Term 4 - Week 10
11th Dec 2014

**Dates to Remember**

**Term 4**

**December**

12 Talent Quest
12 Ice Cream Spiders $2
15 Mufti Day - Gold Coin World Vision
15 Year 6 Farewell
16 School Picnic
17 Last day of school for students.

2015 - Term 1

**January**

27 Staff Development Day
28 Years 1-6 return to school for 2015
28-30 Kindergarten Best Start Assessment

**February**

2 Kindergarten students start school
18 Small Schools Swimming Carnival

**School Assembly**

Today’s Presentation Day was our final assembly for 2014.

**Notes Home**

Ice Cream Spiders-$2

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**Principal’s Message**

**PRESENTATION DAY Congratulations** to all of our award recipients at today’s Presentation Day. Congratulations to all of our students on an exceptional year and for sharing their love of learning so proudly. There are so many success stories of children who have made significant gains across the curriculum and we celebrate as they achieve their personal best. A huge thank you to all our distinguished guests, Dr Phil Lambert as always a pleasure to have speak with his vast knowledge and passion for education, Mr Barry Collier, Mr Holland, Mr Jed Woods, Mrs Sandra Morgan-Beavis, Mr Warren Finn Principal The Jannali High and his School captain Tiarne Scott and vice-captain Niamh, Mrs Legg and of course Mr & Mrs Caines. Thank you very much to our sponsors for our special day - Sanders Real Estate at Jannali, Como Pharmacy, The Jannali High, Bonnet Bay P&C and ANSTO. We really appreciate your support and how you work in partnership with us and we ask where possible that you give them your support where possible.

**STAFF TRAINING** All staff will be attending the last two days of term here at school with preparation for 2015 with some mandatory training and workshops of use of Ipads in the classroom. There will be a session on our Mathematics syllabus and finalising our scope and sequence and equipment for next year. We will also be sharing information in the forming of our new classes.

**THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF** It has been with great pleasure that I have had the opportunity to work with such enthusiastic and dedicated staff members. They all put many additional hours into preparation, sharing of knowledge and planning to ensure that they deliver engaging and high quality learning in their classrooms through best practice. I wish to thank them all for the efforts they have made on behalf of the school and your children this year. It has been a year of change with many challenges but all staff especially our fabulous office staff have performed in a professional and exemplary manner. Have a well-deserved rest and I look forward to us all continuing to work as a cohesive and collaborative team in 2015.

**THANK YOU PARENTS & Community members** Thank you to all of you who have contributed to our school in so many ways this year. Our school is enriched by your efforts and the staff and students wish to thank all of our volunteers who give so generously and graciously of their time. You are all truly valued.

**YEAR 6 CLAP OUT** We will be saying goodbye to our graduating students next Wednesday 17th December at around 3pm and we wish them well in high school. Farewell to others who are moving to other schools. We are looking forward to a fun night on Monday 15th at Club Menai for the Year 6 Farewell. A huge thankyou to all those parents who have made this happen for the outgoing Year 6 students.

**PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR OUR SCHOOL** Please keep a watch out over the holidays. If you see anything untoward or suspicious, please contact the police or the school response unit. See Column 1.

**On Closing** - As 2014 closes a new chapter of Bonnet Bay starts at the beginning of 2015. I look forward in working together with my students,
staff and learning community in ensuring that our vision of a Great school of Educational Excellence comes to fruition and that we proudly can celebrate our students successes in reaching their personal best. There is no greater privilege than educating our future generation. Thank you gain for believing in and supporting me as your school leader. I wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas, many magical family moments and a safe and happy holiday.

Karen Deacon
Principal

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Thought of the Week

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. Merry Christmas

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Thought for next Week

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PSSA Finals

Congratulations to the Junior Boys T-Ball Team who were the Runners Up in the Finals last Friday. Well done boys!

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School Assembly Awards Term 4- Week 9

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Canteen News

The Canteen is now closed for 2014. Canteen service will resume in 2015 once we have enough volunteers to fill the roster. If you can spare a couple of hours, once a month on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, please contact Donna Brown on don-namariebrown@bigpond.com.

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Wow! Congratulations to Melanie who competed in Prime Gymnastics International Invitational in Singapore.
Thank you to all our canteen volunteers in 2014 for your contribution. Our children would not enjoy the benefits of having a school canteen without your valuable contribution.

The Canteen Committee

Bonnet Bay BASC News

Season’s Greetings! With summer now upon us we are thinking about the warmer and helping our children to be Sun-Smart and protected against the sun. Please remember that your child needs to **broad-brimmed hat** and adequate sun-protective clothing and we provide SPF 30+ Sunscreen. If your child requires a special Sunscreen Lotion, i.e. Sensitive Skin Sunscreen etc, parents will need to provide this to the service, labeled with your child’s name.

We will be offering care at Oyster Bay Vacation Care on the 22/12/14 and the 23/12/14 inclusive. We will **NOT be operating the service on the 24/12/14**. Vacation Care will resume on the 5/1/15.

Kinds regards,

Nancy Bassiuoni

P&C Message

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas markets last Friday night. We had a wonderful night and raised around $3800 for the school!!

I’d also like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time this year and helped make it another successful year. The school relies heavily on parent volunteers and without your support we would not be able to provide many of the resources that we have.

There are several people that warrant special mention, who have gone above and beyond to help this year:

- The other members of the P&C Committee who have given up their time continuously – Ross Blackall (Vice President), Shanan Green (Secretary) and David Ziegler (Treasurer)
- The Uniform Committee, run by Leanne Levi and Barbara LaGrutta
- The Canteen Committee - Donna Brown and Lisa Seaman (and all the canteen volunteers) for keeping the canteen running smoothly Donna and Lisa have done this for 3 years now and will be handing over the reigns to a new team next year! Thank you for all you have done for the canteen!!
- The other members of my fundraising team (too many to name but you know who you are!!) who have assisted with the successful planning and running of all our school events. I’d especially like to thank Lisa Ziegler who has been involved in the planning and decorating of every single event this year!!

There are so many other parents who have also continually given up time and all your help really is appreciated!!!

Finally, I would like to say a big, big thank you to all the school staff for their support and assistance.

Merry Xmas to you all! Enjoy the holidays and a nice long break before we start all over again next year!!

Eleisha Legg
P&C President

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas…. 

It’s 14 sleeps till Christmas Day. There’s cards to write, presents to wrap, decorations to adorn the home, treats to make, end of year celebrations…the list grows by the day... As I write this I am reminded that Christmas is about more than the to-do list. It is about giving the gift of presence. We can choose to be present. We can choose to give our full and complete attention to each person that we interact with. We can choose to show them how much they matter to us. We can help them feel that they are enough. I understand it can be difficult. Turn off the devices and you and yours are more likely to feel connected and heard.

Thank you for your generosity with the contributions toward hampers for families that need some extra help this Christmas. Generosity and each playing our part to help another are key elements in the community each of us desires for our children. Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for individuals or families for lots of reasons and a smile when you’re waiting for a car spot or waiting in a line can make a difference to someone’s day. It will help you too!

Whether you’re extremely prepared or someone who finds themselves standing in the long line at the shops during the Christmas trading hours, my hope is that you make this season one of valuing each other as a family and recognising the joy of being part of what makes your
family unique. Take the time to say THANK YOU to those important to you. Christmas and the Holiday season create a space to breathe, relax, enjoy each other’s company and the possibility of forging or continuing family traditions. Family traditions give a family a sense of belonging, routine, and anticipation. They provide a cohesiveness that can bring everyone together no matter what the circumstances. There’s something dependable and faithful and even comforting about participating in a family tradition. It means something to count on, something to anticipate, a feeling that “I’m a part of this family and this family is a part of me”. Any favourite activity, project, or food your family enjoys is a potential candidate for a tradition.

So this Christmas, my hope for my home and yours is that it is a place of rest, of peace, acceptance, of encouragement and celebration. Have a safe and restful school holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Sheree Host - School Chaplain

**Fundraising for Cancer**

She’s done it! Cathy Smith has chopped off her hair to donate for wigs of cancer patients. Thanks to all the support, she has raised over $1000.00 so far.

It’s not too late to donate either: