The Big Rock Buzz

Bonnet Bay Public School Newsletter

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What’s Happening?

Principal’s Message
Kindergarten Orientation  It was great to welcome our new Kindergarten Students and their families on our first Kindergarten Orientation Day. The students met their buddies and enjoyed sharing some fun learning experiences in the classroom. The parents were given valuable information in regard to what our GREAT school has to offer for their children. The second session next Wednesday 22nd October, will be introducing the Kindergarten Curriculum and a School Tour. It has been fabulous to see so many new families select BBPS for their children’s educational journey.

Grandfriends Day  Next Monday 20th October is our annual Grandfriends Day, when we welcome our students to invite their Grandparents to visit their classroom and attend a special assembly. Our library will be open with the opportunity for Grandfriends to purchase a book in the name of their grandchild and donate it to the school. I am sure all Grandparents and grandfriends would love to come. I am really looking forward to being part of this special day as a new Grandparent.

P&C Meeting  Our P & C meeting last Monday saw a fantastic roll up of parents to a long but informative and productive meeting. The decision to introduce a Yoga Program from the company Life skills to enhance our students’ well-being and support students at the beginning of the new school year was endorsed. The purchase of I pads for utilisation in our Junior classes was also supported with Mark Green coordinating the implementation of Wireless cabling and purchasing of the I pads and necessary equipment.

The Jannali High School-Partnerships  As part of our partnership with our local high school, TJHS, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 students will be participating in the Premiers Sporting Leadership day next Tuesday. This day gives young leaders passionate about sport an opportunity to gain skills to bring back and work with their younger peers during sporting sessions.

The following Thursday will see all of Year 6 going to The Jannali High for a “Taste of High School Day”. The high school simulates a half day where students have their own timetable and have an opportunity to visit different classes and parts of the school. It is a great program for students to gain the knowledge and to familiarise them with the expectations of the high school programs.

Ethics Classes  There has been interest from families in Ethics classes for our school. We currently have a parent trained and willing to facilitate this at our school for those students non attending scripture. Primary Ethics is the registered organisation with the Department of Education and Communities that facilitates the curriculum approved to be implemented. Attached to the newsletter is a survey to indicate the interest from our school community. If you are interested please complete the attached form and return as soon as practical to our office. A decision will be made in light of the interest and the possible organisation of students, as the classes are taught via stages and at this stage we only have one trained teacher available.

Karen Deacon - Principal

“One Child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world”
Malala Yousafzai (Noble Peace prize Winner 2014)
**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**.

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**Sports Reports**

**Senior Boys Cricket**

Great performance boys, we won by 8 wickets. Man of the match was Kaleb for his fantastic 4 wickets. By Jake

**Boys Tee-Ball**

Today we played Sylvania Heights. We won and the score was 26-19. Hopefully we win again next time boys. By Matthew.W

**Girls Tee-Ball**

Today we played Sylvania Heights. Our final score was 36-35 our way. I thought they should have brought their own equipment and I also think we played better. By Natasha

**Scholastics – HO HO HO**

Latest Scholastic brochures have gone home and it’s a great time to start some of your Christmas shopping with only 10 weeks until Christmas. Avoid the hassle of shopping at Miranda and look at some great books & craft idea’s/Christmas activities in the Scholastic brochures.

Every $ you spend helps our school in the classroom, new home readers and updated library resources.

If you want your order to be collected from the office please clearly mark “OFFICE” on the order form and the order will be left with Kyla, otherwise your order will go to your child in the classroom.

Thank you for your support.

**Canteen News**

Canteen volunteers for next week are:
Monday: Lisa Ziegler
Tuesday: Kim Parkes, Sue French
Wed: Lisa Seaman, Rae Gallagher
Thank you for your contribution.
The Canteen Committee
LOUD Shirt Day
Thank you to all families who supported Loud Shirt Day. The students enjoyed dressing in mufti with their loud shirts, and your donations to support The Shepherd Centre to raise funds to support hearing impaired children will be very much appreciated. Together we raised $190.05.

Kindergarten Sports Program
Kindergarten students are enjoying the sports program which they are participating in each Thursday with students from Jannali High School.

Uniform Shop
Some people will have a few items on backorder as we are still waiting for Claudine to send them through. Thanks for your patience, as soon as they come in, you will be notified.

As you know, the uniform committee is run by volunteers. If you are able to make yourself available and contribute by assisting in the uniform shop we would love to hear from you!

Thanks,
Leanne and Barbara

Dancing
Junior & Senior dance lessons will continue on Wednesday mornings until 10th December.

Grandfriend’s Day
Grandfriend’s Day is Monday 20th October. There will be open classrooms from 9.30-9.50am, assembly from 9.50-11.00am, grandparent morning tea from 11.00-11.20am and combined student/grandparent recess from 11.20-11.45.

It would be appreciated if all families could bring in a food donation for the Grandparent morning tea, such as cake or biscuits. Food donations can be left at the canteen from 8.45am.

If your child is in the junior or senior dance troupe and you still have costume for these dances at home, please ensure the costumes are sent to school ASAP.

Photos for the Grandfriend slide show can be emailed to Donna Layton up until Friday 17th October. Please email to donna.robertson1@det.nsw.edu.au.

School Book Donations - The library will be open for Grandfriends to purchase books for donation to the school library. The books will be marked as donated by their grandchild for all future students to enjoy.

Create South
Grades 4-6 public school students from local schools auditioned to take part in this year’s production of Create South. This year’s performance was titled “Link” and the storyline showcased friendship and when working as a team, we can reach our goal. Students performed in drama, dance, visual arts, choir, band and technology. Our wonderful school was represented by 2 band members: Brielle Z on clarinet and Hamish C on drums. I was fortunate to attend the show which was performed at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre last Thursday evening 9th October 2014.

It was a terrific night and all the students’ performances were amazing! I am in awe that students were mentored for only three days to develop a stage-worthy performance on the final evening. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in! Mrs Janelle Turner

Here are the testimonies from Brielle and Hamish:

“I had a great time at Create South. I’ll admit I was nervous at first because I didn’t really know anybody but it didn’t take long for me to become friends with some other girls who played the clarinet like me. Although I didn’t have much time to learn them, I liked all the songs and the teachers were really nice. I even got to watch the other performers at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre and really enjoyed it. Overall it was a really good experience and I’m glad that I got the opportunity to be a part of it.” Brielle Z.

“Create South was an amazing experience. I enjoyed playing in the band. I was a bit nervous at first, but that didn’t last long! It was great fun and I hope I get in next year.” Hamish C.
**Messages from the DEC...**

**Getting organised for Term 4**
Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z's monthly planners. They're easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. [http://bit.ly/Ubmqz8](http://bit.ly/Ubmqz8)

**Public speaking made easier**
Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it's an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: [http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB](http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB)

**Motivating “laid-back” children**
Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical? Find out more: [http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z](http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z)

**Lunch box ideas**
Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z's Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. [http://bit.ly/gsfDOE](http://bit.ly/gsfDOE)

**Preparing for exams**
It's important to help your child stay healthy, well rested and sane as they concentrate on studying for end of year exams. This short video features teachers and parents talking about HSC preparation, but the tips are good for all high school students preparing for exams. [http://bit.ly/oTovND](http://bit.ly/oTovND)

**EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS - WORK FROM HOME**

Do you work in Early Education & Care?
Sutherland Shire Council is looking for new Educators to join its Family Day Care Scheme.
If you're keen to apply your early childhood knowledge and start your own business caring for and educating small groups of children in your own home, join us at our upcoming Information Session:

9.30am SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER
Call Tegan Melham (ph 9710 6801) or visit www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/neweducators for details/registration.
Council's Family Day Care Educators must be actively working towards or have completed a Certificate III in Children's Services. Our Education operates highly successful small businesses, driven by the strong demand for childcare places across the Shire, and enjoy the flexibility of choosing their own work hours.

**Bonnet Bay BASC**
Welcome back to the last term. I do hope all families had a safe break.

**Re-enrolments for 2015**
It is that time of the year again when we organise places for 2015. Please fill in the re-enrolment form and return it by Friday 28th November 2014. We have copies printed, so if it is easier for you to pick up one up, please ask one of the teachers.
If you have any queries, please send me an email or give me a call.
Nancy Bassiuoni