order you place supports our school with resources for the classrooms and our library.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Cadbury Easter Egg Fundraiser

2 Weeks Until Easter!

Boxes to sell: 86
Currently sold based on money returned: 30
Still to go: 56

All reports are that the eggs have been selling well. So that we can finalise this fundraiser and pay Cadbury please return any outstanding monies by tomorrow – Friday 15th March. If you have not sold all of your eggs and think that you will sell all of them please keep selling. If you think you are NOT going to sell anymore please bring back remaining eggs and money to the office by Friday 15th March as we will allocate these out to families who are able to sell more. Please ensure that monies and eggs balance.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser for our school.

Canteen News

Canteen volunteers for next week are:
**Mon:** Leanne Levi & Christine Blackall
**Tue:** Donna Brown & Lisa Seaman
**Wed:** Lisa Ziegler.

**Lunch orders for the Athletics Carnival are due by tomorrow - Friday 15th March.**

The usual canteen snack foods will be available to purchase at the Athletics Carnival.

**New Items on Canteen Menu:**
- Twista Pasta with Bolognaise Sauce - $3.00
- Macaroni & Cheese - $3.00
- Vege Crackers - BBQ Cheese, Italian Supreme Flavours - $1.00

An updated Canteen Menu will be available soon and will be sent home to all families.

The Canteen Committee

PSSA Sport

**Boys Softball & Cricket Draw**

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Class of the Week: KD

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Payment options are listed below:

**Option 1 – Direct Credit**
Money can be paid 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 payment slip 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 payment slip and put in the safe deposit box at school.

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

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**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 P&C 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!

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**LOST**

An 4GB Ipod Touch was lost outside the school last Thursday 7th March at about 3.15 in the afternoon. It has a black front, silver rear and had a blue “skin” on it. If found, please contact the school.

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**STOP PRESS!**

**PARENT SEMINAR by INTERRELATE**

‘Helping Children Become RESILIENT’

Melissa Honor from Interrelate will present the first of 4 seminars in 2013, to parents, friends and caregivers.

Teaching children healthy thinking enables them to *bounce back* from challenges they will face.

You will be encouraged at the practical understanding and advice Melissa presents on this subject. I strongly urge you as parents/grandparents and caregivers not to miss this valuable seminar.

**Wednesday 27th March**
7pm - 9.30pm
Kirrawee Primary School Hall
Bath Rd, Kirrawee

Please arrive 20 minutes early for a cuppa and light refreshment. On arrival you will receive seminar notes and valuable information.

The cost of the evening is $10 each adult and $15 for both parents (this is a greatly discounted rate).

I highly recommend this seminar. Melissa is a mum, a teacher and an experienced, qualified presenter with a wealth of knowledge. You will relate to her practical insights, humour and warmth. If time allows Melissa will answer your questions.

Please RSVP early to register for catering and seating purposes.

Please register your interest by contacting the school on 9528 4111 or [bonnetbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bonnetbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
MESSAGES FROM THE DEC

Succeeding in Science
Encouraging your teen to ask questions and helping them find the answers is top of the list in helping them to succeed in science. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/helping-your-teenager-succeed-in-science

Facts about Tutors
Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it’s also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors

Public Speaking
Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school

Science Starters
Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know

Year 10 Subject Selection
In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection

A Crash Course in Poetry Appreciation
Understanding why an author uses certain words or structures in their poetry can help your teenager enjoy the English subject and give greater depth to their writing and language skills. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/a-crash-course-in-poetry-appreciation-for-your-high-schooler

Stamps! Stamps! Stamps!
Last year, our wonderful school collected 624 used stamps to send off to “Bush Church Aid”, a ministry to support people in the bush. Money from the sale of second-hand stamps support “Bush Church Aid” field staff in their various ministries, which include ministry in mining towns, remote island communities; regional areas, Indigenous communities and youth ministries.

With such a successful effort, BBPS will be involved in this collection again this year. The whole school is invited to join the used stamp collecting bug! Our aim is to collect more used stamps this year than what we collected last year.

It is so easy to participate and it doesn’t cost a thing! All you need to do is tear the stamp off the envelope, and pop them in the boxes provided in the classrooms or in the school office foyer. We will do the rest!

Thank you for your donations of used stamps.

KIDS DAY OUT!
Monday 29th April 2013
9.00am – 3.00pm
Bonnet Bay Public School
Kid’s Day Out is on again, on the pupil free day after the holidays!
Children participate in craft, music, games and lessons about God!
Run by a group of experienced teachers, SRE teachers and children’s workers from the Sutherland Presbyterian Reformed Church.
For further information and rego form contact Jo at joburgess@unwired.com.au or phone 0402 410 452.