Term 4 - Week 4
30th Oct 2014

What’s Happening?

Principal’s Message

Kindergarten Transition  Today we saw so many happy and eager faces coming for our final Kindergarten transition day. We welcome all our new families to Bonnet Bay and also welcome back our families who already have children at our school. Our senior buddies read a booklet about “Our School” to their young buddies and gave them a photo of them together to pop on their fridge so they can remember them until they come next year.

The students took home their booklets to read with family and share aspects about their new school. Our Final session was about the Best Start Assessment and Our First day at School tips to ensure the transition to school is smooth for students and parents. We look forward to welcoming them all back in Term 1, 2015. A huge thank you to my fabulous staff who all work so cohesively in presenting three professional and informative sessions for the parents and students.

School Plan  Over the past weeks I have been meeting with colleagues in regard to the new School Plan which is to be written by Term 1 next year. Part of this journey is working in partnership in our Learning Community and looking at our Vision as a school. As parents, we would like to know what you would value and like your children to leave Bonnet Bay with. Over the next week some Student leaders will be asking parents in the morning and afternoon to complete a quick survey of “What do you want your child to have in their school bag at the end of their time at Bonnet Bay?”

Eg. Confidence. This is one of the many surveys we will be conducting to get your views of which you value and desire to be a direction for our school. I will also attach it to the newsletter for those who don’t drop of or pick up their children. We envisage it to be an anonymous activity, but you are welcome to attach your name to it if you feel comfortable. Thanking you in anticipation.

Reporting to Parents  Teaching staff are currently working on Semester Two reports. These reports will inform you about your child’s learning since the assessments in Semester One. Our school reports are designed to provide parents with accurate information gathered by both formal and informal assessment practices. Parent Interviews following the reports will available on request and we encourage you to contact your child’s teacher with any concerns.

Esteem Designz High Tea  What an amazing experience I had visiting The Esteem Designz High tea in the library with the Year 5 & 6 girls. They informed me that they have had an awesome, creative, supportive, caring time building friendships and the generating of positive talk and feeling of strong wellbeing with the help of Mrs Host facilitating conversations and assisting them with creating their craft designs.

What a fantastic supportive and productive program this has been! They even learnt manners of a High Tea! Well done girls!

Look at the STARS ** Look how they shine for you!

Karen Deacon - Principal

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**.

### Sports Reports

**Senior Boys Cricket**
The cricket boys had a great day. We won and we had great bowlers and batters. Player of the match was Cooper.  
*By Mitchell*

**Senior Girls Softball**
Jannali East won 25 to 16. Bridget and Cassandra Hab both caught balls on the full. We also got some double plays. Player of the match was Cassandra Hab.  
*By Tia*

**Junior Boys Tee Ball**
Today we played Jannali East Public School. The final score was 53 to 45 our way. Good luck next time.  
*By Harvey*

**Junior Girls Tee Ball**
We versed JEPS girls and the score was 34 to 33 their way. It was a great game and we all enjoyed it.  
*By Charlie*

### Waste-Free Lunch Challenge

On **Thursday 13th November**, Bonnet Bay Public School will be holding a Waste-Free Lunch Challenge to reduce packaging waste and promote sustainability. This challenge has been inspired by the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle theme that years 2, 3 and 4 have been studying. We ask that your child’s lunch will only contain items that will be eaten, composted or recycled. Reusable containers are also encouraged.

Therese Riggs & Rachel Anderson  
Waste-Free Lunch Challenge Coordinators  

**A big thank you to the Shearsby family for donating dress ups to Kindergarten!**
School Group Photos

These following photos are on display at the school office window and are available for purchase for $14.00 each:

- Combined Band
- Senior Choir
- Junior Choir
- Zone Representatives
- Junior Dance
- Senior Dance

If you would like to purchase any photographs, please complete an order envelope (from school office).

Band Blow In

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of taking 9 talented beginning band members to attend “Band Blow In” at Sutherland North Public School. This day is designed to extend student’s musical knowledge and experience with peers who are playing at a similar level to themselves. In all, there were about 100 students playing together to make beautiful music. Thank you to Skye, Lily, Josiah, Alesky, Jobe, Nellie, Nathan, Natasha and Joshua for your fine behaviour and application on the day.

Mrs Janelle Turner, Band Coordinator

Student Testimonies:

“On Wednesday, the year 3 band students went on a “Blow In” at Sutherland North PS. The band had lots of fun with music.” Josiah

“Today, we went to Band Blow In and it was very fun because we learnt lots of things like ‘Old Macdonald had a Band’ and we also learnt ‘Alien Invasion’. At recess we got chocolate cake. After lunch we did tutorials through each class and then we did a concert. The teachers were nice. It was very fun.” Natasha

“I think Band Blow In was good. I love it! I learnt lots of things. We had cake and that was good too. There were nice teachers and kids.” Skye

“Today we went to Band Blow in and I learnt a lot of new pieces of music like ‘Alien Invasion’, ‘Old Macdonald had a Band’. I thought it was a very good experience and I now know what a big band sounds like.” Lily

“Today we went to Band Blow in. It was great. We learnt a lot of songs and had great fun. We performed for some parents. It was awesome.” Nellie

“It was a great day and we learned 4 songs and everybody played well. We learned ‘Alien Invasion’, ‘Professional Spotlight’, ‘Bang the Drum all Day’, ‘Don’t stop believing’ and ‘Sing, Sing.’” Aleksey

“Band Blow In was fun. We got to learn new songs like ‘Alien Invasion’. It was hard, but I enjoyed it.” Joshua

“I liked Band Blow In because I learnt new songs that were really fun.” Jobe

“On 29th Oct we went to band Blow in at Sutherland North PS. We learned a lot of new songs and it was a lot of fun. There were about 100 people. We also had to practice most of the day, but we got to go outside to eat and play. At the end of the day we got to perform in front of a lot of people, and then we went home. It was all really fun.” Nathan

Talent Quest – 2014

“Bonnet Bay’s Got Talent”

For students who wish to participate in the annual BBPS talent quest, here are the details. Class teachers will audition their students in class time during weeks 7, 8 & 9.

When: Friday 12th December, during the school day

Where: School hall

Why: To have fun informally showcasing student’s talents

Auditions: Weeks 7, 8 & 9, during class times

Brief Rules
- Maximum of 2 items per student
- All students must audition their act
- No rude words or actions
- Appropriate costuming and material for all students K-6
- A well-rehearsed act

Bring with you:
- Costumes you with wear on the day.
- Music tracks you may be performing to, please leave a copy of this disc with your teacher.
- Any props or gear you may need, musical instruments etc.
Messages from the DEC...

What is a homonym?
Let’s face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym

Sun safety
This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php

Digital citizenship
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. Here are some tips to get you started: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens

Smart travelling

Community languages
Do you speak a language at home other than English? Would you like your child to learn that language or improve their skills? Saturday School of Community Languages enrolments for 2015 are now open. Find out more: http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol

Not to be Missed!
Final Interrelate Parent Seminar – 2014

Melissa Honor presents

“No Worries”
Learn how to support your anxious child with their fears

When – Thursday 6th November
Where – School Library
Kirrawee P/S 146 Bath Rd
Time – 7pm - 9.30pm
Cost - $10 p/p

Please arrive at 6.45 to register and enjoy a cuppa with us.