## What’s Happening?

### Principal’s Message

A huge warm welcome to all our new Kindergarten students and their families. What a fantastic start all of our Kindergarten students have had. Big smiles, and with great excitement they have all settled so well for their first week of school. We just hope they realise they will have to come back next week too!

**What an amazing start to Term 1**, 150 students now enrolled in our fabulous school. A few more students will see more staff and support in the office and classrooms. Our great school is growing!

Staff and students have hit the ground running and settling well into their new classes. The new learning journey has begun at Bonnet Bay.

### Week 3 sees the beginning of some of our school’s extra curricular activities; Yoga, Scripture, Ethics Classes, Dance and PSSA groups.

In supporting the well being of students our school **Yoga Program commences on Wednesday 11th Feb** in our school library. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform for comfort. The program focuses on developing physical, social, emotional skills and self regulating strategies to cultivate well being, resilience and life long learning. It will assist students to be responsible, foster mindfulness and empower them with techniques to thrive in their personal and academic lives. Class teachers will be present to learn the strategies also to utilise them back in the classroom.

### Dance lessons commence next Wednesday morning. Seniors at 8.20am and Juniors at 8.50am.

Miss Hayley will be working with students again this year. It’s a wonderful opportunity for students to learn dance skills and have fun for a low cost compared to outside school dance school fees.

### Choir Groups

will begin Thursday 26th February at 8.50 am, as teachers need to attend Choir Training days the week prior. Both these groups will give students an opportunity to represent our school at special assemblies and at the Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival. Teams for PSSA are being finalised this week and notes will be sent home as soon as practical regarding teams and costs. Any students not involved in PSSA will be participating in school sport activities at school.

At this stage we have only one trained Ethics teacher available, the groups of Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will be attending this class next Thursday. All other students who may have elected Ethic classes will remain in non scripture until another trained teacher is available.

### Our Annual AGM for our P&C is set down for next Thursday 12th February at 7.30pm followed by a P&C meeting. All parents are welcome to attend. This forum is a great way to meet new parents and an opportunity for you to share ideas and show your support for our school.

Just a note re social media, please be mindful of what you or your children write on social media in regard to our school, students or staff. Being a strong role model in supporting our school values goes across many spheres. We are looking forward to creating positive partnerships, critical comments often come back. If you have any concerns re issues please don’t hesitate to come and discuss it, so we can build a strong school culture of support for all families, students and staff in our learning community.

Karen Deacon
Principal

## School Assembly

School Assembly is at 2.45 each Friday.

## Notes Home

- **Yoga**
- Swimming Carnival
- Cadbury Fundraiser
- General Consent
- **2015 Classes**

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

## School Response Unit

1300 880 021
Sutherland Police 9542 0899
Canteen News
The canteen will be open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday commencing next Monday 9th February. Canteen enquiries donnamariebrown@bigpond.com.
The Canteen Committee

Bonnet Bay BASC News
Welcome to Term 1, 2015 and especially to the new children starting Kindergarten.
If your child is starting kindergarten and Before School Care this week, please allow an extra 15 minutes when you drop off your child.
This will assist them to settle into an activity and build relationship with our Educators.
If your child will be absent from After School Care please make certain you email admin@oysterbayschoolcare.com.au or phone Nancy or Kelly before 2pm on 9528-5009 or 9528-8797 to notify us of the absence. Thank you his ensure we don’t search for your child unnecessarily.
Please ensure all children’s belongings are labeled with their name so the item can be returned when misplaced. Kinds regards,
Nancy Bassiuoni

Home Reading Workshop
Tea and Tips
Coffee and Conversation
Next Friday 13th February at 9.30am in the spare room next to 1/2, I will be running a workshop on how to help at school and at home with reading. If you are interested in helping at school with home reading, would just like to know what is expected or a few hints on helping your child please come along. It is an opportunity for information to be shared and to get to know some of our wonderful Bonnet Bay community.
Looking forward to seeing you.
Leonie Lynch
Learning & Support Teacher

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th February in the school library. Please arrive by 7.15 for a 7.30 start.
To receive an agenda, please email Shannon Green on s_m_green@iinet.net.au.

School Banking
Student Banking will commence next week on Tuesday 10th February 2015.
The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings.
Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmites token. Once they have collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmites reward.
If your child would like to take part in school banking, you will need to go to a Commonwealth Bank Branch and open up a Dollarmites account for them.
To reward our little savers, once a month we will do a special prize draw for a child who has deposited into their school banking. It could be any week in the month. Start saving and you could get an extra reward.
School Banking day is every TUESDAY.
Cathy Smith & Shanan Green
School Banking Coordinators

Messages from the DEC...

2015 Homework Planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips

Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one

Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school

Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory? http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning

Benefits of team sports
If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports