Term 1 - Week 8
21st March 2013

Dates to Remember

March
27 Easter Hat Parade
27 P&C Meeting
29 Good Friday Holiday

April
1 Easter Monday Holiday
3 Kindergarten Information night
4 SSSMF Junior Choir Rehearsal @ BBPS
5 PSSA Winter Comp Commences
11 School Photos
12 Last day of Term 1

TERM 2
May
1 First day of Term 2 for all students K-6

School Assembly
Fridays
Assembly tomorrow at 2.45pm.
1/2 T Class Item.

Notes Home
School Photo Day

Principal’s Message

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
What a wonderful day we had yesterday! Many thanks to Mr Green for his superb organisation of the day. Thank you to the many parents who helped with the activities, worked in the canteen, helped with the packing up or worked as a race official. Your support for the day makes it so much better on the day. I am sure that everyone had a great day.

HARMONY DAY
On Tuesday we celebrated Harmony Day. The students really enjoyed the day and the afternoon activities.

PARENT SURVEYS: Help Needed
If you still haven’t done your online surveys please do them asap. The two online surveys:
- Differentiating the Curriculum - https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DJXG5HM
- Communicating & Decision Making - https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MYKTDTV

are available via the two links above. At this stage we have 13 replies. Thank you very much to those parents who have completed the survey since last week. It will help us greatly if we can get a representative sample of parent opinions. Please make sure that you paste the whole link into the address bar.

KINDERGARTEN INFO NIGHT
Please tell friends or neighbours with pre-schoolers 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 are on sale for the Easter Raffle, tickets are 50c each. There are 3 large Easter egg hampers to be won.

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Please note that school breaks for the Easter Holidays on Thursday 28th and we resume on Tuesday 2nd April. Term 1 ends on Friday 12th April and students return to school on Wednesday May 1st.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HIGH SCHOOL
All application forms for Year 7 2014 should be returned by tomorrow.

ICAS ENTRY FORMS
If you wish your child to participate in the UNSW ICAS testing please ensure that your forms are returned by Friday 5th April.

P&C MEETING NEXT WEEK
Our next P&C meeting will be next Wed. 27th March at 7.30pm in the school library. Please join in and contribute.

NAPLAN
A note went home last week explaining to parent about the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. The Tests will take place from May 14-16 early next term. If you have any enquiries please contact the school or visit www.nap.edu.au

HEALTHY FOODS
Staff on recess and lunch duty have noted a number of students with highly flavoured and sweetened foods. Please ensure that your child has a healthy lunchbox.

Roger Caines
Principal

“Nine tenths of education is encouragement”. Anatole France - French Writer and Poet
Harmony Day

As most are aware, today 21 March is Harmony Day; 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, students are able to learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. It was great to be part of the Harmony Day activities on Tuesday and see teamwork in action. Congratulations to the senior students who facilitated the different activities and were encouraging and supportive of all!

The Friendship Tree

The 'Friendship Tree' is an initiative this term that encourages and celebrates diversity and community. Alongside the Friendship seat picnic rugs are laid out with board games, puppets, puzzles, beading, creative activities and most importantly a space to belong. Everyone is welcome.

Last week a group of students were playing a running game and as I canvassed faces there were students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 and I was greatly encouraged by the sense of support and community that was evident.

Canteen News

Canteen volunteers for next week are:

Mon: Shanan Green & Sharyn Green
Tue: Chris Davidson, Zali Nash
Wed: Wendy Calder, Jenny Campton.

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 sent home to all families.

The Canteen Committee

PSSA Sport

The first season of PSSA Sport finished last Friday. Students in Years 3-6 will commence the PSSA Winter competition on Friday 5th March. Students will be competing in Soccer and Netball.

Uniform Shop News

Winter uniform ordering will be taking place from next week. A note will be going home tomorrow which will include the order form and the dates and times the uniform shop will be open during next week for try-ons.

Please ensure all orders are in by Wednesday 3rd April. This will be the last chance to order until later in the year when we do the summer order so make sure you get your order in on time!
Understanding, tolerance and inclusion are important values as a school community that also assist children in what it means to be a friend and part of a wider community. Friendship represents the communal sense of belonging that is key to developing successful relationships and lifelong resilience and it’s great to be able to facilitate an environment which contributes to wellbeing where children feel accepted and encouraged.

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

**Cadbury Easter Egg Fundraiser**

Qty to be sold: 86 cartons

Qty sold based on money returned: 50 cartons

Outstanding: 36 cartons

Money is now due in for the Easter Eggs. Please return all monies asap so that we can finalise this fundraising event for our school. No more Easter Eggs to be returned now. Please sell all that you have.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. Once all monies are returned we will raise $2500 for our school which helps all our children.

**Athletics Carnival Fun!**

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.
Facts About Fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets. Find our more: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf

Amazing Art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar. Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

Sounding Out Aloud

Fitness for the Family
Michelle Bridges talks about how to make fitness a priority for the whole family - and the start of a lifetime habit for your kids. Try out tips to keep your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family

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 joburgess79@gmail.com or phone 0402 410 452.

Exercise in Disguise
THURSDAY
7.15PM
BONNET BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
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This ABA relies on volunteers and donations to keep assisting in the community. Funds raised on the night will help the Cronulla-Sutherland group continue to assist local families.

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