The Big Rock Buzz

Bonnet Bay Public School Newsletter

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School Calendar

2016
Term 1
February
12 PSSA commences
15 Band commences
15 Canteen commences
17 Swimming Carnival
24 Dancing Commences
25 Choir commences

Weekly Schedule

Monday
Band Rehearsal/Tuts

Tuesday
Student Banking
Japanese
Library 5/6A, 1/2T,
1/2R, 2/3, 4/5CH

Wednesday
Dance
Library KG, KL

Thursday
Choir
Scripture/Ethics

Friday
Sport
School Assembly 2.45

Notes Home
Canteen Menu

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

Term 1 - Week 3

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 no much to learn!

Big Rock Fest
Last Friday saw many families picnic on and around the rock for the Big Rock Fest. What a great relaxing afternoon was had by so many. It was a successful start to our new school year with many new Kindergarten families joining us and mixing in. A huge thank you to all who got into the spirit and joined in the games with the children and introduced themselves and chatted welcoming new families.

P & C News
Congratulations to our new P & C Committee and a huge thank you to our outgoing team who have completed three very productive and wonderful years supporting our students and school community. Mrs Shanan Green is our new President, we welcome a new Kindergarten parent Melissa Millard as the Vice President, Ross Blackall as Treasurer and Rachel Watson as Minutes Secretary. Many other positions that support our school have been filled with enthusiastic workers but as you know the more the merrier, further volunteers are always needed to maintain our canteen. On that note you would have received your fabulous new Healthy Canteen Menu which has been reviewed by the Canteen committee and in conjunction with our Live life Well Healthy eating initiative. The new menu gives many choices for healthy lunch choices and snacks for our students to encourage healthy eating choices. A huge thank you to Sara Balanza for her research and compiling of the Menu. Sara will be cooking on Thursdays in the canteen to allow for many of the fresh items to be available on the Menu, any helpers would be greatly appreciated. Our next P & C meeting is Wednesday 16th March please pop it in your diary and come along. It is a great forum for parents to be a part of the collaborative decision making process in our school and to ensure we work in partnership for the best possible outcomes for our students.

Meet and Greet
An opportunity to Meet & Greet your child’s new teacher will occur in Week 5. A note will be forwarded next week. Meet & Greet the teacher interviews are an opportunity for parents and caregivers to book an appointment to meet their child’s teacher and discuss pertinent information which will assist the teacher developing a deeper insight and knowledge base about the students in their care. Here are some guiding questions to assist parents and caregivers with preparing for this meeting:

School Response Unit
1300 880 021
Sutherland Police
9542 0899
What would you like to tell us about:  1) How your child learns best?  2) Your child’s strengths / areas of high interest / areas for further development?  3) Your child’s health issues?  4) Your child’s behaviour / personality?  5) Setting goals with the class teacher for the year ahead.

An information leaflet will be sent home shortly for you to read in your own time in regard to class and school expectations. This will give you an opportunity to ask any questions at your meet and greet time in regard to classroom expectations or organisation. 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. Alissa our instructor was so inspiring and even had Kindergarten lying 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 8, Wednesday 16th March, where parents are invited to join their children in a session. A ummm! Experience.

**New Directions**  Staff are off and running with our new milestones supporting our strategic directions. All staff have worked collaboratively in ensuring we are all on task leading many learning projects. Our first direction is improving our teaching practice in writing to ensure the best possible student outcomes in literacy. Mrs Redmayne is leading professional development in this area and staff are very enthused and excited in improving their own explicit teaching strategies to assist their students and to create consistent strategies and procedures across the school. Watch this space for samples of students work over the year!

Looking forward to a great term of learning for our great students!

**Karen Deacon**  
Principal

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**Home Reading Workshop**  
**Tea and Tips, Coffee & Conversation**

On **Friday 19th February at 9.30am** in the Library 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. If this time is unsuitable for you and you would still like this information please leave a message for me at the office and I will try to arrange an alternative time.

Leonie Lynch  
Learning and Support Teacher

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**PSSA Sport**

The PSSA Summer Competition commences tomorrow, **Friday 12th February**. 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 **8.30**.

**Boys Softball & Cricket Draw**

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**Scholastic Book Club**

Orders due back by **Mon 15th Feb**

Issue 1 brochures went home last week and any orders are due back to the office by **Monday 15th 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

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**Canteen News**

The Canteen will open on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week starting Monday 15th February**. Our new canteen menu was sent home to families yesterday. Volunteers for next week are:

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Bonnet Bay BASC News

Just a reminder if your child is sick or absent from school for whatever reason and is not attending Before & After School care that day we need to be notified by phone asap.

We must account for every child so it is essential that you inform us when your child will be absent well before the morning or afternoon session starts.

Thank you so much for your support.

Kinds Regards
Nancy Bassiuoni
Teacher / Director
Ph: (02) 95288797- 95285009
Email: nancy@kirraweechildcare.com.au

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Student Travel

The School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days.

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 - there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 - 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.

**How to Apply**
- Complete the application at [http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)
- Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement
- The school will then forward the application to Transport NSW for processing.

Once approved, Transport NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given on the application. This may take several weeks.

Students who don’t qualify for free travel may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term. Apply at [http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students).


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Bring your loved one/s for a romantic day at the markets. Come on down to enjoy;

- a variety of delicious food,
- unique market stalls,
- gifts perfect for a summer’s day

There’s plenty to distract the kids too with;
- jumping castle,
- face painting,
- climbing frame with softfall

Forget the park and bring your own picnic or bring a rug and purchase food at the market. Either way you can relax and enjoy the day on the bank of the beautiful Georges River.

**Sunday Feb 14th 9am-2pm**

Genoa Rd, Como, on the grounds of Como Public School

(5 min walk from Como Pleasure Grounds)

*A great day out for the family!*

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Before and After School Care
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admin@oysterbayschoolcare.com.au
www.bonnetbayschoolcare.com.au
**Wilson's Family Shoe Store**

Be fitted by the Best - Wilson’s Family Shoes. Quick Service with all trained and experienced fitting specialists.

Wilson’s Family Shoe Store have extended financial support to our school in the form of a ‘Back to School’ Fundraising Program. Remember to collect your written receipt/School Sponsorship Voucher when you purchase school shoes from Wilson’s Family Shoe Store at Jannali. Please hand in vouchers to the school office. The school receives a payment for 5% of the total value of any collected vouchers.

**Wilson Family Shoe Store**

40 Railway Crescent, Jannali

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