Term 3 - Week 8  
28th August 2014

**Dates to Remember**

**Term 2**  
September  
12 PSSA Summer Season commences  
19 Funday  

**Term 3**  
October  
7 Pupil Free/Staff Development Day  
8 Students return to school  
10 K-2 Gymnastic Program commences  
14 Kindergarten Orientation #1  
20 Grandparents Day  
21 Teddy Bear’s Picnic K/1T & KL  
22 Kindergarten Orientation #2  
30 Kindergarten Orientation #3  

**School Assembly**  
Assembly is at 2.45 tomorrow.

**Notes Home**  
School Band

Notes are accessible from our website.  

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**Principal’s Message**  
As relieving principal I look forward to the opportunity to fill in for Karen while she enjoys some leave. It’s a nice change to have some time to stay in the one place and get to know students, staff, parent and friends in this community. I am already in awe of the many responsibilities the Bonnet Bay staff undertake as well as managing their classes.

**NAPLAN**  
NAPLAN results were given out this week to all of Year 3 and Year 5 students.

**BASC Update**  
As you can see in the bottom playground, the Before and After School Care Building has been constructed. Much progress has been made in a short period of time so that the students can benefit from this facility in the near future. The next issue/instalment are footpaths to the before and after School Care building and the preschool for the clients of these facilities so that we can provide a safer entrance to these facilities for the community.

**Netball Clinic**  
On Tuesday our netballers were lucky enough to be able to attend a clinic at Bellingara Netball Courts. The girls participated in a variety of fun games and activities which were designed to develop their netball skills. Liz Ellis, former Australian Captain and Cath Cox a past member of the Australian Diamonds, led activities along with other representative players. The girls were all given a sun visor and netball which they were able to have autographed, very exciting! Everyone participated with enthusiasm and can’t wait to put their skills into practice.

Jan Godwin  
Relieving Principal

The Secret to Raising Confident Kids - Michael Gouse  

Independence Leads to the 4 C’s: Confident, Competence, Creativity, Character.
**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.

**Father’s Day Stall**

Many thanks to Barbara La Grutta and Robyn Staudinger for organising the Father’s Day Stall. Special thanks also to Wendy Calder, Sam Whiteman and Belinda Tombs for helping out on the day with the sales to the students. There’s going to be some very happy dads on Father’s Day. Thank-you.

Students still have an opportunity to purchase a Father’s Day gift from the school office. All gifts are $6.00 or $10.00.

**From the Library......**

A huge thankyou to those mums who have been covering all our new Home Readers and now the backlog of new books for our students.

However, there is still an opening for anyone who can spare some time, any day of the week, to re-shelve all the books our students have borrowed and returned.

If you are able, please just sign in at the Office so we know you are here to shelve books and go for it!! It's actually quite an easy task, but an onerous one as there will be approximately 450 books each week!

The books are always on the 2 trolleys near the library borrowing counter.

Would love to have you on board to help.

Thankyou
Gaynor Connor Teacher Librarian

**BASC News**

Just remember to submit your Vacation Care forms before Friday 12/09/14. If you would like to add more Vacation Care days for your child, you can request them by sending email to: admin@oysterbayschoolcare.com.au

Kinds Regards
Bonnet Bay Before and After School Care
Hazelhurst Excursion

2/3D and 4/5R attended the Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery last Monday for an exciting excursion! Students were engaged in ceramics, painting and drawing workshops and will receive their work early next term. You will be very impressed with their efforts.

The teachers leading the workshops commented on how creatively our students immersed themselves in the experiences offered and thought our children had a great understanding of the elements of art. We were delighted and encouraged to receive that feedback.

We also had a guided tour of the SOUTH exhibition and, once again, the gallery staff were amazed at how perceptive the students were in their discussions and interpretations of the artworks featured in this stimulating exhibition.

We have booked the junior classes in to this wonderful excursion later in Term 4 so they also have an opportunity to explore this fantastic local resource for Art in our community.

Therese Riggs and Rachel Anderson
Class Teachers - 4/5R & 2/3D

Who Wants to Join the School Band?

Each new year, BBPS encourages students in Years 2–6 to consider joining our wonderful band. The try-outs timetable is:

- Term 3: Week 9: Current band members will give a concert during recess time;
- Term 3: Week 10: Try-outs will take place on Monday morning, 15th September, during the school day;
- Term 4: Week 1: New students join the band program.

During the “obligation free” try-outs, each student is individually assessed on their suitability for an instrument, and then given a recommendation for which instrument best suits them.

All year 2 students were given an information note this week. Any other students interested my get a copy of the note from the school office.

Mrs Janelle Turner, Band Coordinator

Free Yoga Class

Come and try a FREE Yoga Class
Wednesday 10th September
Two classes 6:00pm and 7:00pm
Bonnet Bay Public School Hall.
Look forward to seeing you then!
Contact: zali@pathtocontentment.com
or mobile 0420 685 258

To view the September 2014 edition of the Shire Parents Newsletter please click here:

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September homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The September 2014 homework and study calendar includes key dates, school holidays and the number of each week in the term. You can print it out this month's calendar here: http://bit.ly/1pkC3fK

Getting ready for school camp
School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it's also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. Read these tips for school camp confidence. Find out more: http://bit.ly/Zsl9Wg

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents
The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently. Find out more: http://bit.ly/xHLLDH

How much screen time?
'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more: http://bit.ly/QFlqyz

When lunch comes home ... again
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more: http://bit.ly/K7IoJD

Exam stress busters
The mere thought of an exam can make kids nervous. Help create the right study conditions for your child in the lead-up to exams and know the warning signs if it's all getting too much. Find out more: http://bit.ly/LleZfV

Keep brains ticking over these holidays
If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don't forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework. For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here's where you'll find the free app to download: http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G