PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to 2013.

I would like to give a warm welcome to our new students and their families to Bonnells Bay Public School. Our wonderful school continues to grow quickly with 57 kindergarten students starting this week. This is our biggest grade now at school. It just goes to show what a strong and growing reputation the school has. We are close to forming a new class as our numbers increase further.

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Ferrie and Mrs Clarke to the teaching staff. They bring expertise, experience and enthusiasm to an already wonderful staff. We are blessed to have such a great staff at Bonnells Bay Public School.

Changes to School Routines
We have listened to parental feedback from the end of 2012. Parents made some well-founded enquiries over some matters at the end of last year. These issues were discussed at our end of year staff meeting and the following changes have been made.

In relation to the school Presentation Day we have now decided to move Presentation Day to Morisset High School. The High School will close down an oval to allow parking for the event. This will mean the cost of buses will be a fraction of the cost to go to Toronto and hopefully more parents will be able to attend.

The school leaders’ elections will be changed to narrow the field to 8 positions prior to Presentation Day. The successful candidates will be told they have a position but will not know what that is until Presentation Day. This will mean children will not be disappointed on the day. I regret that this has happened in the past and thank those parents who brought it to our attention.

We will be publishing a program with an approximate timetable for the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals for 2013. These programs will be published on the school website. By knowing the events and approximate times parents can hopefully attend the carnivals to watch their children compete.

Payments and Notes for Events
As of 2013 we will be strictly enforcing the cut-off date for the return of notes and money for events. This will improve the organisation with buses and venues. The Swimming Carnival next week is our first event for 2013. As such the cut off for permission notes and money will be next Monday 11th February. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the school office before the due date. In this way we can accurately book buses and venues. Please be aware that NO notes and money will be accepted after the cut-off dates we publish for events so children who do not bring back a permission note at least by the due date will remain at school and not attend the event.

Car Park
Please be advised that the staff car park is not for public use. The school site is strictly out of bounds for public use. Please park appropriately outside the school boundaries.

School Traffic Safety
I have been made aware that parents are again making illegal U-turns and parking illegally outside the school. If this dangerous practice continues I will inform the highway patrol. Please help us out in keeping the children safe.

2013 promises to be a fantastic year. We have a beautiful settled school and the engaged buzz coming from the classrooms is wonderful. We can look forward to consolidating lots of innovations made in 2012 and striving to make the school even better in 2013. I am really looking forward to this year.

Have a great week.
Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 1, Week 2
DATES TO REMEMBER

February
11th   Last day for Swimming Carnival Notes and Payment
14th   Swimming Carnival Yrs 3 – 6 (Yr2’s turning 8)

CANTEEN ROSTER

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NOTES SENT HOME

- Book / Equipment Pack Notes
- Swimming Carnival Notes
- Book Club Order Forms

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at the Assembly:

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HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to all of the new House Captains who were elected last week. I know they will do a fantastic job of leading their House in 2013.

- **Hunter**: Captains - Hope Fewings and Ethan Bristow
  - Vice Captain - Julie-Anne Turner
- **Macquarie**: Captains - Taleah Rule and Talon Lockyer-Dunsdon
  - Vice Captain - Jade McKinnon
- **Phillip**: Captains - Taleah Gambrill and Angus Wilson
  - Vice Captain - Ebony Ipsen
- **Reid**: Captains - Paige Caldecoat and Jackson Bird
  - Vice Captain - Tahnie Caldecoat
- Mrs Isberg

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 14th February 2013 at the Morisset Swimming Pool. The Carnival has been designed for swimmers and non-swimmers and ALL children from Year 3 to Year 6 are required to attend the Carnival. Students from Year 3-6 classes and those turning eight (8) this Year from Year 2 who can swim 2 laps of the pool (50m) unaided are required to be at school by 9.20am. Cost to students to enter the pool and bus fare is $5, payable to the office by Monday 11th February 2013. ALL students must travel to the pool by bus.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Voluntary School Contributions for 2013 are $30 per child or $60 per family and can be paid to the school office. Each family who pays the Voluntary School Contribution will receive a free copy of the Year Book at the end of the year.

P&C MEETING TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 6PM

We welcome and encourage parents of our school students to join us in 2013. The effectiveness of the school's P&C reflects directly to the extent in which parents participate in the life of the school. Our P&C had a huge 2012, and together we're sure we can provide more support and develop more of our school community in 2013.

Our first meeting of the year is on Tuesday 19th February at 6pm, held at the school office. Our meetings are an excellent opportunity for school staff, members and parents to work together. These meetings provide an open forum where we meet to share ideas, gain understanding of key issues, jointly agree on goals and collaborate on a range of projects for our school in 2013. Put the date in your diary, bring a friend and we look forward to seeing you there!

There is always an opportunity to become involved. Some parents who are new to the school prefer to ‘settle in’ before choosing how they want to join in. It's a great way to meet new friends and no special skills needed other than an interest in becoming more involved in school activities. Our P&C has a place (and a need) for everyone, no matter how limited your time may be. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to be added to our distribution list please email us.

To suggest ideas to be discussed, further questions or if you would like to receive regular email updates please email bonnellbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au...alternatively you could drop a note in the P&C mailbox at the office.

P&C endorsed the Nit Busters program in 2012 which was successful and we would encourage the assistance of all parents and carers to start the new school term off with regularly checking their children's hair for head lice and treating as required. It’s good to get on top of these little critters now!!

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working together with you in 2013!
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Welcome back everyone. We have had a very busy start to the year. Sales have been fantastic and we want to thank all the families who are supporting the uniform shop buying their children’s uniforms.

The uniform shop was renovated over the Christmas break and I would personally like to thank my husband Damion for all the work he did in getting the uniform shop to where it is today. I would also like to thank Julie Haworth and her daughter Rachel for staying through the scorching heat to get the job done and Heidi O’Reilly who helped with the finishing touches.

This year we are hoping to open the uniform shop every day, so if there are any volunteers out there who can spare one hour from 9am – 10am please come and see me at the uniform shop or let one of the current ladies know. For now our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am – 10am.

We still have some old culottes for $20 and our new bottle green culottes should be available next week. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for more details. We are also running down a few other lines which are now discontinued.

We have implemented a layby policy for the school this year. There are notices at the uniform shop with all the conditions and a copy inserted in the newsletter this week.

If you have any second hand uniforms please bring them to us. Please only bring us items that are Bonnells Bay and worthy of selling second hand.

Warm regards,
Therese Blair

LAYBY INFORMATION
You are more than welcome to layby any uniform items from the uniform shop. Please note the rules and regulations for placing uniforms on layby.

- A $10 minimum deposit is to be placed at the time of the layby. The uniform shop staff have the discretion to charge more if it is necessary (e.g. total uniforms comes to $150, then they may ask for a $15 deposit).
- Laybys must be paid off and collected by the end of each term.
- Any laybys not collected at the end of term, will be placed back onto the shelves.
- A refund will be given only if the invoice docket can be produced.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BILL’S BALLROOM
Junior Latin & Ballroom Dance Class will commence on February 4th 2013, at Morisset at 4 pm, classes are suitable for boys and girls (6 – 16 years). Phone Sue or Bill on 49754583 or 0409 506 225.

BONNELLS BAY TENNIS ACADEMY
Group tennis lessons are conducted at the Bay Hotel tennis courts every Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning by qualified coach Bill Griffiths. All standards are catered for and beginners are most welcome. A junior competition is played on Tuesday afternoons and “hot shots” a half hour lesson for 4 – 6 year olds are also conducted. For more information and bookings phone Bill on 0402 274 646.

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SOUTHERN LAKES UNITED FC
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