Term 2 - Week 1
1st May 2014

**Dates to Remember**

**Term 2**

- May
  - 2 PSSA Commences
  - 6 Cross Country
  - 7 Mother’s Day Stall
  - 8 Bravehearts
  - 8 Stewart House
  - 8 Multi-Day & Ball Sales
  - 8 P&C Meeting
  - 13-15 Naplan (Yr 3&5)
  - 15 Anxiety Workshop
  - 19 Zone Cross Country
  - 20 Athletics Carnival
  - 21 ICAS Computer
  - 28 School Photos

**June**

- 4 ICAS Science
- 16 ICAS Writing
- 17 ICAS Spelling
- 23 Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 24 Junior Choir Rehearsal

**School Assembly**

Fridays at 11.45 for Terms 2 & 3

**Notes Home**

ICAS Computer & Science Reminder
Mother’s Day Stall
OC for 2015 - Yr 4 Cross Country

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

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**Principal’s Message**

**WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2** to all of our students and their families. As this term is only 9 weeks compared to Term 1’s 11 weeks, things will move very quickly. Please keep up to date through the newsletter or the school’s website.

**NAPLAN FOR YEARS 3 & 5**

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be completing the NAPLAN tests in two weeks. Please make sure that your child is well rested. Encourage them to do their best but try to avoid any unnecessary pressure. Remember, it is only a one day snapshot. If your child is sick on the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, missed tests will be given on Friday 16th.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Notes are going home tomorrow for ordering school photos. Please make sure that order forms are in on time.

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT**

Our school’s Cross Country races will be held next Tuesday starting at 2pm. Come along and cheer!

**P&C MEETING**

Our next meeting is Thursday 8th May, 7.15pm for a 7.30 start. Please come along and be part of our peak parent organisation. Mr Green will be speaking on the next step of our Technology Plan. Join in the discussion!

**WINTER SPORT**

Winter sport will commence this Friday 2nd May. Students must have the appropriate footwear and all soccer players must have shin pads. Netball players must have hair tied back and no jewellery. Students do **NOT** need to be here early on Fridays.

**DANCE GROUPS**

We started again yesterday. Well done to all the dancers who remembered our first practice. Please be five minutes early.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY T. 2—THE NEW MATHS CURRICULUM**

All of our staff attended a Maths Conference this week. Mrs Deacon and Mr Green as our instructional leaders, presented a workshop to teachers across 17 schools on planning in the new curriculum. I had many compliments on the high quality of their presentation. We are fortunate to have such capable and professional teachers who are leading the implementation of new curriculum areas.

**ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS**

THURSDAY MAY 15TH at 7pm in the school library. Join us for an informal and informative evening that will be practical and engaging. We are sure that you will gain with some specific tools to support your child/ren. If possible it would be great if you could email any questions and/or examples of situations where your child exhibits (recurring) anxiety to sheree.host@det.nsw.edu.au.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Please note that with winter sport in the afternoon, assembly will move to after recess and start at 11.45am.

**EASTER HOLIDAY WRAP-UP**

I have heard some very exciting and happy stories from the recent holidays. I think Sophie’s story of presenting flowers to Princess Kate at the Easter Show is pretty hard to beat and I am sure Jo would be more than happy to show you the photo if you asked. With only one noticeable injury, we are pleased that everyone is back safe and sound.

**APPLICATIONS FOR OC IN 2015**

Online applications are now open for Year 4 students wishing to apply for the Opportunity Class in 2015. Information went home this week.

**Roger Caines**

Principal

“Success is the sum of small efforts—repeated day in and day out”.

*Robert Collier*
**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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**ANZAC Dawn Service**

Thank you to Mrs Deacon, School Prefects and families for representing our school at the Dawn Service held at Sutherland on ANZAZ Day.

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**School Assembly Awards**

**Term 1- Week 11**

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       | Values Luka, Alexia |
| 1/2LC | Class Bailey, Charlie  
       | Values Samuel, Natalie |
| 2/3D  | Class Natasha, Joshua, Matty  
       | Values |
| 4/5R  | Class Ryan, Lily   
       | Values Matthew.W |
| 5/6G  | Class Melanie, Mitchell  
       | Values |
|       | **Principal’s Patch** Aleksey.F, Daniel.F, Cassandra Har. |
|       | **Medals** Bronze: Daniel.F  
       | Gold: Cassandra Har |
|       | **Band Awards** Lachlan.S, Jobe.S |

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**MOTHER’S DAY GIFTS**

On **Wednesday 7th May**, children will have the opportunity to buy a gift for **Mother’s Day**.

For either $7 or $12.

Please place the money in an envelope with your child’s Name on it to being to the stall on the day.
School ANZAC Service
On the last day of term 4, our school held an ANZAC service at which the students were able to gain an understanding of the sacrifices made by past generations in times of war to protect our freedom. Thanks to all the students who participated in the service – Brielle, Heath, James, Tia and Mea who shared the speaking roles, explaining to the whole school why we remember ANZAC day; Leilani, Jamie, Kirsten and Jake who brought forward the wreath, Shea and David who supported with the audio-visuals and a very special mention to Ben who performed a trumpet solo for the last post. Our combined choirs performed the song, "Sing" which celebrates working together to achieve our goals. As a new generation, our students were able to show their support in this nationwide remembrance ceremony.

Anxiety Toolkit for Parents
7.00pm - Thursday 15th May 2014
Join us for an informal and informative evening that will be practical and engaging. We are confident that you will walk away with some specific tools to support your child/ren.

If possible it would be great if you could email any questions and/or examples of situations where your child exhibits (recurring) anxiety to sheree.host@det.nsw.edu.au. There will be an experienced panel available to consider some tools available, school support and when to consider further support.

Stewart House Mufti Day
To recognise the benefits of Stewart House, Bonnet Bay PS will be having mufti day on Thursday 8th May 2014.

Stewart House cares for children from all parts of NSW and ACT that are in need. During the children’s stay, they are provided with medical, dental and optometric assessment, treatment and counselling. This is balanced with health and education programs, out-of-school activities to boost their self-esteem and techniques to grow and move towards a more positive future.

This year, in lieu of a gold coin donation, students are encouraged to purchase a “Stewart House Hi Bounce Ball” for $3, with all proceeds going to the foundation.

If you would like to purchase a Hi Bounce ball, please BRING $3 in an envelope marked with “Stewart House Bounce Ball” with your child’s name and class to school on THURSDAY 8TH MAY. The Hi Bounce balls will be sold as a ‘first in, first served’ basis at lunchtime by the prefects on Thursday 8th May. Please do not send money to school for the Hi Bounce ball prior to Thursday. Students are not required to wear school uniform on this day and their contribution will be the Hi Bounce ball. What a great opportunity to show your support of Stewart House and enjoy a Hi Bounce ball.

Thank you for your continued support for this worthwhile charity organisation.

Please Support our School Fundraiser
The new 2014/2015 Entertainment™ Memberships can now be ordered...

Please visit https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/206k856
Select digital or book membership and the books can then be collected at the school within 24 hours.
Order a book today and it will be ready Friday 11th April for collection - in time for the Easter holidays!
For more details please contact Vince on ozwilson@dodo.com.au
Messages from DEC

Managing screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?
It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

Essays due soon?
Learning how to plan, write and polish an essay is a skill that takes a long time for most people to learn. Different types of essays follow different rules of structure. If your teen is currently working on an essay, you’ll find this video (and the links to fact sheets on the right hand side of the page) really useful in explaining the “how to” of essay writing as it’s taught in NSW public schools: http://bit.ly/1lji1mZ

Can kids really do their homework and multi-task?
Multi-tasking is an essential skill to have, but when you really need to study, it could be working against you. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/homework-and-multitasking-can-it-be-done

Bonnet Bay Public School

Merit Award System

At Bonnet Bay Public School, student achievement is recognised in many different ways both informally and formally.

Students are awarded Assembly Awards by teachers for a variety of reasons which are presented at weekly assemblies.

**Award Structure**

5 Assembly/Value Awards = Principal Patch
3 Principal Patches = **Bronze Medallion**
2 more Principal Patches = **Silver Medallion**
1 more Principal Patch = **Gold Medallion**