Term 3 - Week 3

School Calendar

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August
1  Trivia Night
4  P&C Meeting
9  Bonnet Bay Wildflower Walk
11 ICAS Maths
11 SSSMF Junior Rehearsal & Matinee
12 SSSMF Junior Evening Concert
14 Uniform Shop
9.30am
19 SSSMF Senior Rehearsal
20 SSSMF Senior Evening Concert
21 Zone Athletics
26 Stewart House Donations 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
Thursday
Choir - 8.50
Scripture/Ethics
Friday
Sport
Library 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, K

No Assembly This Week Due to Trivia Night Setup

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

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Education Week Open Day  Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family friends that attended our annual open day in celebration of Education week 2015. We hope you all enjoyed visiting classrooms, observing a peer support session and sharing a picnic lunch with your children - we certainly enjoyed having you here.

Exciting News!  Due to the increase in our school numbers we have qualified for another member of staff. As 5/6 is the largest class in numbers currently at our school, we as a staff have decided to give these students the opportunity to work as a grade class for the core learning areas of Literacy and Numeracy. This will mean that Year 6 will be taught during this time with Mrs Redmayne and a new member of staff Miss Griffiths and Year 5 will be taught by Miss Anderson.

Japanese Visitors  Our school had the pleasure of hosting students from Chuo City, Tokyo on Tuesday. The students from three different schools in Chuo City performed Waltzing Matilda in English, and a song in Japanese for the school. Each class had the pleasure of having students observe their normal class routines and lessons, and they also got to participate in some specialised activities such as calligraphy, origami, a chopstick challenge and some traditional Japanese games. It was such a lovely experience for our students and the students who were visiting from Japan.

Public Speaking  Well done to all the students who have presented their prepared and impromptu speeches in class as part of the Southern Sydney Schools Public Speaking Competition. All of our teachers have been impressed with the quality of speeches and the confidence in which they have been presented to the class. Stage finals will be held at the end of next week. One child from each stage will be chosen to compete in the Woronora Pool finals on Thursday 20th of August, at Sutherland Public School. A letter will be sent home with more information next week to all class finalists.

National Tree Day  We will be celebrating National Tree Day on Monday 3rd August. Our Kindergarten students, with the help of their buddies, will be planting trees to beautify our school grounds. Thank you to Daniel Clarke from Bushcare and Jeff Doret from GREENWEB Sutherland Shire Council for their support with this project, and for the donation of the plants for our school. Planting will take place at 10am.

The Annual Bonnet Bay Wild Flower Walk  will be taking place on Sunday 9th August. This community event is lots of fun for the whole family. Come along and enjoy the walk, the provided BBQ lunch and the fantastic children’s wildlife show. Be sure to arrive at 10am to partake in this fun-filled day. More information can be found on the Sutherland Shire Council Website.

Trivia Night  Get out your 80’s gear and brush-up on your trivia skills - Saturday night is Bonnet Bay Public School’s annual trivia night, and this year it’s all about the 80’s! The trivia night helps to raise much needed funds for our school and is a fun community event that never fails to deliver a fantastic night out. The fun starts at 7pm. Don’t forget to bring along your drinks and nib-
blies, gold coins for games and your thinking caps. Thank you again to our P & C for all the hard work and preparation that you put into organising this fantastic event. See you there, in your 80’s wear!

There will be no assembly this Friday.

Donna Layton
Relieving Assistant Principal

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you

BB King

Canteen News

Canteen volunteers for next week are:

Mon: Jodi Urey, Leanne Levi
Tue: Felicity Aitken, Caroline Leyden
Wed: Rae Gallagher, Melissa Puntoriero

We are also looking for more canteen volunteers, please contact Felicity Aitken if you can help.

The Canteen Committee

Canteen Menu Update

Healthier options at the canteen.

New Lunchtime Item
- Tuna, Chicken or California Sushi Rolls - $2.50 (can also be ordered)

New Recess Item
- Ham & cheese wraps - 70 cents
- Corn - 70 cents
- Chicken Nuggets x 3 - 80 cents

New Snack Item
- Mamee Vegetable Rice Sticks - $1.00
- Fantastic BBQ Rice Snacks - $1.00
- Fruit - Includes Apple Slinky & Frozen Grape Bags - 50 cents
- On The Go Cheese & Water Crackers $2.00

Other Changes
- All sandwich orders will be on wholemeal bread or rolls and the wraps are on grain. If anyone wants white it must be specified on the lunch order.
- Will be using butter instead of margarine
- No more hash browns. Will be keeping garlic bread for recess only.
- Sourcing a supplier for healthier meat pies, frankfurts and sausage rolls (might be a price increase)
- Only Sunfruit faces will be sold
- Looking at a "pasta of the month" which will be homemade less numbers higher nutritional content.

Felicity Aitken

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Congratulations to our Values Award recipients.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday August 4th 2015 in the school library....7.15 for a 7.30 start. We encourage you to come along and have your say about some of these important issues that affect the school and all of our children.
2/3 have been learning about how to write ‘Persuasive Texts’.

See if you are convinced that “Pet’s are Good for Children”.

I believe that pets are good for children because they teach children many important things.

When you have a pet you develop lots of friendship with it. Making friends with your pet makes you good at making friends with humans. You can share all your ideas with your pet.

When you own a pet you learn a lot about your pets type. You also learn about how to take care of your pet. Pets also teach kids how to have fun!

I encourage you to get a pet so you can experience this yourself.

By Imogen

Pets bring children lots of important benefits. Pets bring responsibility for children. When you or your child gets a pet your child or you could gain the responsibility for a child when they grow up.

You have to walk a dog daily. When you walk a dog the dog gets exercise but you also get exercise. Everyone gets healthy.

So get a pet now and you will gain all of these AMAZING benefits. I believe pets are good for children.

By Meredith

I believe pets are good for children because they bring many benefits.

Pets are your friend. If you are lonely your pet will play a game with you. When you don’t know what to do your pet is always there.

If you have a pet you must walk, feed, play and care for it.

When you do all of that you will feel happy. A pet depends on you.

So if you get a pet you will see that all this is true and more. And you will be happy for as long as your pet lives.

By Eden

The Premier's Reading Challenge - Closing Soon!

ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO...the countdown is on!

Parents, Carers and students please take note of the last day as the website closes to everyone’s access after 17th August 2015.

All students must complete their reading records online on the PRC website, before the date above to receive a Certificate from the Premier of NSW and if you wish to receive a School Certificate from me, then a printout or list of those books read should also be forwarded to the class teacher or myself.

Thankyou for your co-operation.

Mrs Connor
Teacher Librarian

Trivia Night
Sat 1st August 2015

Looking forward to a great night on Saturday!

**What to expect on the night**

Funky 1980’s costumes and decorations
A few rounds of fun Trivia
Lots of great silent auctions and prizes
A fun night to relax and have a laugh without the kids!
A special performance by the Miranda Musical Society
A 1980’s themed photo booth to capture your awesome costumes!

**Here is just some of the great donations we have on offer this year**

Some great restaurant vouchers including Rocksalt and Como Hotel
Loads of family activity vouchers including Taronga Zoo, Powerhouse Museum, Questacon and Sydney Harbour Cruises
Autographed NRL All Stars Jersey and other NRL merchandise
A huge collection of gifts and vouchers from local businesses
AND LOTS, LOTS MORE!!!!!

**What to Bring**

Your best 1980’s costume
Nibblies and Drinks
Lots of gold coins for games

Let’s have some fun while we raise some funds for our school!

**See you on Saturday 1st August**
7pm for a 7:30pm start
We commenced our Peer Support program last week and what a wonderful success! Our 5/6 leaders have done a fantastic job leading and facilitating their small groups of 8-10 students from Kindergarten to Year 4 over the two sessions they have already delivered. The students will work through 8 sessions over a period of 8 weeks every Wednesday afternoon from 2.20pm-3pm. The students are working on a module called 'Promoting Harmony' helping us define individual and community values, build relationships and improve decision making skills.

Our first session last week, enabled the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They also were asked to begin to think about what a value is and something they value in themselves.

Our session yesterday looked at the notion that what they choose to spend their time on often reflects the values they have. The activities also aimed to assist them in identifying ways to care for themselves and others, develop their understanding that you are caring when you notice the feelings and needs of yourself and others.

We recommend you talk to your children about Peer Support every week, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session. During the week encourage your child to demonstrate they are caring by doing something helpful or displaying kindness around the home.

Thank you to all our parents, friends and families who came along to our Peer Support session yesterday. Being only the second week they had lead a group I'm sure you can imagine how nerve-racking that was for our 5/6 leaders! They are doing a stellar job and I am very proud of them. As I am as equally proud, of our K-4 group members for embracing peer support with enthusiasm.

Melissa Redmayne  
Assistant Principal

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day is held every year on the 4 August. Hosted by the national peak body, The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), it has been celebrated since 1988 in hundreds of communities around the country to recognise and celebrate the strengths and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

The theme for 2015 is Little People, Big Futures, we want all our kids to stand tall so that they can feel connected and proud of their cultures.

Parenting Ideas

What a great article to publish in Education Week! To truly consider and reflect upon the myriad of skills that your child/ren have gained is like looking through a kaleidoscope. Academic, physical and social/emotional skills all inform this multi faceted picture and autonomy and age-appropriate independence scaffold this learning. I have been encouraged, inspired and amazed by the students of BBPS and encourage you to support them in their independence and let them amaze you!

Happy Reading,  
Sheree Host  
School Chaplain

Do You Let Your Kids Amaze You?

"I'm amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too."

A mother left this comment on our Facebook page recently in response to our post: "What would be the impact if you did less, not more for your children?"

Lovely answer!

It got me thinking that the joy that this mother took from watching her children develop independence was no accident. Her parenting style played a large role in her children’s independence. All power to her and her parenting style!

I've long believed that adults are the gatekeepers for children’s independence.

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop self-help skills (carry their own schoolbags, get
themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms); provide them with real responsibility (feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals) and give them autonomy to make some of their own decisions (choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending).

We close the independence gate when we do too much for children (tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks); rescue them from learning opportunities (take forgotten lunches to school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines) and neglect to build scaffolds to independence (such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport).

It’s a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children’s abilities to the detriment of their development.

Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children’s independence?

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves redundant from the earliest possible age of a child’s life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet physically (Don’t we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!), emotionally (with support, of course) and to navigate their world without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they’ve mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It’s those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won’t happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.

By Michael Grose

Check out this fantastic resource for our BBPS school community.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Stewart House bags have been distributed 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 Wednesday 26th August 2015.
Spare bags available from office.

Lost Property
Lost Property has been moved to foyer area near library. The box is overflowing with jumpers, hats, jackets, drink bottles and lunchboxes. PLEASE come in and check for any of your child’s missing items.