Term 1 - Week 4

Swimming Carnival Congratulations to all our fantastic students who participated in the Combined Schools Swimming Carnival yesterday at Caringbah Leisure Centre. All Students swam with pride and displayed great sportsmanship by having a go and supporting their peers. Some students achieved their personal best time! Wow so impressive! We certainly will have some talented students representing us in the Zone Carnival in a few weeks. A big thank you to all staff working as team to ensure our students had a fun and safe day. It was so great to see many parents and grandparents supporting our students at the carnival. Go Bonnet Bay!

Meet & Greet Our Meet & Greet interviews will begin next week and are a positive way to building positive home and school partnerships. This is an opportunity for parents to let staff know of any concerns or questions they may have in relation to their child’s learning. If you have any difficulties with times please contact your child teacher to organise a suitable mutual time for discussion.

Yoga Lesson Yoga did not go ahead yesterday due to the swimming carnival so this lesson will occur in the last week of term in Week 11.

Well Being Assembly As part of the NRL’s 2016 Community Carnival on Monday 22nd February we will be having a visit from two Cronulla Sharks players and an NRL Development Officer to talk to students about the importance of Wellbeing. The program will enhance the importance of hydration, sleep and an active lifestyle. They will also talk about overall wellbeing giving young people a place to belong, creating positive relationships and by providing a sense of connectedness.

New Director of Schools NSW Today Bonnet Bay Public School had a special visit from Mr Garrie Russell the new Director of Schools for the Woronora district. On touring our great school he met all our great staff and engaged in conversation with our great students. He was considerably impressed with the innovative programs, performance and progress happening in our school. We all look forward to a productive and positive relationship with him as he works with and supports our school.

Professional Training Next week Mrs Lynch will be out Tuesday and Wednesday at Professional training for a MINI Lit program which will be implementing in our K-1 area for students in need. This is a comprehensive early literacy program designed to be delivered to students to support those who have not quiet grasped the concepts of reading in their first formal year of schooling. We look forward in seeing great progress for and support for these students. Miss Anderson as our ICT coordinator will also be attending a Professional workshop to enhance her Technological skills next Friday.

Karen Deacon
Principal
**School Assembly Awards**

**Term 1 - Week 3**

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**Canteen News**

**Blackboard Special - Week 5 - 22-24 Feb**

HALF PRICE SPECIAL!!!

Limited Stock

😊 Pretzels
😊 Mamee Rice Sticks
😊 Fantastic Rice Crackers
😊 Go Cookies

All 50c - get them before they go!

**Volunteers for next week are:**

Mon:  Melanie Denmeade, Nicole Shanks, Eleisha Legg

Tues:  Shanan Green, Kerry Campbell

Wed:  Rachel Gibson, Tamara K-Latham, Rae Gallagher

**PSSA Sport**

The PSSA Summer Competition continues each Friday. 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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**Home Reading Workshop**

**Tea and Tips, Coffee & Conversation**

Tomorrow - **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

Congratulations to our ‘Values’ Award recipients.
**Band News**

**Important information for all Band members**

Morning ensemble rehearsals will now commence at 8.45am each Monday morning. Training band members will meet at first half lunch in the band room.

**BBPS Choir Groups**

BBPS choir groups commence next week. Students who have shown interest are to meet their choir teacher on Thursday mornings at 8.50am. Choir rehearsals will be held in the choir teachers classroom.

Junior Choir: Miss Griffiths' room
Senior Choir: Mrs Turners' room

**Uniform Shop News**

The uniform shop will be open for general sales **Monday 22nd February at 9.30am.** Winter Uniform Order Forms will be sent out next week.

Thanks,
The Uniform Committee

**P&C News**

I am very excited to take on the role of President of the P&C in 2016 and look forward to working with the committee, families and staff to continue to deliver great initiatives and support for the school. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this email and the next meeting will be Wednesday 16th March. We would love to grow attendance at these meetings so if you have any suggestions for agenda items or for topics or speakers from within or external to the school that you would like to hear from please don’t hesitate to let me know. Whether you’re new to the school or have had a break in attending P&C we would love you to come along.

Shanan Green
s_m_green@iinet.net.au

**A Message From The Chaplain**

Welcome Kindergarten parents. I hope you feel at home at Bonnet Bay PS. This is an inclusive, encouraging and supportive community and I am privileged to be part of it.

I’m sure you have said to a friend or a loved one recently, Can you believe that X is starting school? As a family I’m sure you’ve thought about school, talked about it and planned for school and here you are, almost week 3 complete. The start of kindergarten heralds a new routine for the child starting and also as a family. There’s lunches to pack, water bottles to fill, uniforms to label, hats to find and most importantly words of encouragement to give and smiles to share.

Collett Smart, Sydney based psychologist, qualified teacher, speaker, writer and mum of 3 provides some thoughts about equipping children and assisting families in the transition to school.

Listening and Acknowledging feelings, Children are adjusting to classroom structure, being part of a class and a whole school. There is potential for a myriad of feelings from excitement to anxiety and everything in between. Normalising these feelings will assist your child and it could also be helpful to personalise some feelings. ie I felt nervous meeting someone I hadn’t met before. It is natural as a parent to avoid children feeling discomfort. Resilience is fostered as a child recognises feelings of discomfort, articulates them and is able to regulate feelings. ie I felt sad about leaving my parent and then I felt happy about seeing my friends.

What did you do today?

Lots, I don’t remember, played with my friends are all responses you may receive from this BIG question. Try more specific questions that could be prefaced with Tell me about your day, I would love to hear about it……. Who did you play with? Encourage your child to learn their new friend’s name/s. What was the best thing about your day? Over the coming weeks treat each other with extra care, talk to a friend or loved one about how you’re travelling, communicate and model your encouragement of your child in the adventures of their learning environment at Bonnet Bay PS.

I am passionate about the social and emotional well-being of our school community. I’m available on Wednesdays and you can reach me on sheree.host@det.nsw.edu.au. Look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Sheree Host
School Chaplain
You’re set to get wet!

Kids, come along to our Wild and Wet Water Night. We’ll have plenty of fun, games and laughter as you try your skills at some watery challenges. You’ll also get the chance to sing some songs, hear about God, and have a yummy dinner.

Make sure you wear old clothes, and please tell us if you’re coming so we’re sure to have enough food for you — especially if you have special diet needs.

Where: 5:30-7pm Saturday, Feb 20th
Where: Bonnet Bay School Hall, Tudar Rd, Bonnet Bay
For: Kids K-6
Cost: $3
RSVP: By Friday 19th to Jane 0414 643 719 or email jane.earle@gmail.com

A Year 12 fundraising BBQ will be available between 5:00pm – 5:45pm for families who wish to enjoy something to eat.

Sutherland PCYC Concert Band

is proud to perform with the

NSW Police Band

Join us for an afternoon of entertaining music at

Club on East, Sutherland
2pm Sunday, 13 March

Entry:
  Adults $10
  School age children $5
  Seniors $5
Tickets available at the door

Check out this fantastic resource for our BBPS school community.
  Parent_Magazine.html

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