The Big Rock Buzz

Bonnet Bay Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 - Week 3
12th Feb 2015

Dates to Remember

Term 1
February
12 P&C Meeting - 7.30 in Library
13 PSSA Commences
16 Text Book Sale Day
18 Swimming Carnival
26 Choir practice commences
26 Uniform Shop
Open 9.30-10.00

March
3 & 4 Uniform Try-On Days 8.50-9.15am
9 Uniform Orders & Payments Due

Weekly Schedule

Monday
Band 8.30-11.30
Library K/1, 2/3, 5/6, K
Tuesday
Japanese
Student Banking
Wednesday
Senior Dance - 8.20
Junior Dance - 8.50
Yoga
Thursday
Choir - 8.50
Scripture/Ethics
Friday
Sport
Library 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, K
School Assembly 2.45

Notes Home
Meet & Greet
Text Book Sale Day
PSSA Sport

What’s Happening?

Principal’s Message
Our Kindergarten students continue to amaze staff with their ability to settle quickly of a morning and show they are ready to experience new adventures in learning. Parents and carers should be very proud of their efforts to prepare their children in readiness for school. It has been excellent, especially no tears as they head off to class in some sort of a line! School is a great place to be and there is so much to learn!

Communication We endeavour to inform you weekly of all dates, times and notes re programs that are occurring at our school through our weekly newsletter and on our website. Any additional notes needing permission are trying to sent home only on a Wednesday to help with effective organisation for your family and our school. If you have any questions re information, I am always willing to discuss this with you via a phone call or meeting. Trusting us as professionals is the first steps to a strong partnership. Ensuring that you have the correct information prevents misconceptions or misunderstandings. As all new initiatives for school programs have been previously brought to the P&C meetings for discussion this a great forum for parents to have a voice and for collaborative decision making. The P&C AGM is on tonight at 7.30 pm followed by a P & C Meeting and it would be great to see a representative from each family there. We warmly welcome our new families also to attend.

Student Welfare & Discipline Policy
After introducing and trialling our Traffic Lights systems to ensure that all behaviour expectations uphold our school values and are in line with DEC policy in 2014 we have now reviewed our policy. Students are reminded daily about making wise choices and being safe respectful learners at Bonnet Bay Public School. This ensures that all students have the opportunity to learn in a respectful and engaging environment and achieve their personal best. Please take your time to read the policy via our website link http://www.bonnetbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies

Safety of Students Parents, it is so important to keep our children safe. Just a reminder that school supervision is from 8.50am in the morning. Students should not be at school prior to this unless in Before School care or at a supervised activity such as Dance. Staff are occupied preparing for their teaching day and are not on duty to supervise until the first bell. It is not a safe practice to drop of students early and have them unsupervised. The same in the afternoon when school finishes at 3.20pm unless for unforeseen circumstances where you can contact the office for assistance. We have the resource of a Before and After school care facility on site to assist you with care and to keep your children safe. The cost is minimum to pay to know your child is supervised until they arrive at school or you can collect them. Your child’s safety is paramount to us.

Meet and Greet Next week will give you an opportunity to Meet & Greet your child’s new teacher and to have a few moments to chat about your child. Please understand that this is not a formal progress report interview but an opportunity for you to connect and give any information that may assist the teacher in meeting your child’s needs. An information leaflet has been sent home for you to read in your own time in regard to class and school expectations. We hope that this is the first step in building further positive communication and partnerships in your child’s learning journey.

YOGA Wow! What a fantastic day all classes enjoyed on Wednesday with the introduction of our Yoga program. Danica our instructor was so inspiring and even had Kindergarten laying calmly
for a few moments off in a trance. All classes felt refreshed from their session including the teachers who also participated, we are all looking forward to next week's session. A family day is set for week Wednesday 11th March, where parents are invited to join their children in a session. An ummm! Experience.

**Scooters** If your child rides to school on a scooter, could you please give them a bike lock chain so they can attach it and lock it to our bike racks at the front of the quadrangle. As we have so many coming to school they have become a work and safety issue in the classroom and need to be stored outside. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Administration Assess** Just a polite reminder that entry to the Administration block is via the front door or ramp up from library. It is ‘Staff Only’ in the corridors to allow staff areas to work quietly and safety of their belongings.

Karen Deacon
Principal

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**Canteen News**

Canteen volunteers for next week are:

**Monday:** Lisa Ziegler

**Tuesday:** Shanan Green, Sharyn Green

**Wednesday:** Wendy Calder, Jenny Campton

Thank you for your contribution.

The Canteen Committee

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**P&C Meeting**

Our first P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held tonight 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.

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**PSSA Sport**

Girls Touch Football is played at Waratah Oval, Sutherland. Kangaroo Cricket and Softball is played at venues as per the draw. Students need to arrive at school by **8.20**.

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**Boys Softball & Cricket Draw**

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**School Assembly Awards**

**Term 1- Week 2**

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**Home Reading Workshop**

**Tea & Tips / Coffee & Conversation**

Tomorrow (Friday 13th Feb) 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
Uniform Order
Uniform order sheets will be going home in the next couple of weeks so please give some thought to what your child may need for winter uniform.

Important Dates
Uniform Shop Open for general sales:
Thurs 26th Feb: 9.30-10.00am (ORDER FORMS WILL BE GOING HOME ON THE 26TH FEB TOO)
Uniform Shop open for try on sizes if you are unsure for order:
Tue 3rd March: 8.50-9.15am
Wed 4th March: 8.50-9.15am
Mon 9th March (ORDER & PAYMENT DEADLINE)
Also, we will be welcoming some new volunteers into the uniform committee at this weeks P&C meeting, more details to follow soon.
Uniform Committee

Scholastic Book Club
Orders due back by Mon 16th Feb
Issue 1 brochures went home last week and any orders are due back to the office by Monday 16th February.
Every dollar you spend does help our school with new books/resources for the classrooms & the library.
Orders are usually sent home with the children, but if you would like to collect the orders yourself just put “Office” at the top of your order form and you will be notified when the order is ready to pick up.

New ordering system – credit card payments
Scholastic have a new online ordering system for those paying with credit card. You can also order on your Iphone or Ipad.
Last term we had a couple of parents who used this system and it was so easy for all involved.
Please see attached instructions.
Thank you for your continued support.

Cadbury Easter Egg Fundraiser Help Needed
We need 3 to 4 people to assist with distributing the boxes of Easter Eggs to the kids on Friday 20th Feb at 9.20am. It will take approx. 1 hour of your time. Please text Virginia on 0412 219 350 if you can help. Please meet in main office.

A Message From The Chaplain
Welcome Kindergarten parents. I hope you feel at home at Bonnet Bay PS. This is an inclusive, encouraging and supportive community and I am privileged to be part of it.
I’m sure you have said to a friend or a loved one recently, Can you believe that X is starting school? As a family I’m sure you’ve thought about school, talked about it and planned for school and here you are, almost week 2 complete. The start of kindergarten heralds a new routine for the child starting and also as a family. There’s lunches to pack, water bottles to fill, uniforms to label, hats to find and most importantly words of encouragement to give and smiles to share.
Colett Smart, Sydney based psychologist, qualified teacher, speaker, writer and mum of 3 provides some thoughts about equipping children and assisting families in the transition to school.
Listening and Acknowledging feelings, Children are adjusting to classroom structure, being part of a class and a whole school. There is potential for a myriad of feelings from excitement to anxiety and everything in between. Normalising these feelings will assist your child and it could also be helpful to personalise some feelings. ie I felt nervous meeting someone I hadn’t met before. It is natural as a parent to avoid children feeling discomfort. Resilience is fostered as a child recognises feelings of discomfort, articulates them and is able to regulate feelings. ie I felt sad about leaving mummy/daddy and then I felt happy about seeing my friends.
What did you do today? Lots, I don’t remember, played with my friends are all responses you may receive from this BIG question. Try more specific questions that could be pref-
aced with Tell me about your day, I would love to hear about it…….
Who did you play with? Encourage your child to learn their new friend’s name/s.
What was the best thing about your day?
Over the coming weeks treat each other with extra care, talk to a friend or loved one about how you’re travelling, communicate and model your encouragement of your child in the adventures of their learning environment at Bonnet Bay PS.

I am passionate about the social and emotional well-being of our school community. I’m available on Mondays from 9.20-3.30 and Thursdays from 12.30-4.00.

Look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Sheree Host
School Chaplain

Messages from the DEC...

Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework

Technology talks
Find out about all the technologies your child could be using at school, at home and on the go. Scan the A-Z list for overall knowledge, find out how gadgets work, what their good points are and other usages you may need to be aware of. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology

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Endeavour Sports High School
2015 OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday 25th February
School Hall 6.00pm – 8.00pm

- Exceptional teaching and learning standards; high student expectations and teacher commitment
- Dynamic learning environment in up-to-date learning and sporting facilities
- Enrichment in extra-curricular interests: band, debating, drama, the visual arts
- School community participating and benefiting from state recognized student welfare initiatives: White Ribbon, Captains Counsel, True 2 U – girls initiative, Boys 2 Men
- Targeted Sport Program offering elite training and sportsmanship in: athletics, baseball, basketball, cricket, dance, girls development, golf, netball, rugby league, soccer boys & girls, swimming, tennis, union boys & girls

Strong academic results are evident in 2013, 2014 HSC graduates placed in University courses including Mathematics, Business & Economics, International Law, Architecture & Design, Psychology, Engineering Studies

Student Visual Art Work exhibited in Art Express, first in the state in Tourism and Hospitality Minister’s Award for Excellence in student achievement.

Strong sporting achievements are evident in 2013, 2014 graduates securing sporting contracts both nationally and internationally.

Valuing individual potential – achieving personal best

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