Principal’s Message
CONGRATULATIONS to our students on their excellent behaviour and outstanding efforts today at the Zone Swimming Carnival. We are very proud of our Zone team. Well done to all!

P&C FOOTY TIPPING REPEAT ITEM
One of our new parents, Vince Wilson, has started a footy tipping competition, which is open to all parents, grandparents and teachers (but not students). See the link below and use the password of ‘bbpc’. Have a go! http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/bbpc

If you like your football and think that you’re pretty good at tipping see the information later in this edition.

SCHOOL STAFFING there may be some of our new parents who are not familiar with how Public Schools are staffed and how we select students for a particular class. Our school, like all other primary schools, is staffed solely on student numbers. With our current student numbers we are entitled to six classroom teachers. Staffing is in bands so if our school has anywhere between 131 and 159 students we would have six classes. If we increased enrolments to 160 students, we would go up another class. If we dropped below 130 students we would go from six back to five classes. Student numbers in junior classes are recommended as Kindergarten (20), Year 1 (22) and Year 2 (24). All primary classes are not meant to exceed 30 students. However, it is up to school to decide on the best arrangement of classes and students while keeping in mind the DEC guidelines. The placement of each student is carefully considered. The student’s academic achievements, social and emotional maturity, peer relationships and independent work skills are all considered when deciding on the best place for your child. It is also important to consider the size of the group in which the student is going. The size of that particular grade group and the group that they are being placed with is all part of the mix. Staff are consulted and all staff have input into the placement of the students for the following year. If you have any concerns about the staffing process or the placement of students in a particular class, please arrange to see Mrs Deacon or myself.

STAFF TRAINING Mrs Deacon and Mr Green will be attending a Maths training day next Monday. The new Australian Maths curriculum becomes mandatory next year and all staff are preparing for its implementation. All staff will be attending a Maths Conference day on the first day of Term 2.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL Parents please take note of the date for our athletics carnival in a little over three weeks. It is an all day event at Waratah Park, Sutherland and all are welcome.

APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 2015 These forms will be sent out tomorrow by Mr Green for all Year 6 students. Talk to myself or Mr Green if you need advice.

DID YOU KNOW that Easter and Anzac Day are both in the next school holidays and Term 1 finishes on Friday 11th April?

Roger Caines - Principal

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest” Benjamin Franklin
School Assembly Awards - Term 1 - Week 5

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PSSA Sport

Girls Touch Football is played at Waratah Oval, Sutherland each week and the Kanga Cricket and Softball is played at various venues as per the draw. Students need to arrive at school by 8.20.

Boys Softball & Cricket Draw

- **WE ARE PLAYING AGAINST:**
- **AT:**
  - Round 1: Sylvania Heights - Lakewood
  - Round 2: Sutherland North - Sutherland Oval
  - Round 3: Kareela - Lakewood
  - Round 4: Kirrawee - Lakewood
  - Round 5: Loftus - Lakewood

Uniform Shop

Winter Uniform Order
Please return your completed order forms with payment, to the office no later than **Wednesday 12th March**. Please note that there will be no other uniform orders placed through the uniform shop until the summer orders much later this year. It is vital that you place an order now for any items your child may need between now and the end of the year.

Kindly,
The Uniform Committee :)

Family Bush Dance

The Bush Dance is returning to Bonnet Bay!! Come along on Fri 4th April from 6pm to 8:30pm for a night of music, dancing and family fun. The bush dance will be hosted by the “Outback Bushband” and we will also be providing a BBQ dinner. This event is a great opportunity to get to know some of the new families in our school and we invite all school children and their families to come along.

A note will be going home next week with ticket prices and further information. We will also be asking for volunteers to help work in the canteen and BBQ.

Hope to see you all there!!

Eleisha Legg
P&C President

Wanted!! Wanted!!

Our fantastic school band is in need of two new drummers to be trained up to join our band. No experience necessary, but an ability to count and keep in time is required.

Vacancies are also available for any students interested in learning how to play the clarinet, saxophone or flute.

If you are interested, speak with your parents. For further details talk with Mrs Turner.

Canteen News

Canteen volunteers for next week are:
Monday: Samantha Whiteman, Rachel Watson
Tuesday: Yvette Ryan, Michelle de Gruiter
Wednesday: Robyn Staudinger, Donna Brown

Thank you for your contribution.

Donna Brown
Canteen Coordinator
Congratulations to students who received a Values Award at assembly last week.

Bonnet Bay P&C NRL Footy Tipping Competition

The footy season is about to kick off and the P&C are running a Free to enter competition for parents, grandparents and teachers.

People can join and register by Thursday 6th March with the weblink below using the password of bbpc


Prizes will be awarded at the end of the season.

Register, tip, have fun and good luck!

Competition kicks off next Thursday......

Cadbury Easter Egg Fundraiser

Easter Eggs have been sent home. Thanks for your support for this fund-raising event. We will sell 102 boxes, which will raise $3160 for our school.

There is a note included within each box of how to return your payment.

Please return all monies by Friday 4th April. If you sell quickly please return money asap so that we can pay Cadbury.

Many thanks to the parents involved in distributing these eggs to the kids!

Kind regards,

Virginia McCrea

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Messages From The DEC

2014 Homework Planner
The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z

Great books for tweens to read

Science Assignment Starters
Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-project-starters

Developing Resilience
We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-child

When older kids struggle with reading
If your child is struggling with reading, it’s important to act on it immediately. Find out what you can do to help. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading

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Saxophone Clarinet Reeds are available from the school office.
Saxophone Reeds - $3.00
Clarinet Reeds - $2.00