RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

The last week of Term 1 is another busy week of activities at Bonnells Bay Public School. We look forward to celebrating with those students who have displayed great attitude and behaviour this term as well as seeing our students demonstrating athletic skills in the Cross Country and K-2 Fun Run.

Cross Country and K-2 Fun Run
Unfortunately the weather was not in our favour for our K-2 Fun Run and School Cross Country trials on Thursday and Friday last week. We all have our fingers crossed for some fine weather today and over the next few days so we can enjoy participating in these events. Results from the Cross Country trials will be published in our first newsletter next term.

PRAISE Rewards
Students who have followed our school rules this term will be rewarded with a special session of games and an ice cream treat on Thursday. It is wonderful to see the long list of eligible students who will be taking part in this event. Congratulations to all those students, particularly the students who have been awarded the Term 1 100% Award for always displaying great behaviour at our school and proudly wearing your school uniform every day.

School Behaviour Management Plans
Included with last week’s newsletter was a copy of the School Behaviour Management Plan for classroom and playground behaviour. I encourage you to take some time to look at both sides of this document with your child/ren. I would like to remind students and parents/carers that travel to and from school on the bus also comes under the ‘umbrella’ of our school behaviour management. If you did not receive a copy, there are some spare copies at the school office.

Star Struck
Tickets for this wonderful showcase of Hunter/Central Coast talent will be on sale from Thursday 11 April. Our school has a team of dancers performing in the four shows in June at The Newcastle Entertainment Centre. The tickets are available through some local Ticketek Agencies. For more information check the Star Struck website: www.starstruck.nsw.edu.au

Student Absences from School
I would like to remind parents that a note explaining your child’s absence should be sent to school within two school days of the absence. Please support us in this matter.

Computer Desks – free to good homes!
There are a number of single computer desks at the school that are no longer used. If you would like one for your home, please phone the school office.

Staff Professional Development Days – Term 2
This year there are two staff professional development days at the beginning of Term 2. Our teaching staff will be participating in training with Bonnells Bay’s neighbouring schools in preparation for implementing the National English Curriculum.

Students return to school on Wednesday 1 May 2013.

School Security in the Holidays
The school hall is undergoing a refurbishment during the holidays. Please advise your children to stay away from the school grounds in the holidays as the workmen have been instructed to ring School Security if unauthorised people enter the school grounds.

I sincerely hope everyone has great holiday break.

Please watch out for our kids as you drive through the area over the next few weeks and help to keep them safe.

Karen Rowe, Relieving Principal
Term 1, Week 11
DATES TO REMEMBER

April
10th    School cross country
12th    Last day Term 1

May
1st     Students return for Term 2
8th     Star Struck Dance Rehearsal
21st    P&C Meeting 6pm

July
26th    Full payment for Stage 3 excursion due

August
23rd    Full payment Stage 2 camp due

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LIBRARY NEWS WEEK 11
As this is the last week of term I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. I would like to ask that any books that travel away with children on holidays are taken extra special care of and not left behind at the holiday destinations.

A large number of overdue notices were given out this week. Please ensure these books are returned to the library as soon as possible. Other students would like to borrow these books too. If you believe the book has already been returned please see Mrs Vitnell or myself.

If you require your student portal login to access the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) online reading record please see Miss Griffin and she will be able to give you a copy to keep at home. The holidays are the perfect opportunity to catch up on your PRC reading. The local public library also keeps PRC books for you to borrow.

Please check out the pictures of our library featured in this week’s Community Partnership page of our newsletter. Stay tuned for some new design features coming in the future.

Happy Reading
Mrs Tate

BUS BEHAVIOUR
We have been notified of some poor behaviour by some of our students when travelling to and from school on the buses. Please talk to your child/ren about appropriate behaviour on the bus. Poor behaviour will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to our Behaviour Management Plan.

MOTHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST/RAFFLE
We will be holding a Mothers’ Day Breakfast on Friday 10th May for students and their mothers.

Be on the lookout for raffle tickets for the Mothers’ Day Raffle to be drawn at the breakfast on Friday 10th May, coming home with your child.

Thanks for helping your school!
The support we have received from the school community from fundraisers conducted by the P&C already held this year has been so positive. Our school would not continue to improve without the support of our families. The P&C appreciates your support and is currently putting some of the monies raised towards upgrading and securing the Canteen. If you have ideas for improvements around the school or would like to have a say in how funds are utilised we'd love to hear from you or see you at the next Committee Meeting. The input and support of our families will help shape our school community.

Billy G Cookie Dough
Thank you to all of the families and staff for your overwhelming support collecting orders for the Billy G Cookie Dough Fundraiser. A total of $1,212 was raised from the orders. A huge thank you to the Allum, Boswell, Welch and Vitnell families who sold over 15 tubs each! Thanks to Theresa Blair, Heidi O’Reilly, Anna Mason, Kirsten Gomez and Kerriann Dunn for volunteering your time to process, pack and distribute orders.

Now that you have your dough...a handy Cookie Dough hint is to divide the dough into smaller portions before freezing (it thaws much quicker this way). You could even roll the dough into log shapes before freezing and then cut slices prior to baking. The dough can be transferred back to the freezer once defrosted as well. Enjoy baking!

Mothers’ Day Stall
Mothers’ Day Stall preparations are being made for the stall on Friday, 10th May.

Positions Vacant
We have positions available next term to assist in the Uniform Shop on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 9am - 10am. If you can spare an hour, at the most, on any of these days please let the office staff know as soon as possible.
Reminder that the Uniform Shop will not be trading this Friday (last day of term). The shop will be open Thursday (9am-10am).

Next Meeting
Due to school holidays our next committee meeting will be Tuesday, 21st May 2013. Everyone is welcome to attend, no RSVP required. The meeting starts at 6pm in the Staff Room, however if you are pushed for time, late comers are still welcome. Until next term, have a safe and fun break.

ANZAC DAY
ANZAC Day this year is in the second week of the school holidays and Bonnells Bay Public School has been invited to participate in Morisset’s ANZAC Day March and Ceremony on Thursday 25th April. Students wishing to march should wear school uniform and are to meet at the Morisset Railway Station car park (the new one) adjacent to the traffic lights from 9:30am. The March will commence at 10am, marching down Dora Street to the Morisset Country Club where the main service will be held.

BONNELLS BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL- GUITAR / UKULELE ENSEMBLE
Term 1 has seen a quiet start to the school year for the Ensembles

We welcomed new members Imogen and Ruby in Term 4 last year and they were joined by Mackenzie this term. Meg has become a little lonely being the only Ukulele member and would love some new Ukulele recruits.

We had a larger than usual loss of guitar players to high school at the end of the year and it has left ranks depleted.

New members are urgently needed for both Guitar & Ukulele - information packs are from the school office or from Mr Lawler Wednesday mornings in the Tiered Learning Room

Garry Lawler’s Music Program
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Happy Holidays
See you back
at school on Wednesday 1st May