**Term 4 - Week 7**

**Primary Ethics Classes**  In 2016 Bonnet Bay is looking to provide additional Primary Ethics classes to students. We are therefore in need of volunteers to train as a Primary Ethics teacher at Bonnet Bay Public School. (Please note, you do not have to already have teacher experience. A two day training course, all class materials and on-going support will be provided). Classes run Thursdays from 9.50am–10.20am. We would also like the support from a volunteer to take up the role of Bonnet Bay Ethics Coordinator. This role would only take up an hour (maximum) of your time each week and can be performed at home with flexible hours. The coordinator is the key communicator between the School and the Ethics Teachers. If you would like to be involved or would simply like more information, please visit: [http://www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au). Alternatively, please feel free to contact Jodie Bowman (Primary Ethics Regional Manager, Woronora River Region) on 0419 484 688 or via email at Woronorariver-region@primaryethics.com.au.

**Payments of Accounts**  Last week a ‘Statement of Account’ listing outstanding invoices were posted to families. It would be appreciated that all monies owing be sent in for finalisation of accounts by 25th November which allows Kyla to complete the school’s end of year financial roll over process. If there is any difficulty meeting these invoices please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

**Grow Plus Incursion**  What a fabulous interactive engaging day students had yesterday with the staff from Observatory Hill Environmental Centre. Students were making food from vegetables growing in our own vegie patch and boy were they yum! Fresh beetroot, lettuce wrapped in rice paper rolls and damper. Students learnt about sustainability, composting, reducing waste even sorting the amount of rubbish we produce in our school daily, a huge shock! The program has given us further knowledge to improve our Environmental program for 2016. A great fun engaging day was enjoyed by staff and students.

**Nihongo Tanken Centre Excursion**  とでも楽しめですとても楽しいです  Totemo tanoshidesu! What great fun our Senior students had at the Nihongo Tanken Centre on Tuesday. Students had an opportunity to converse in Japanese, make and eat sushi rolls, play Japanese twister and engage in Japanese trivia. Students dressed up in Japanese traditional and fun dress and learnt new words to add to their Japanese vocabulary. Thank you to those parents who assisted in transporting students to the centre and the staff for organising an engaging cultural experience for our students.

**PSSA Sport has been cancelled for tomorrow due to the severe weather conditions which have been forecast.**

Karen Deacon
Principal
### School Assembly Awards

**Term 4 - Week 6**

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### Canteen News

Canteen volunteers for next week are:
- **Mon:** Sherrin Pulbrook
- **Tue:** Lisa Ziegler
- **Wed:** Meredith Svoronos, Tasha Dixon

Thank you for your contribution ladies.

### Xmas Markets

Our 5th Annual Xmas Markets are on Friday 4th Dec from 5pm to 9pm in the school hall. We are looking forward to a fun, family night out. Come and do your Xmas shopping at some of the great stalls we have booked in. There will also be kids activities and craft and a gourmet BBQ.

We will require volunteers to help out on the canteen, BBQ and kids area. A separate note has gone home this week with details. Please return this as soon as possible so we can put together the roster. An hour of your time is all we need!!

We still have some availability for new stall holders so if you, or someone you know, would like to hold a stall, please email Mel Andersen at bonnetbaymarket@gmail.com ASAP to secure a spot.

This is our last fundraiser for the year and I hope I can count on your support to make this night a success!

Eleisha Legg
P&C President

### Scholastic Book Club

Orders due back by Mon 23rd November

Last orders for 2015. Scholastic Brochures have been sent home with students.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Band Update

Our new trainees are settling in well and are excited to be learning a musical instrument. Students who have been in the band all year will be performing at the BBPS Presentation Day service on Friday 11th December. After this performance, students are to leave their instruments with Mrs Turner, so that the instruments can have their annual service.
Talent Quest – 2015
“Bonnet Bay’s Got Talent”

For students who wish to participate in the annual BBPS talent quest, here are the details. All auditions will take place in class time.

When: Tuesday 15th December, during the school day
Where: School hall
Why: To have fun informally showcasing student’s talents
Auditions: Weeks 8 & 9, during class times

Start Rehearsing Now!

Guidelines:
• Maximum of 2 items per student.
• All students must audition their act.
• All lyrics, actions, dance moves and costumes are to be appropriate for all students.

Bring with you:
• All music, CDs, instruments, costumes, props & gear you will need for your act.
• Please leave a burned copy of any music you require for your act – with your teacher on the day of your audition.

Helpers Morning Tea

We would like to extend a very warm invitation to all our “helpers” volunteers to a “Thank You Morning Tea” on Thursday 10th August at 10.30am in our School Library. Your contribution is valued and so greatly appreciated in supporting our staff and students here at Bonnet Bay. All the small things that you do from home reading, canteen, covering books, banking, uniform shop, scripture, driving students to venues, assisting on excursions, fund raising etc all contributes to a fantastic working partnership for our students to benefit from. A HUGE thank you from them and the staff. Please come join us for a cuppa, a chat and some festive cheer.

Impact of World Events on Children and Young People

Terrorist events in Europe in recent days have reverberated around the world. Graphic images have been brought into our living rooms and onto our devices via the media over the last few weeks, and will continue to do so in the immediate future.

As an adult it is so difficult to make sense of the recent attacks and also those happening around the world. How much more confusing and potentially unsettling for children

It’s important to consider the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people.

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as terror attacks. In reality we can’t do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society?

Here are some ideas:

1. Reassure children that they are safe. The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.

2. Explain what happened. Sounds obvious but it’s important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what’s happened. Be calm and stick the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.

3. Be available. Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

4. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television. Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

5. Support children’s concerns for others. They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming
to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

6. Let them explore feelings beyond fear. Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.

7. Avoid keeping the television on all the time. The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitising to others.

8. Be aware of your own actions. Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what we say and how we act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

Regards,
Sheree Host
School Chaplain

How to Apply
1) Complete the application at [http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)
2) Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement
3) The school will then forward the application to Transport NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given on the application. This may take several weeks.

Students who don’t qualify for free travel may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term. Apply at [http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students).

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.

New Cloth Shopping Bags are also appreciated.

Last year, BBPS families gave generously and your contribution is appreciated.
At Bonnet Bay Public School, student achievement is recognised in many different ways both informally and formally. Each week in assembly, deserving students are awarded Assembly and Values Awards for academic achievement, displaying school values and excellent behaviour. These awards are special and can be accumulated to attain higher awards. It is important that you keep your child’s awards in a safe place as we do not re-issue awards.

**Award Structure**

- 5 Assembly/Values Awards = **Principal Patch**
- 3 Principal Patches = **Bronze Medallion**
- 3 more Principal Patches = **Silver Medallion**
- 3 more Principal Patches = **Gold Medallion**
- 3 more Principal Patches = **Platinum Award**
- 1 more Principal Patch = **iTunes Voucher**

**Lost Property**

Please check the labels of your child’s uniform items as many students are missing items which are not in our lost property box. We would be grateful to receive back any items which belong to another child.

Our lost property box is still overflowing with jumpers, hats, jackets, drink bottles and lunchboxes. Please come in and check for any of your child’s missing items.