Term 3 - Week 1

Welcome back to a new term. Hopefully everyone feels refreshed following a great holiday and is feeling positive about the term ahead. The staff and I would like to warmly welcome back all students and especially our two new students Tate and Lily and their families to the Bonnet Bay community. We hope that they have experienced a positive start to Bonnet Bay Public School and will quickly settle into daily routines at their new school.

PSSA Sport has been cancelled for tomorrow due to the wet weather. Hopefully the weather will improve for the last 2 games of the competition.

School Development Day   Last Monday all teachers from our school participated in an excellent school development day “Time for History” Conference which focussed on preparation for the implementation of the NSW History syllabus for the Australian curriculum. As you are well aware, teacher professional learning is a vital part of successful implementation of any new syllabus. Providing staff with this opportunity gives them the necessary skills and knowledge to allow them to implement the syllabus effectively.

We were fortunate enough to have the author Jackie French present a passionate and motivating dialogue on her skills as writer and author of many historical fiction and nonfiction books. She reassured us as educators that we are the core influencers of inspiring and encouraging students to read and develop a love of history. As part of the day we participated in various workshops engaging us in the knowledge of the new syllabus, resources and stimulating unit ideas for future implementation. I would like to thank Mrs Redmayne who trained as facilitator and presented at the History conference as one of the Instructional Leaders team.

Education Week –Open Day Wednesday 29th July 12.00- 2.00pm
Open day is a great day set aside for parents and the wider community to visit our school and celebrate the achievements of our school and students. We welcome you to visit us at 12 pm on Wednesday 29th July beginning with Open classrooms and then observing students engaging in Peer Support groups, a new student welfare initiative at our school. Parents and friends can then join students for a Picnic lunch on top field near the BIG rock. We warmly welcome many parents, family members and friends in joining us for on the day.

Canteen Creations!! New MENU   Yum! New healthy food choices from our Canteen this term are Sushi rolls ($1) and ham and cheese wraps (70 cents ). A huge thank you to the canteen ladies Felicity and Lisa for supporting our Live Life Well at School program with these new additions to our Menu. Students and staff were de- viously delighted!

Karen Deacon
Principal
Congratulations to our Values Award recipients.

Canteen News
Canteen volunteers for Term 3, Week 1 are:
Mon: Linda Rabinau, Rachel Gibson
Tue: Shanan Green, Sharyn Green
Wed: Wendy Calder, Jenny Campton
Thank you for your contribution.
The Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop
Uniform Shop will be open for general sales on in Term 3 from 9.30-10.00am on the following dates:
Thursday 30th July
Friday 14th August
The Uniform Committee

PSSA Sport
PSSA has been cancelled for tomorrow due to the wet weather.

Trivia Night - 1st August 2015
Please book your Trivia Night Tickets
Tables need to be booked by Wednesday 22nd July.
Each table can accommodate 10 people. If don’t specify a table name you will be placed on a mixed table. Come along to support our school. It’s heaps of fun!!!!

School Assembly Awards
Term 2- Week 10

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Donations
The P&C works hard to source donations for prizes for the Trivia Night. If you have a business and would like to donate a prize, please contact P&C President Eleisha Legg on 0417 067 245 or eleishalegg@icloud.com. Alternatively, you can leave your donation at the office marked ‘P&C Trivia Night’.

We also ask for donations of new or unused items and gifts from our school families that can be packaged up as silent auction prizes. There are baskets in each classroom to accept donations. Suitable items might include women’s beauty products, homewares and children’s items etc.

Thanks for your support...!

Congratulations to our Values Award recipients.
Artwork Requirements

All students are participating in a combined piece of artwork to be displayed later in the year.

We require assorted sized buttons, plastic coloured lids and clear PET bottles with lids; eg: water, soft drink bottles. All bottles need to washed and cleaned (a trip through the dishwasher is recommended). Students to give the bottles to their class teacher within the next few weeks to enable the artwork to be completed in time.

We thank you for your continued support with our art programs.

Janelle Turner

Parenting Ideas

'Parenting Ideas' offers our BBPS Community practical expert advice for common concerns and helps our children become better equipped with life skills for greater future success. As an educator and a parent of two primary aged children, I looked for a way of addressing 'stranger danger'. I did not want my children to be afraid of the 'world' and wanted them to have tangible strategies that would empower them. I found the following article really beneficial especially encouraging them to recognise their own innate personal alarm and safety zone.

It's helpful to have some more tools in our Parenting toolboxes :-(

Sheree Host
Chaplain

Keep Children Safe in Public with these 5 Ideas

There is a strong shift away from the old rule of “never talk to strangers” to “never go anywhere with anyone without asking permission first”. A child who has been taught to never talk to strangers may feel they have nowhere to go if they find themselves lost in a shopping centre or other public place.

Five ways to enforce the new rule:

1. *Never go anywhere with anyone without asking permission first*

   This is the new fundamental rule to keeping kids safe. This rule must NEVER be broken. Regardless of if it is a school, public or family function, work with your children to ensure they always ask an adult for permission before going off with ANYONE.

   Classic “what if” scenarios are worth their weight in gold. “You are at school and walking back to class after snack when a man comes up to you and says he is looking for his son’s class. He asks you to go with him to show him where it is. Do you go?”

   Use tempting scenarios that are relevant to your child, such as puppies or toys, and discuss safe options and strategies in each case.

2. **Your Personal Alarm**

   Children have an innate sensitive personal alarm, which we can teach them to use. This is their natural defence system. Work with them to identify and recognise the physical and environmental signals that cause their alarm to sound. Knowing that a rush of adrenalin will cause physiological changes in our bodies and activate our personal alarm is a good start. A child’s personal alarm will present the same physical and emotional cues that an adult’s will.

3. **Trust Your Instincts**

   Have you ever gotten “the creeps”? Maybe it’s the idea of snakes, mice or heights that does it for your child. Encourage them to draw on how it feels when they get the creeps. Instincts are those feelings you get when something or someone makes you feel uncomfortable. Instincts are the physiological changes that happen to our body when our personal alarm goes off.

4. **Personal Space v’s Safety Zone**

   Most kids understand the concept of personal space. How many times have we heard, “Stop invading my personal space!” Most people feel comfortable within an arm’s length of others. However, do your kids recognise their safety zone? Teach your child to be aware of their surroundings. If a “strange” person is too close, suggest they back away and maintain their safety zone. A safety zone is much bigger than your personal space – at least three giant steps bigger.

5. **Safe Places, Safe People**

   There are times when a child must ask for help quickly and instinctively. We already know that not all strangers are bad, that most strangers will help a child who is lost or upset. It is situations that are safe, not places. Talk with your child and reinforce that he or she must ALWAYS use his or her skills with ALL people, including those presumed safe. Encourage your child to tell an adult they trust when someone or something has frightened them.
As parents we need to empower our children with self-confidence and trust in their ability to sense when something is just not right. It doesn’t matter if they can articulate it; they just have to feel it.
To find out more about Catherine Gerhardt's great work about keeping kids safe online and offline visit Kidproofsafety.com.au
By Catherine Gerhardt

Helpers Wanted!!!
We need parents to help with our annual Trivia Night planning. Specifically, we need people to assist with collecting local business donations. Please contact Eleisha Legg on 0417 067 245 or eleishalegg@icloud.com ASAP if you can spare a few hours. This is our major fundraiser and we cannot organise the event without parent support.

Crunch & Sip Handy Hints!

5 reasons to pack a mandarin for Crunch&Si

1. They are sweet and juicy. Kids love them!
2. They are nutritious - full of vitamins and fibre
3. They come in their own biodegradable packaging
4. They don't bruise easily
5. They are a perfect size for kids to eat during Crunch&Si

Celebrating LOCAL HEROES
EDUCATION WEEK 2015

Bonnet Bay Public School

WHEN: Wednesday, 29th July
WHERE: Bonnet Bay P.S
TIME: 12pm-2pm
CELEBRATE with us!

OPEN CLASSROOMS
PEER SUPPORT Groups & PICNIC lunch

IT'S A PARTY!

Who needs a reason for a party? We’re having a kids’ party and you’re all invited. Get set for a fun evening, playing your favourite party games as well as singing and learning about God.

We will provide dinner too, so be sure to let us know you’re coming - especially if you need special food.

When: 5.30 - 7pm Saturday July 18th
Where: Bonnet Bay School Hall
For: Kids K-6
Cost: $3

RSVP: By Friday 17th July to Jane
0414 643 719 or jane.eaife@gmail.com