Greetings all and welcome to Week 4.

At last night’s P&C meeting we welcomed Mr Mark Snedden the Principal of Morisset High School. It was great to hear of the wonderful progress being made at the school. We are well on the way to having top quality schools for our children in our area.

Ethics Education at Bonnells Bay
We are planning to begin Ethics Education at Bonnells Bay. This subject will not run in competition with our Religious Education on Fridays but as an addition to it. We plan to offer students who do not participate in scripture the opportunity to undertake the ethics program.

In Ethics classes children sit in a circle and learn how to think about ethical matters using reasoned argument and discussion. Each week children are given stimulus material, such as a story or pictures and then trained Ethics teachers oversee conversations between the children helping them to work through the topic to reach a conclusion.

To establish the classes we must first establish the demand by parents. I have attached and expression of interest for parents to complete and return to school if you are interested in your child being part of the proposed Ethics group. All children are eligible to participate not just non-scripture children.

Once we establish a need within our community I will call for volunteers to train to become ethics teachers. I will publish more information regarding the training once we have established the need within our community.

Book Packs
The book packs have been a big success in 2013. We still have some families who have not paid or made arrangements to pay off the book packs. Please come and see me if you are having difficulty in paying for the book packs and we can make arrangements to pay them off or I can help in some other way.

Nuts at School
Please be aware that nuts are not permitted to be bought to school. Nut spreads like peanut butter or Nutella are also discouraged. We have children with nut allergies so bringing nuts or nut products to school is dangerous. That is another reason we do not allow sharing of food by children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

100 Year Centenary Book
The wonderful book compiled and written by Doug Saxon (ex Principal) has been published and is available for purchase from the school. The book chronicles Education at Bonnells Bay from its earliest days to 2012, a period of 100 years. The book is $33 and is a treasure of facts and images over the last 100 years. Please come to the school office and inspect the book prior to purchase and I am sure you will agree it is excellent value for money. We already have many orders so be quick so you are not disappointed.

Lunch Boxes and Uniforms
Please ensure that lunch boxes, clothes and hats are clearly marked with children’s names. We have a growing pile of lost property that could be given back to the rightful owners if names were on it.
**Morning Lines**

Thank you to the parents who have inquired about the morning assembly lines. As a staff we have listened to your concerns and we agree with you that the morning crush could be avoided. We have decided to abolish the morning assembly and instead allow the children to leave the play area to line up outside their classrooms when the bell rings at 9:25am. Kindergarten children can line up outside their rooms where their teachers will be waiting. I would ask parents, especially parents of kindergarten children to leave promptly at 9:30am and not hang around outside the classrooms. I know it is difficult to let go but we are changing our routine to make it better for the little ones in the morning so we would ask you to support us.

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 1, Week 4

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

| February 20th | Last day for Book Club Orders |
| March 1st     | Pink Stumps Day               |
| June 8th      | Deposit $50 for Stage 3 Excursion due |
| June 13th     | School Disco                  |
| June 19th     | P&C Meeting 6pm               |
| June 22nd     | Year 7 Expressions of Interest for 2014 due |

| July 26th | Full payment for Stage 3 Excursion due |

**NOTES SENT HOME**

Stage 3 Excursion to Port Macquarie Notes
2013 Bus passes
Pink Stumps Day Notes
Special Education in Ethics Letter

**CONGRATULATIONS**

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

- Kindergarten to Year 2
  - Angel, Kahayl, Paesnence, Declan
  - Saxon, Brianna, Sophie, Lauren
  - Harley, Lilla, Kallum
  - Selena, Makenzie, Riley

- Year 3 to Year 6
  - Dylan, Carolee, Felicity, Caoimhe
  - Wesley, Jayden, Kaylee, Lili
  - Declan, Jessy, Shania, Paige, Renee

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

| 25/2    | Wendy P, Helen F |
| 26/2    | Allison Y       |
| 27/2    | Kerry C         |
| 28/2    | Rebecca K       |
| 1/3     | Michelle M, Len |

**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to Reid on winning the 2013 School Swimming Carnival.

It was a great day. I can't give enough thanks to the staff, my parent helpers or enough praise to all of the children. Excellent behaviour and sportsmanship was highlighted in many ways.

Presentation of Swimming Shield and Zone Swimming Ribbons will be on Mondays Assembly in Week 6.

Well done.

**WESTLAKES ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Thank you to all parents and children who worked together so well as a team. It was a great day which we all enjoyed very much. Many children from our team achieved places in their heats. The parents particularly enjoyed seeing the support and encouragement you gave each other.

The Junior Girls Relay Team came 4th in their heat and the Senior Girls came 2nd in their heat and 3rd overall. Well done girls.

Emma Pollitt will represent the Westlakes Zone at the upcoming Regional Swimming Carnival. Emma will swim in the Senior Girls Individual Medley, 12 years Freestyle and Senior Girls Backstroke. Emma also gained 2nd place in Butterfly and 1st place in Breastroke.

Renee Garney swam 2nd in the Senior Girls Backstroke.

Congratulations to Renee and Emma on achieving these results.

Thank you all once again, you represented our school magnificently.

**LIBRARY NEWS TERM 1 WEEK 4**

Kindergarten will borrow for the first time this week. All students will be given a library bag to keep their library books safe. If students already have a library bag they would prefer to use that is ok. Please help to keep library books safe at home and remind students to return each week.

The library is still open to donations of card or board games that the students can play at lunch times. If you have any that you don’t use anymore please send them in.
Years 3-6 students are being given 10 minutes reading time at the beginning of their library lesson to read for the Premier's Reading Challenge. They are also encouraged to read at home as well.

The PRC book for K-2 this week is:
2583 Let's Get a P up By Bob Graham.

Happy Reading
Mrs Tate

What a night! 2013 is going to be an exciting year.

Last night we welcomed some new faces and Mark Snedden, Principal of Morisset High School. Mark Snedden was very pleased to share how he is implementing his vision for the High School. He's had success in expanding the curriculum and introducing vocational courses including Manufacturing Certificate 2 and Hairdressing. The number of students at the school is now 863 and he’s confident this will remain steady as they continue to build resources in the school to benefit all students. Mark provided many opportunities for questions last night and also made it clear that we are all welcome to approach him with questions or enquiries at any time.

Thank you to those of you who added items to the agenda. It was a huge agenda however we discussed all items, including the following:

- Nuts: Nuts are not allowed at school due to some children having allergies.
- Fruit Break: Yes, every class participates in Fruit Break in the morning section.
- Combined Classes: Concern was received from the parents regarding lack of communication about this system which is new for the Year 3 & 6 students. Teachers are already working on an easy to understand form of correspondence with parents, and asked for our feedback on the best way to complete the task.
- Feedback from the Swimming Carnival and Presentation Day Assembly.
- Class Merit Certificates: Who is responsible for writing these for Stage 2 &3 students? Usually the English and Maths teachers. This will be made clearer in future newsletters.

Billy G’s Cookie Dough
Due to your demand and success last year, we are going to send home forms in the coming weeks to take orders for the cookie dough. A proportion of the sales will be provided to the P&C to put back into the school.

School Disco, Wednesday 13th March.
DJ Andy will be entertaining the students again this year. Entry will be $6 and include drinks and chips.
Junior Disco 5:30-6:45.
Senior Disco 7-8:30.

We will be holding a BBQ again so parents can ‘have the night off’ for dinner. Sausage sandwiches $2.50 and cans of drink $1.50. If you can volunteer some time to help out at either the early or late disco please contact Anna Mason on, 0409 538 370, or leave a message at the school office with your details.

It was great to see so many of you last night. Please keep sending in your questions and items for discussion to bonnellbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

2013 will be a big year. You will see some improvements to the canteen, we will take advantage of the September election and organise a fundraiser for the day and continue to support the school in their endeavours (such as the vegetable gardens).

We hope to see many more new faces as the year progresses.

Dates for Diary
13th March - School Disco
19th March – P&C Meeting 6pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

‘COME AND TRY’ BASEBALL
Introductory clinic for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years
- Wednesday March 6, 2013 Charlestown Oval, Pacific Highway, Charlestown, 4:30pm-6:00pm, $5.00
- Thursday March 7, 2013 Upper Reserve, Lake Street, Wallsend, 4:30pm-6:00pm, $5.00
For more information phone 4926 1633 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

SOUTHERN LAKES ADVANCED SKILLS CLINIC
Southern Lakes Advanced Skills Clinic will be held from 11th March for 15 weeks with coaches Adam Kwasnik & Lauren Colthorpe. Registration will be held at Douglass Street Oval, Dora Creek on 23rd February, 10am – 12pm and 2nd March 10am – 2pm. More information can be found at www.southernlakesunitedfc.org.au

SOUTHLAKES JRLFC
We are looking for players from under 6’s to under 18’s.
Cost is $100 each player and $50 for under 6’s. All players receive training gear and game day shorts and socks.
Please phone Jodi on 0403803410 or visit www.southlakesroosters.com.au
We want you to be a rooster!!!