What's Happening?

Term 1 - Week 9
27th March 2014

Dates to Remember

April
1 Athletics Carnival POSTPONED
3 Kindergarten Information Evening
4 Bush Dance
8 SSSMF Junior Choir Rehearsal
9 Taiko Drumming
10 Easter Hat Parade
11 Last day of Term 1 & ANZAC day service

Term 2
28 Staff Development
29 Students return to school

School Assembly
Fridays at 2.45
1/2LC Assembly Item tomorrow.

Notes Home
Dance Groups
NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Easter Parade

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

Principal’s Message

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Parents please take note THAT THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED. We have made an application with Sutherland Shire Council for Tuesday 20th May and will advise the community as soon as we receive confirmation.

A TASTE OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOLERS REPEAT
On Wednesday April 2nd we will be holding our Kindergarten Information evening for parents of preschoolers. If you have someone in your street or a neighbour who has a child starting school next year, please come and see Kyla and obtain an invitation. It will be at 7.30pm in the school library. All welcome!

ANZAC DAY
Our Anzac Day service will take place on the last day of this term during our weekly assembly. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Please note that this Assembly will not take place in the morning after recess as previously advised.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY
This will continue in the afternoon timeslot up to and including the last day of term.

P&C MEETING THIS WEEK
Many important items were discussed this week. If you would like to receive the minutes please see Shanan or Eleisha to get your name on the mail out list.

A WORKOUT FOR DADS
Any Dads who need a workout with a shovel and wheelbarrow are most welcome to come up and attack our much pile in the front garden. Please just spread it around the front garden between the pathway into the quad and the changeable sign.

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL
Our first rehearsal went very well today. Well done on getting here on time and joining in at the practice.

SUMMER SPORT TO WINTER SPORT
Winter PSSA will not begin on 4th April as previously advised. Winter sport will now commence on the first Friday of Term 2, Friday 2nd May. Tryouts for Soccer and Netball are completed and teams have been selected.

DANCE GROUPS
Well done to all our dancers who are arriving on time. Please make sure that you are in the hall five minutes before your starting time.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
After much discussion and taking into account all points of view, we will be discontinuing our involvement with the Dance Sport Challenge for Year 5 students. We will also not continue with the Learn to Swim program in Term 4 for the junior school. The basis for both programs being discontinued is two fold—the amount of class learning time sacrificed to enable these programs to operate and the importance of gaining time for our core business of teaching literacy and numeracy. With the impact of new curriculums in English (mandatory this year) and Maths (mandatory next year) and Science (mandatory next year) staff are increasingly under pressure to deliver high quality teaching relevant to the new curriculums. PSSA sport, K-2 Gymnastics will continue as before. Many of our other school programs have been moved to before school and lunchtimes to maximise class learning time. I hope the school community appreciates the extra hours given by staff and opportunities for our students that are dependent on the good will of our staff.

Roger Caines
Principal

“Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier.”

Charles F. Kettering

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**Uniform Shop**

We are in the process of packaging and distributing winter uniform orders. Some items are currently on backorder and you will be notified by SMS when your order is ready for collection from the school office. Please collect as promptly as possible.

Many thanks,
Leanne & Barbara

The school would like to acknowledge and thank all our parent volunteers who give their time to provide a service to our students and school community.

The P&C executive and the coordinators of the various volunteer committees work particularly hard and dedicate a considerable amount of their own time to fulfil the duties of their particular roles. Thank you, we are very grateful for all that you do!

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**School Assembly Awards**

**Term 1 - Week 8**

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| KL    | Class: Sasha, Samuel  
        Values: Scarlett, Jamie |
| K/1T  | Class: Sofia, Griffin, Lucas  
        Values: Mahli, Audrey |
| 1/2LC | Class: Andrew, Elise  
        Values: Annie, Nicholas |
| 2/3D  | Class: Zac, Cadel, Paige  
        Values: Sebastian, Tabitha |
| 4/5R  | Class: Tasha, Luke K  
        Values: Brielle, Matthew |
| 5/6G  | Class: Cassandra Har, Aliyah, Cooper  
        Values: Kaleb, Lauren |

**Principals Patch**

Bridget, Mitchell, Joshua

**Medals**

Bronze: Joshua

**Band Awards**

Thomas, Annika

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**Canteen News**

Canteen volunteers for next week are:
Monday: Sherrin Pulbrook
Tuesday: Julianne Miles-Brown, Jodi Urey
Wednesday: Belinda Lucia, Nina Woodcock

Thank you for your contribution.
Donna Brown - Canteen Coordinator

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**Kindergarten Information**

**Evening 2nd April 2014**

If you have a child starting school in 2015 or you know friends or neighbours that do, come along to our Kindergarten Information Evening on **Wednesday 2nd April** at 7.30pm in the school Library. Please spread the word.

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**ICAS Tests**

Any students in Years 3 - 6 intending to participate in the ICAS Tests this year will need to return their note and payment by tomorrow - **Friday 28th March 2014**.

Students and staff enjoyed the Rainbow Mufti Day and the activities organised to represent Harmony Day and Bullying No Way!
Cadbury Easter Egg Update

We now have 40% of Easter Egg monies back so far. Well done to K/1T and 5/6G who are leading the pack in returns of money. Please keep it coming in.

**Due Date:** All monies are due back in by the 4th April – which is next Friday.

Payment options are listed below:

**Option 1** - preferred method – direct debit
Money can be deposited into the P&C Bank account through your home internet banking.
Account Name: Bonnet Bay P&C Association
BSB: 032-155 A/C Number: 180882
Please return slip to the school so that we can match up with your payment.

**Option 2** – cheque
Cheque to be made payable to Bonnet Bay P&C Association and placed in an envelope with below slip and returned to the school.

**Option 3** – money
Money can be returned to the office with below slip and put in safe deposit box at school.

Family Bush Dance

The Bush Dance is being held on Friday 4th April from 6pm to 8:30pm. Come along 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. It’s 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 went home with ticket prices and further information. **Money is due back by tomorrow - Friday 28th March.**

Thank you to those who have volunteered their time on the night. I will notify volunteers of their shifts by email early next week.

Hope to see you all there!!
Eleisha Legg - P&C President

Interrelate Event

Melissa Honor from Interrelate will present “Helping children become Resilient”
Encourage your children’s healthy thinking so they can bounce back from challenges they will face.

**Date:** Tuesday 1st April
**Time:** 7pm – 9.30pm
**Venue:** Kirrawee Public School
New Library - beside carpark

**Cost:** $10 p/p - pay on night

Please arrive 15 minutes early for a cuppa and refreshments. You will receive valuable seminar notes upon registration.

Invite your friends to come. RSVP to Kyla in our school office on 9528 4111 or email bonnetbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Stewart House bags have been distributed for families who wish to donate to the Stewart House Clothing Appeal. Please leave any donated clothing at the end of the hall in the Admin Building by **Thursday 10th April 2014.** Spare bags available from office.

Please Support our School Fundraiser

The new 2014/2015 Entertainment™ Memberships can now be ordered...

The books and digital membership are available just before Easter and valid until June 2015. They can be pre ordered and purchased now that will allow you to take advantage of the 6 additional offers!


Also send on the above link to relatives and friends so they can order the book. All proceeds will go towards P&C funds.

For more details please contact Vince on [ozwilson@dodo.com.au](mailto:ozwilson@dodo.com.au)
Messages from DEC

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan

Sushi train
Brown rice sushi rolls are a nutritious change to pack for school lunches. Unlike white rice sushi, they can be made the night before, and the filling can be adapted to suit your child’s preferences. Pack in a chiller bag with an icepack and include some little soy sauce fish. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/food/recipes/meat-and-fish-dishes/brown-rice-sushi-rolls

School A to Z app
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia

Comprehension help at home
Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they’re reading and then use the information in a certain way. Here’s how to check your child’s comprehension and help them to improve. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can

Essay help video
Teachers talk about essay structure and how parents can help, even if they’re not familiar with the topic. The package comes complete with a range of useful reference sheets on tasks such as critical analysis, evidence and references. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/writing-essays