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  - Band Rehearsal/Tuts
  - Student Banking
- **Tuesday**
  - Japanese
  - Library 5/6A, 1/2T, 1/2R, 2/3, 4/5CH
- **Wednesday**
  - Dance Groups
  - Yoga
  - Library KG, KL
- **Thursday**
  - Choir-8.50am
  - Scripture/Ethics
- **Friday**
  - Sport
  - School Assembly 2.45

**Notes Home**

Premiers Reading Challenge
5/6 Camp

Notes are accessible from our website. [www.bonnetbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bonnetbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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**Term 1 - Week 7**

**Important Notice- END OF TERM 7th April, 2016**

There will be a change to our school calendar this year which will affect all families. Our School will be having a **Staff Development Day on Friday 8th April—the last day of Term 1.** This means that students will not attend school on Friday 8th April 2016, and the **last day of Term 1 for students will be THURSDAY 7th April, 2016.** In Term 2, **students will return to school on Tuesday 26th April** as there will be not be a Staff Development day at the beginning of TERM 2. This change has occurred to secure high quality professional learning for all staff at Bonnet Bay Public School as well as staff from a number of local schools in our Community of Schools; unfortunately, we were unable to book in the planned Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 2 due to the high demand for this professional learning. We greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter and understand that it may provide some challenges for families. Please contact me if you have any issues with this change.

**Easter Hat Parade**

Our Annual Easter Hat Parade is scheduled for 2.30pm on Thursday 24th March, 2016. It’s a fun afternoon leading into the Easter break. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase for the Easter Hampers for $1 each from Monday 14th March. Our student leaders will be selling the tickets in the morning and recess time. Come along to the Parade for a huge visual spectacular show! The students love the parade and have such creative ideas!! You may even go home with a yummy Easter hamper!

**Homework**

At our first 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 guidelines to try and 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.


**2017 High school Nominations**

All Year 6 students are reminded to return their Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School EOI by 18/3/16.

**P & C Meeting next Wednesday 16th March**

Mrs Vicki Williams our new Japanese teacher will be talking about our Japanese language program and how she is implementing it into our school K-6.

**Regional Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to Tate and Natasha qualifying for Regional Swimming at Homebush next week. We wish you both the very best. We are so proud of your efforts; you are already winners for Bonnet Bay. Congratulations also to Tate in his participation in the 2016 NSW State Nippers Carnival last weekend at Umina. You can check out his great effort in the relays through the following link. [http://youtu.be/frw19LUcKXI](http://youtu.be/frw19LUcKXI)

Karen Deacon
Principal
### School Assembly Awards
**Term 1 - Week 6**

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### Canteen News
**Week 8 Blackboard Special**

Apricot Bliss Balls - 10c each - Yum!!

Volunteers, could you please send any clean tea towels back to the school.

**Volunteers for next week are:**
- **Mon:** Sam Whiteman, Erin Hewett, Sue Keys
- **Tues:** Lisa Seaman, Terri-Marie Campbell
- **Wed:** Wendy Calder, Sharyn Green

### PSSA Sport

Girls Touch Football is played at Waratah Oval, Sutherland. Kanga Cricket and Softball is played at venues as per draw.

**Boys Softball & Cricket Draw**

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### Scholastic Book Club

Orders due back by Mon 14th March

Issue 2 brochures have been distributed and any orders are due back to the office by Mon, 14th March.

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.

### Easter Hats

On Thursday 24th March all students will be participating in our Easter Hat parade.

Students are asked to make an Easter hat at home to wear in the parade.

Now is the time to start planning and making your Easter hat.

Have fun!
**School Garden Working Bee**

In the coming weeks (date to be advised) we will be having a working bee to build a Herb Spiral in the garden next to the vegie patch and we need your help!

The herb spiral will be built using bricks recycled from around the school.

We would like some help building the actual garden, but are also asking if anyone has contacts in the building or landscaping industries who could help out with some additional items, such as blue metal for drainage, soil for the garden, and organic mulch to keep everything healthy.

If you are able to help out in any way, please let me know via the school office.

Thanks in advance,

Rebecca Harvey

**Easter Egg Update**

Only 2 weeks until Easter! Please try and return your Easter Egg money by the end of this week as we are required to pay Cadbury next week.

Preference is for direct debit payment.

For those paying cash appreciated if you can limit coins and please check correct amount in bags.

Thank you to those who have returned monies already.

**P&C Update**

The next P&C meeting is Wednesday 16th March and you will find the agenda attached to this email. We will hear from Ms Williams about the Japanese Program as well as discuss some of the upcoming events around the school. We hope to see a lot of families there to hear about these initiatives and contribute your ideas.

The canteen continues to be busy as students enjoy the new menu and specials and I’d like to again thank Sara for her continued dedication and all the volunteers who have spent their time preparing and serving items in the canteen. It has been a learning process for all of us and we have discovered that as the school is bigger so too is the volume of lunch orders. We would love to hear from anyone who could volunteer an hour of their time between 12.30pm and 1.30pm to assist with getting lunch orders out on days when we have only two people on the roster.

Please contact michelle.degruiter@gmail.com if you can assist.

We look forward to your support for the upcoming Easter raffle and thank you for selling Cadbury Easter Eggs over the past few weeks! All money raised goes to the P&C to fund a range of resources for our children.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter.

Shanan Green

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**International Women’s Day**

8th March 2016

Tuesday was International Women’s day and I have been reflecting on what means in my everyday world?......

It certainly means encourage a woman in your world who has made a difference in your life and the lives of others.

International Women’s Day is also a call to consider a global picture of women, of the hundreds of thousands of women who do not have a voice; Women and girls who do not have access to education, to healthcare, to choice and to basic human rights.

It is widely recognised that the inclusion of women in shaping culture has significant potential to affect the cycle of poverty.

Consider the picture when girls and women in the 1st world and the 3rd recognise their intrinsic value, being valued and valuing themselves for exactly who they are!

Please be intentional to speak value and worth into the lives of your daughters, sisters, nieces and friends and seek out moments to encourage and equip with both knowledge and our response.

As a parent and caregiver one of the greatest opportunities we have is to empower our child/children, both boys and girls, to both recognise that they can make a positive difference in the life of another and to BE the change they would like to see in the world in which they live:-)

Sheree Host

School Chaplain
Tech Tip Of The Week

Be http://freerice.com/
This website donates 10 grains of rice for every question you get correct. You can make groups with your friends, family or with your class to donate thousands of grains of rice. There are lots of different subjects you can do like maths, spelling, grammar, science and more. I enjoy using free rice because I am donating rice to hungry people while learning.

Skye Whiteman

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. Here's an interesting article about social skills:) Enjoy

School brings different types of learning, including social interactions and how to make friends. Parents can lay the foundations at home by teaching their kids these 7 important social skills.

Children who are able to form friendships when they start school are happier at school and also learn better.

More significantly, positive friendships have long-term implications for social and indirectly academic success.

1. Ask for what you want
Help children ask for what they want. It means they don't throw tantrums, whinge, and sulk or expect parents to guess what's on their minds. While we need to be patient with toddlers, we need also to give older children the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want. Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis of civil behaviour, as well as a basic human skill.

2. Good manners
Teach kids good manners, in particular the three ‘power words’. These words are very persuasive because they have a way of breaking down barriers and people’s defences. These three words are: your name; please; thanks. These terms are the basis of good manners, and, when used, will increase the likelihood of getting what you want.

3. Sharing
Sharing is a basic social skill. Developmentally, very young children like to keep their possessions themselves. As they get older and move into Pre School and beyond the notion of sharing becomes a pre-requisite for playing with and forming relationships with others. Other children like to play and be with those who share their time, possessions and space with them. Sharing is the start of empathy as it shows sensitivity to other people’s feelings.

4. Holding a conversation
Holding conversations with others is a lifetime friendship skill. Conversations require self-disclosure, which can be challenging for some children. Good conversationalists give of themselves, but also take an interest in the person they are talking to. Many children forget that good conversations are two-way events, and tend to focus solely on themselves.

5. Winning and losing well
Kids need to learn to win without rubbing others noses in it, and lose gracefully without throwing tantrums and making excuses. Wanting to win is natural, but they need to do so in a way that they maintain a relationship with other players so they will play again. Losing may make kids feel bad, but kids need to control their negative feelings so that others will play with them again.

6. Approaching and joining a group
The ability to approach strangers in social situations is valuable skill that opens up many doors, both friendship-wise and business-wise. These skills can be learned and practiced during childhood, so that it becomes second nature in adulthood.

7. Handling fights and disagreements
Disagreements happen in families and among friends. The key is to make sure disagreements don’t lead to the breakdown of friendships. It’s important to get across to kids that having an argument or disagreement doesn’t mean that a friendship is over. Strong friendships, like strong family relationships, withstand disagreements. In fact, they only serve to strengthen friendships.