What’s Happening?

Principal’s Message

Zone Swimming Carnival –
Thursday 5th March

Congratulations to the twelve students selected to represent our school next Thursday at the Zone swimming carnival at Engadine Pool. We wish them the best of Bonnet Bay luck and know that they will perform at their personal best and swim like fish! Many thanks for Mr & Mrs Calder volunteering to assist at the carnival.

Meet & Greet

Hopefully you have all had an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and let them know of any concerns or questions you may have in relation to your child’s learning. I am sure this has been beneficial to all concerned in building a positive start to the school year.

Yoga Family Day – Wed 11 March

Students continue to embrace the aspects of our Yoga program showing respect for their peers and taking on board great strategies to calm themselves and make wise choices when challenged. It’s so reassuring to see the skills they are adopting so quickly under the expert direction of their instructor Danica.

In this Family Class, parents, carers and children will participate in games and relaxation activities that they can then take home and use on a regular basis. They will provide fun, ‘bite-sized’ exercises that families can try at home to help each family member unwind and connect with each other.

Please find below the timetable when you can visit your child’s lesson and join in or just watch how the session is run. I am sure you will be impressed.

2/3: 10.00-10.40
5/6: 10.40-11.20
K: 11.45-12.15
K/1 - 12.15-12.45
1/2: 12.45-1.15

Safety with Dogs

We appreciate that many parents walk to school to collect their children and with that take an opportunity to walk their dogs. Could you please be very aware if you wait with a dog that you are not near the direct entrance to the pathway into the school. Many small children still fear dogs and although you know your own pet others are sometimes fearful and we need to allow all students’ to feel safe walking in and out of the school pathway. It would be appreciated if you could be mindful of this Thank you in anticipation.

School Planning Process

Staff are working towards finalising our strategic directions and planning for the next year with the use of valuable contributions from surveys completed by parents, students’ and staff. We have analysed data from many sources including students’ results and reflections of programs currently being implemented within the school. We as a staff and community feel the future directions of enhancing student engagement and providing consistent high quality practices and programs will allow all students to achieve their personal best here at Bonnet Bay Public. We look forward in sharing with you our achievements and celebrating success. Thank you again for your support in assisting us build our great school.

Karen Deacon
Principal
**School Assembly Awards**
**Term 1 - Week 4**

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

**Boys Softball & Cricket Draw**

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**Sports Reports - Round 2**

**Junior Girls Touch Football**
We had a good game versus Kirrawee. The final score was 4-1 their way. Player of the match was Paige. Better luck next time Bonnet Bay!  
By Layla & Mea

**Senior Girls Touch Football**
We almost won and it was a great game. We versed Kirrawee who were a great team. The score was 3-0 their way. Player of the match was Bridget. Better luck next time!.  
By Natasha & Sophie

**Does your child love to sing?**
Voices of Sydney Choir is a fantastic opportunity for DEC students to enjoy their singing in a safe and encouraging environment. Choir students join together weekly with students from other DEC schools who also enjoy singing.  
A performance focus for 2015 includes a concert at the Sydney Opera House as well as other venues.  
For more information, please speak with Mrs Turner.

**Easter Egg Fundraiser**
Thank you to all our parent volunteers last Friday. We had lots of helpers which was fantastic and greatly appreciated!
Please drop money back in once sold or make direct debit transfer online – direct debit is preferred method of payment.
We have already had money coming back so looks like they are selling well. A big Thank you to Mrs Layton’s husband who sold a box for us in 1 day, plus money returned!  
This is a quick and easy way to raise $3000 for our school.

**Canteen News**
Canteen volunteers for next week are:  
**Mon:** Donna Brown, Rachel Gibson  
**Tue:** Lisa Ziegler  
**Wed:** Jodi Urey, Rae Gallagher  
Thank you for your contribution.  
The Canteen Committee
**BASC News**

Our service includes breakfast that is served from 7:00am every morning for children. We find that this is very helpful for families, especially when they trying to get ready for school and work. Bonnet Bay School Care serves toast with Vegemite, jam or honey and Weetbix or Rice Bubbles with milk. This breakfast service is offered free of charge. Last year we implemented our Homework Program where we assist children with their homework in the afternoon session. Many of our staff members are Primary Teachers or trainee Primary Teachers and are happy to assist children with their homework. Please ensure parents fill out a 2015 Homework Permission Form located near the sign-in desk.

Kinds Regards

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**Bonnet Bay Public School Merit Award System**

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

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**Election Day – 28/3/15**

We will all be heading to the polls on 28th March 2015. This is a great opportunity for the school to raise some money to purchase more valuable resources for our school!! We will be running a BBQ, cake stall, and white elephant stall. Our senior students will also be selling tickets for an Easter raffle. Bring the whole family down for some fun!!

In order for the day to be a success we require your help! You can do this in 3 ways:

1. Donate a cake, slice or biscuits for the cake stall
2. Donate some 2nd hand items for the white elephant stall
3. Volunteer your time to work on one of the stalls or BBQ

Separate notes will be going home shortly with details of how and when you can donate for the cake stall and the white elephant stall.

Help us now by indicating your availability on the day. Please complete return slip on the note send home this week and return to the office by 18th March 2015. Alternatively you can email your availability to Shanan Green at: s_m_green@iinet.net.au.

Thank you for your continued support!
Messages from the DEC...
Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition 2015 - Competition’s theme is "My place in today’s world". Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is Thursday, 2 April 2015. For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website http://mappingsciences.org.au.

All about apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership

When older kids struggle with reading
Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading

Multiplication times tables

Sorting fact from fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction

Solving equations
Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/RId5/44/algebra

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? Experts discuss and give tips on what to watch out for. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy

Saxophone & Clarinet Reeds are available from the school office.
Saxophone Reeds - $3.50
Clarinet Reeds - $2.50

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