Term 4 - Week 9
5th Dec 2014

**Dates to Remember**

**Term 4**

**December**
- 5 Christmas Markets
- 10 Tanken Centre Excursion
- 11 Presentation Day
- 12 Talent Quest
- 15 Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation World Vision
- 15 Year 6 Farewell
- 16 School Picnic
- 17 Last day of school for students.

**School Assembly**
Thursday 2.45pm
General Assembly tomorrow.

**Notes Home**
- Presentation Day Enrichment Program (Yrs 3 & 4)
- Band Note
- Year 6 T-Shirts
- School Picnic

Notes are accessible from our website. www.bonnetbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**Principal’s Message**

**Annual Presentation Day**
Please join our students, staff and learning community at our Annual Presentation Day next Thursday, 11th December in our school hall. It is a day where we celebrate the achievements of our fantastic 2014 school year and acknowledge our student’s efforts and success. Please come join us.

**Staff 2015**
It is with great pleasure that I announce that Melissa Redmayne has been appointed as our new Assistant Principal for Bonnet Bay Public School starting 1st Term, 2015. Melissa brings to our school 5 years’ experience as an AP, extensive educational knowledge and professional leadership skills. Her genuine passion for teaching and making a difference will be an asset our school. I am excited and look forward to her joining our team.

To assist us with finalising classes and staffing it would be appreciated if you intend to move from Bonnet Bay Public School or know of any students who may be leaving to inform us as soon as possible. It would also be great if you know of any students interested in enrolling. A few more students would allow us to form an additional class. 2015 here we come! At this stage we will be forming a Kindergarten, K/1 (majority Year 1’s), 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6 classes on the current school numbers. I am hoping to retain all members of staff in either a permanent or part time capacity for 2015.

**Reports**
On Friday 5th December your child’s Semester 2 Reports will be sent home. Please take the time to read through carefully their achievements and be proud of their efforts. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher for a formal interview. It is so important to build positive relationships that the first port of call should be the class teacher re any concerns with your child or the class as they can often resolve issues before they become major concerns. If then you feel you need further clarification or support re your concerns please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**Home Readers/Library/Lost Property**
All home readers and Library books should be returned to school this week for stocktaking purposes. Local libraries or home libraries are still available to continue the love of reading. Or perhaps ask mum or dad to read to you! Parents please take time to explore the lost property in the Sick Bay room for items that your child has lost you may need them next year.

**School Picnic**
To celebrate the end of year we are heading down to beautiful Bonnie Vale in the National Park on Tuesday 16th December. All staff will be on duty to ensure the students have a great relaxing and fun finish to their school year. Notes have gone home this week, please ensure you return it so your child doesn’t miss out. The annual sand building competition will be held, which all the students love participating!

Karen Deacon
Principal

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**Thought of the Week**
Let your smile change the world
Don’t let the world change your smile.
**PSSA Finals**

The Junior Boys T-Ball Team will be participating in the Finals tomorrow at Waratah Oval. Good luck boys!

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**Sports Reports—Week 8**

**Junior Boys T-Ball**

Today we versed Sylvania Heights. It was a great game with a score of 32-32. Hopefully we will win the next match because it is the final match.  

By Nathan

**Junior Girls T-Ball**

Today the girls t-ball team versed Sylvania Heights. The score was 40-16 our way. It was a great game with only 6 players. Player of the match went to Tasha.  

By Jada

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**Bonnet Bay BASC News**

**Christmas Party**

On Wednesday 10th December 2014 between 3:30-5:30pm we will be holding a Christmas Party for all parents, teachers and children at our Bonnet Bay Before & After School Care.

Please come along and enjoy some delicious food and celebrate Christmas with us.

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**Survey Form**

The Management Team & Staff are looking for ways to improve the Service at Bonnet Bay Before & After School Care for the children and Families. Surveys are an important part of our Improvement Plan. We encourage you to discuss the survey with your child. We would appreciate if you could complete the survey and return by Monday 15th December 2015. Thank you for your helping us to improve the Service.

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**Accounts**

We are quickly approaching the end of the term 4 and we would like to remind you that you must bring your account up to date by Friday 19 December 2014.

As per our Centre’s policy, children cannot return next year if your account is not up to date by the end of Term 4.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your account please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Kinds regards,
Nancy Bassiuoni

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**Canteen News**

Canteen volunteers for next week are:
- **Monday:** Sam Whiteman, Rachel Watson
- **Tuesday:** Yvette Ryan, Michelle de Gruiter
- **Wed:** Robyn Staudinger, Cathy Smith

Thank you for your contribution.
The Canteen Committee
**Bag of Hope 2014**

Give the gift of generosity this season. Many families are feeling the pinch as we approach Christmas and we have the opportunity to support local families in need.

To participate, just bring an item of non-perishable food to place in the boxes provided in each classroom. Last year, BBPS families gave generously and your contribution is appreciated.

**Donations will be accepted until Friday 12th December 2014.**

**Bush Fire Information**


Families could also download the NSW Rural Fire Service mobile apps providing information on bushfire incidents.

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This Christmas, we as a school will once again be supporting the **World Vision charity**. The money raised by our students will go towards providing education and educational supplies for **Australian Indigenous children**. We will be holding a special day on Monday 15th December, in support of this charity. We ask that all students dress in their favourite Christmas attire and bring in a gold coin donation. To make this day extra special, if students wish to give friends a card this will be our Christmas card giving day. If your child would like to give Christmas cards to friends, please refrain from sending them to school for distribution until card giving day. Thank You

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Such a lovely photo of Emerald and Tonto at Emerald’s first Dressage Competition.

**Congratulations to Sophie for her amazing performance and receiving 2nd place in the State Gymnastics Championships for Senior Pairs! BBPS is so proud of you Sophie!**
Messages from the DEC...

Summer holiday fun
Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.
For details, visit Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

Avoiding homework drama
Bell Shakespeare’s artistic director, John Bell, discusses Shakespeare and how to make it accessible. He says to tell your teen not to worry about the language; to concentrate on the characters, the dilemmas, and the problems they face, and find out how to identify with the protagonists in the story.

For the love of science
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won’t always be right.

Pleasures of free play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Succeed in science
Award-winning scientist and teacher Dr Mark Butler lists his 10 top tips to give your teenager the edge in the study of science.

Helping teenagers celebrate safely
Parties are part and parcel of a teenager’s life. While most celebrations go off without a hitch, they can go wrong and get out of hand – particularly if the party is unplanned.
Here are some tips to help ensure your teenager and their friends have fun but remain safe. Time to party: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/time-to-party

School A to Z
The DEC’s ‘one-stop shop’ for back to school information is the Department’s award-winning School A to Z website: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/

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Menai Primary School presents: Carols under the stars

Sunday, 7th December 2014
(Hall Drive, Menai)
5.30pm Sausage sizzle, gelato, jumping castle & obstacle course, raffles, & more
7.30pm Carols supported by Urban Life Band (including performances by Menai Primary School)

Join our school community in celebrating Christmas.
Bring your picnic and blanket for a fun night ‘Under the Stars’.
Gold coin entry fee
* Alcohol free event

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