PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 5.

The term is racing along and we are happy to report the school is settled and working well.

Nit Busters
We plan to run our Nitbusters Program again in Term 1. Our plan is to run Nitbusters in Week 8 on Friday 22nd March at 12:20pm. This is a great program that involves parents giving permission for children’s hair to be inspected for head lice or eggs. Children get a sealed envelope containing a report on the inspection. Parents will be told if the hair has lice, eggs or is free of any infestation. The report will also contain information on treatment. Every child will receive a sealed envelope containing this information; no child will be identified individually. Parents will then have the weekend to treat hair where necessary. We will be sending out permission notes for children and volunteer notes for parents next week. Please consider giving permission to have your child’s hair inspected so we as a school can try to stamp out these pests.

Sport
It has come to my notice that some children are opting out of sport by failing to bring a hat. This is really disappointing and against all our efforts to involve them in physical activity. Please help us out by speaking to your child on the benefits of sport and physical activity. The children without a hat will be offered sunscreen then included in the activities.

Parenting and Child Discipline Courses
This is just a brief notice that next term we will be facilitating the wonderful 1,2,3, Magic Course at our school. This parenting course helps with rules and boundaries for children. It is a really hands on and valuable resource to assist parents curb children’s behaviours. The course will be run in the school hall in Term 2 on June 5th, 12th and 19th from 9:15am – 11:30am. As we get closer to the dates I will send out more information, but I thought I would let people know as early as possible. I encourage all parents to come if they possibly can.

Sharing Food and Money
It has come to my notice that some children are sharing food and money at school. Sharing of food is definitely not allowed due to allergies suffered by some children. In the most serious cases this can be life threatening. The sharing of money or asking friends for money is also not allowed and children should cease this practice immediately. In some cases this leads to bullying and intimidation and will not be tolerated. Please speak to children and reinforce this message.

Communication at School
We are really trying to improve the whole range of communications at school. One obvious avenue for communication is through parent teacher interaction. Please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you have any questions to ask. Regarding Stages 2 and 3 with home room, literacy and numeracy teachers it can get confusing so please call the office and make an appointment. I would ask parents not to try to catch teachers in classrooms or on the way to and from class as their timetables and duties are tight and they will not be able to give you the attention needed.
**Book Packs**

We still have a small number of families who have not paid for children’s book packs. Please call the school to make arrangements to pay off the book packs or call me so I can possibly help out with some of the cost. It is Week 5 now and children need their books.

**Ethics Classes**

It was very obvious from the responses to our expression of interest survey last week that the Ethics Class concept is very viable at our school. The next step is to find volunteers who would like to train to deliver the course at school, at the same time as the scripture classes.

**Become an Ethics Teacher at Bonnells Bay Public School**

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We need a new volunteer to teach Years 3 – 6 Ethics Classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to [http://www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au).

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 1, Week 5

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March**

1st Pink Stumps Day $2 donation
8th Deposit $50 for Stage 3 Excursion due
13th School Disco
19th P&C Meeting 6pm
22nd Year 7 Expressions of Interest for 2014 due
25th Billy G’s Cookie Dough orders due

**April**

6th ICAS Competition for Years 3 – 6 due

**July**

26th Full payment for Stage 3 Excursion due

**NOTES SENT HOME**

Billy G Cookie Dough Order Forms
ICAS Competition Notes for Years 3 - 6

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Don’t forget your ‘Pink Stumps’ BBQ lunch order. Closing date has been extended until tomorrow, Thursday 27th February.

**Price Changes to Canteen Menu**

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**YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS**

Key Area: Getting Along

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**Kindergarten to Year 2**

Sam L, Ben L, Dylan M
Sumer B, Lockie P, Charlie P
Sam L, Alissa G, Hannah P

**Year 3 to Year 6**

Harry M, Caitlin A, Emily K
Kris P, Caoimhe K, Imogen B

**LIBRARY NEWS TERM 1 WEEK 5**

Overdue notices were handed out at the beginning of this week. Please make sure that these books are returned ASAP. To help parents remind children of their library day, below is the library timetable.

**Monday:** Mrs Sibley’s Literacy Group, Mrs Clark’s Literacy Group, KL.
**Tuesday:** Ms Windle’s Literacy Group, Mrs Rowe’s Literacy Group, 1/2S, KB
**Wednesday:** Mrs Isberg’s Literacy Group, Mr Pratt’s Literacy Group, 2E
**Thursday:** Mrs Trigg’s Literacy Group, Mrs Ferrie’s Literacy Group, 2S, KD

Premier’s Reading Challenge book for Kinder to Year 2 this week is:

PRC ID 36400 A Bear and A Tree
By Stephen Michael King.

Students will be able to access their online records during March.

Happy Reading
Mrs Tate
SCHOOL DISCO, WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH
The School Disco is another week closer. I’m sure the students are looking forward to joining in the fun, games and dancing with DJ Andy. Entry will be $6 which includes drinks and chips.

Junior Disco 5.30pm - 6.45pm
Senior Disco 7pm – 8pm

School Disco BBQ – No need to worry about dinner as there will be a BBQ – Sausage sandwiches $2.50 and cans of drink $1.50.

We are still requiring some helpers particularly for the junior session. If you are able to spare a little time please contact Anna, 0409538370 or leave a message at the office with your details.

LOCAL MANAGEMENT P&C
Next week BBPS P&C will be hosting a meeting for the Local Management P&C Committee. This group represents other P&C Committee members from surrounding primary and high schools. The group meets once a semester to discuss common issues that our schools experience and to develop ideas to help our schools. Your P&C will report back at each meeting to share information gained from the sessions.

PINK STUMPS DAY
Reminder that this Friday is Pink Stumps Day. In conjunction with the event, the canteen will be holding a Sausage Sizzle. If you can spare some time to help in the food preparations, please contact Linda in the canteen.

BILLY G’S COOKIE DOUGH
Keep a look out for the Billy G’s Cookie Dough order forms, being sent home today. Last year many families took part in collecting orders from family and friends and of course themselves! There are many flavours to choose from and a percentage of each purchase will be given back to the P&C to put towards a project in our school. This should be a very yummy fundraising event! Orders and payment due back Monday 25th March 2013.

COMMUNITY NEWS
YOGA CLASSES
Yoga Classes are held at Fiona’s Studio of Dance, Unit 1/43 Gateway Boulevard, Morisset, on Thursdays 9:30am – 10:30am for a cost of $10. Classes are suitable for beginners.

For more information contact Debra on 0438 754 681.