What’s Happening?

Principal’s Message
Welcome back to Term 4! I have returned refreshed and thankful for the great opportunity to travel to amazing places but so happy to be back home to Bonnet Bay. A huge thank you to Mrs Godwin and Mrs Layton for doing a great job leading the school in my absence.

Staff Development DAY - Science Conference
On Tuesday all our staff attended a Science and Technology conference at Bankstown Sports Club. We had the opportunity of meeting Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, the amazing scientist and his thoughts of the future in Science. He informed us of incredible facts and vision of where our world is leading to in medicine, technology and education. The day was an opportunity for all staff to visit the new Science and Technology syllabus and attend workshops regarding how to teach and program with the new format. Both Mrs Layton and Mrs Turner, who have been training as our Curriculum leaders in this area presented an inspiring workshop on Magnets for other schools to participate in. Well Done Ladies!

Create South
This week Brielle and Hamish from 4/5R have had the opportunity to be involved in the Create South Gifted and Talented program at Sutherland Entertainment Centre and will perform tonight. I know they have been enjoying this experience and we wish them good luck.

Kindergarten Transition
Next Tuesday will see our first Kindergarten Transition Day and we look forward in welcoming our new families into our school and our Year 5’s having a chance to meet their buddies. Our school is growing with many new families joining our fabulous learning community and the building of a GREAT school. Let’s make them all welcome and spread the word.

Grandfriends Day
Monday 20 October is our annual Grandfriends Day, when we welcome our students to invite their Grandparents to visit their classroom and attend a special assembly. I’m sure all Grandparents would love to come so just a reminder to pop the date in their diary.

P&C Meeting Monday 13th October
At the next P&C Meeting we will be having a visit from Life Skills an organisation that brings programs into schools that empower individuals with life skills to thrive in their academic and personal life such as YOGA and Wellbeing programs. All programs are curriculum based and supportive of our PDHPE syllabus. If interested please come along and see what they have to offer our students for 2015. We will also be talking about our costings for our next stage of Computers and our Chaplaincy Program. Our meetings are a great opportunity for us to work together in making informed decisions for our students and school and building positive relationships. Come join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

Karen Deacon
Principal

There are two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children: one of these is roots, the other wings.

H.Carter Jnr.
Canteen News

Canteen volunteers for Term 4, Week 1 are:
Monday: Sam Whiteman, Rachel Watson
Tuesday: Yvette Ryan, Michelle de Gruiter
Wed: Robyn Staudinger, Nicole Shanks
Thank you for your contribution. An updated canteen pricelist is available on the school website.

The Canteen Committee

PSSA Sport

This season students are participating in Cricket, Softball & T-Ball. Games commence at 9.15 until 10.45 at various ovals.
Students need to arrive at school by 8.30.

LOUD Shirt Day

Thursday 16th October 2014

Gold coin donation in exchange for mufti

BBPS are excited to be supporting this charity to raise much needed funds to support hearing impaired children.

What happens? People from all over Australia step out in their brightly coloured clothes – anything from stripes, florals, polka dots or paisley – to show their support and raise vital funds.

I’ve included some links below to the journeys of those personally affected by hearing loss and the significant difference that Early Intervention through the Shepherd Centre has provided to developing strong listening, language and speech skills. This may present an opportunity to connect with the one, with the individual and the family whose lives have been changed through The Shepherd

School Assembly Awards

Term 3- Week 10

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Congratulations to our Values Award recipients.
Centre.
I think it is a great privilege that as a school, we are able to partner with The Shepherd Centre and play our part in supporting many children affected by hearing loss.
Felix: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRlZ17_sLE8
Amalie: http://youtu.be/xBs_Bx39JuQ

Messages from the DEC...

Tricks for encouraging kids to read
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at http://bit.ly/HLPmB9

How much water does your child really need?
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child's age at http://bit.ly/ZijWUjo

Private tutoring
Are you thinking about a private tutor to complement your child’s education? School A to Z explores questions about what to look for in a tutor, what you would want your child to achieve and tips on what to ask a potential tutor. http://bit.ly/K5aczo

Leaving your child at home alone
At some point it will be necessary to leave your child home alone for a short period of time. There is no actual law in Australia that states what age a child can be left alone, but parents are legally responsible for their child's safety and wellbeing. You may be nervous the first few times (although most kids are excited about the independence) so making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and how to stay safe. Read more here: http://bit.ly/1u5vTa9

Team sports – more than health benefits
As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don't go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: http://bit.ly/HlgxVO

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Free Fact or Fiction Science Shows for Kids in October

Get your kids excited about science with sci-fi movies!

In this 90 minute show, audience members view clips of classic sci-fi hits before individually voting, with hand held devices, on whether the technology featured is actual science fact or pure science fiction. Once the audience voting has been locked in, an ANSTO scientist will talk about the science featured in the film and provide the answer.

When: General public (families encouraged): 7pm Tuesday October 14
Where: Sutherland Entertainment Centre
Cost: Free
Bookings and more information: http://bit.ly/anstoFOF

Saxophone Clarinet Reeds are available from the school office.
Saxophone Reeds - $3.00
Clarinet Reeds - $2.00
Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

If you have a child starting school in 2015 or you know friends or neighbours that do, now is the time to enrol for Kindergarten for 2015. Please spread the word. Enrolment packs are available from the school office.