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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

Term 1 - Week 9

Reminder! Election Fund Raiser!  Come vote and support our school.
Purchase a coffee, sausage and cake or even a treasure from the White Elephant Stall! A huge thankyou in anticipation to all our supporting parents and families who will give up their own time on Saturday to help raise funds to support our students and programs at our school. You are AWESOME!

Harmony Day  Congratulations to the student leaders, Mrs Host and Mrs Layton for organising a fun, inspiring and inclusive afternoon of Harmony Day activities. Students were engaged in Indigenous games like Kangaroo tail, Koolchee, Wana. Together they had opportunity to create a shelter using basic materials of a tarp and cardboard simulating a refugee tent. They had to use creative and critical thinking skills to build a suitable structure. It was a fantastic afternoon of engagement and everyone worked in harmony.

Young Leaders Day - Our Inspiring Young Leaders

Bridget, Dea, Tia, Brielle and Mrs Redmayne attended the National Young Leaders Day at Qantas Credit Union Arena on Monday 23rd March. The students were inspired to get started and create a real positive change in our school and community though inspiring talks from Bindi Irwin and our current premier Mr Mike Baird. Our students have already started with being excellent role models in our school and encourage others by being safe, respectful learners at our school. Go girls!

Homework  At our last P&C meeting some concerns of Homework were raised in general business. As a staff we listened to the learning community last year in regard to parents concerns of the amount of homework students were given and the expectations and time it took to complete it. Through discussion and reading valuable research we decided to provide students with work and guidelines and tried to encourage students to develop a love of learning. If you have a concern or would like further guidance for your child in this regard please contact their class teacher who will guide you to appropriate support for your child.

It is all about the wellbeing of the child and a balance of life activities including social, emotional and engagement activities, meaningfulness and exploring interests that contribute to achievement in learning. Best practice tells us that copious amounts of homework are not beneficial for children. Spending time teaching your child to play board games, take turns and encouraging them to explore their interests is also great learning tool at home. I have included an article for you to read to get a perspective of homework and its purpose. http://teacher.acer.edu.au/article/does-homework-contribute-to-student-success

Easter Hat Parade  Come join us on Thursday afternoon to complete our fabulous end to the term with our colourful Easter hat parade. Students are to bring their hat creations to school and parade with their class. Maybe a special guest will appear! Tickets for the Easter raffle are still available for $1, on sale daily. Large baskets of chocolate eggs and a family pass to the Royal Easter show is just waiting to be won! Thanks to our student leaders volunteering to assist with the sales.

Karen Deacon - Principal
**School Assembly Awards**  
**Term 1- Week 8**

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**Canteen News**

Canteen volunteers for next week are:

**Mon:** Belinda Lucia, Jenny Nicolaidis  
**Tue:** Donna Brown  
**Wed:** Donna Brown  
Thank you for your contribution.  
The Canteen Committee

**Uniform Shop**

Uniform Shop will be open for general sales on the following dates in Term 2 from 9.30-10.00am.

- Friday 24th April
- Tuesday 12th May
- Friday 22nd May
- Tuesday 9th June
- Monday 22nd June

Thankyou,
The Uniform Committee

**Home Reading Workshop**

**Tea & Tips / Coffee & Conversation**

Thank you to all who attended our workshops. It was great to see such interest and to share information in order to best support our students. If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Leonie Lynch  
Learning & Support Teacher

**BASC News**

Just reminder to submit your vacation care forms by Friday 27.3.15. 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.

Nancy Bassiuoni  
Teacher / Director  
Ph: (02) 95288797  
Email: nancy@kirraweechildcare.com.au

**Easter Egg Monies Due NOW**

Please return any outstanding Easter Egg money by Friday 27th March. No more eggs can be returned as we do not have the time to pass on to another family. Next week is a short week and we would like
to finalise this fundraising event this week.
We only have 30% left to come in, so please
direct debit/pay as soon as you can.
Thank you to all those who have sold their
eggs and returned their money and a special
thank you to those who have taken extra
boxes for us, some families have sold up to 3
boxes! Well Done!
Thanks to all the parents helpers involved in
this fundraising event.
When all monies are returned we will have
raised over $3000 for our school.
Happy Easter to all, enjoy this special time
with loved ones.
**Payment Options:**
**Option 1 - Direct Debit (Preferred Method)**
Funds can be payed directly to the P&C A/C:
Name: Bonnet Bay P&C Association
BSB: 032-155 A/C Number: 180882
Please return slip so that we can match up
with your payment.
**Option 2 – Cheque**
Cheque to be made payable to Bonnet Bay
P&C Association and placed in an envelope
with below slip and put in the safe deposit
box at school.
**Option 3 – Cash**
Money can be returned to the office with be-
low slip and put in safe deposit box at school.

**Election Day**
**Saturday 28th March 2015**
**Donations Wanted……… Cake Stall and White Elephant Stall**
As part of the Election Day fundraising on
Saturday 28th March, we will be having a
cake stall and a white elephant stall.
For both of these stalls to be a success, we
require donations from you!! Instructions on
how to donate items is listed below:
**Cake Stall:**
Could each family please provide a plate of
cakes/biscuits/toffees/slices etc to sell on the
day. Please bring the cakes to the school
canteen anytime on Friday 27th March.
**White Elephant Stall:**
Could families please donate good quality,
second-hand items (eg: books, toys, games,
children’s clothes, brick-a-brac). Please bring
these items into the school office anytime
from now until Friday 27th March.
**Reminder:** Please return notes ASAP to vol-
unteer some time to help out on the day!!
(note previously sent home)
Thanks for your assistance!
Eleisha Legg
P&C President

**Harmony Day**

**ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES**
Visit the school this Saturday for
some great food, shopping and
activities for the kids!
Grab a Sausage Sandwich or a
sweet treat from the Cake Stall
Indulge in a Barista Coffee
from Geckos Kitchen
Search for Treasure at the White
Elephant Stall or in a Lucky Dip
Face Painting and Colouring
Activities for the kids
Stalls will be open from 8am-2pm.
All money raised will be used to purchase
resources for the school so even if you
don’t vote at the school please come along
and have fun whilst supporting our school.
Messages from the DEC...

Practise to be a journalist
This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. [http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp](http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp)

Safetytown website – A road safety education program
This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit [https://www.safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)

Back by popular demand
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx)

Thinking on your feet
This week’s most common question on the School A to Z parent website:
Q: What’s a surd?
A: A number that can’t be simplified to remove a square root (or cube root etc). :eg: $\sqrt[3]{11}$


Bullying knows no bounds
When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she’d done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home)

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Stewart House bags were distributed this week for families who wish to donate to the Stewart House Clothing Appeal.

Please leave any donated clothing at the end of the hall in the Admin Building by Thursday 30th April 2015.
Spare bags available from office.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016
We will be having our Kindergarten Information Evening on Wednesday 6th May at 7.00pm.
If you have a child starting school in 2016 or you know friends or neighbours that do, please spread the word.
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten, 2016.
Enrolment packs are available from the school office.

www.parentline.org.au