Greeting all and welcome to Week 9.

Nit Busters
Once again our Nit Busters program has been a great success. Over 120 children attended the program, which is a big increase in numbers compared to last year. Thank you to the parents that volunteered to run the program.

Website
Mrs Ferrie has been working hard on adding some new features to our school’s website. We now have pages that give students and parents information about some of the programs that are running in the school such as Spelling Mastery. There are also some links that can assist students with homework and some information to assist parents with ways to help the children learn at home. We are always open to suggestions and encourage anyone with some ideas on how to make our website more user friendly to contact the school.

Easter Hat Parade
This week our K-2 students have been working hard preparing for the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday. The students have been practising some songs and have also been working on their Easter hats. Thank you to the parents that came in to help make the hats. The Easter Hat Parade will start at 1pm and it will be great to see as many people there as possible to cheer the kids on.

Evacuation Drill
We had our first evacuation drill for 2013 last week and the student’s maturity and response to this was fantastic. All classes showed that they could respond calmly in a situation like this. Throughout the year we will also be running a lockdown drill. I encourage all parents to talk to their children about the need for evacuation and lockdown drills.

Student Leader’s Day
Our fantastic leadership group travelled to the Sydney Entertainment Centre to spend a great day with other school leaders from across the state. The group listened to presentations from athletes, entrepreneurs and other inspirational people. The leaders gained a lot of insight into the position as a leader in the school such as goal setting, self-belief, risk taking, empowerment, respect, persistence, resilience and role modelling. Our leaders, as usual, made the school proud and showed other schools how good Bonnells Bay Public School really is.

Soap Dispensers
Recently we put soap dispensers back into the toilets. Unfortunately these haven’t been used for the right reasons. One of the dispensers has been broken and the soap is constantly all over the floor and the walls. This has become a major health and safety concern and if it continues will have no choice but to remove them from the toilets and go back to using the soap in the classrooms.

School Holidays
This weekend is the Easter long weekend, however, school will continue for Term 1 until Friday 12th April when the school holidays will commence. There will be two School Development Days at the start of Term 2, so students will not return to school until Wednesday 1st May.

Have a safe and happy Easter break.

Michael Pratt, Acting Principal
Term 1, Week 9
DATES TO REMEMBER

March
28th Cross Country Trial Permission Note due
28th Easter Hat Parade (K, Yr 1 & Yr 2)
29th Star Struck Dance Permission Notes due

April
1st Easter Monday
2nd Star Struck order due
4th Infants fun run activity
5th Cross Country Trials (8 years – 13 years old)
12th Last day Term 1

May
1st Students return for Term 2
8th Star Struck Dance Rehearsal

July
26th Full payment for Stage 3 excursion due

August
23rd Full payment Stage 2 camp due

NOTES SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK
Community Partnership Page
Star Struck T-Shirt Order Forms

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

KB Anelique B & Ethan L
KD Kyla P & Jack M
KL Lachlan P & Savannah W
1C Jodie G & Ashley P
1/2S Leah WH & Callum W
2S Anneliese-Rose T & Xander B
2E Johathan RL & Georgia D
3C Teacher Away
3/4S Dylan W & Piper K
4F Tyler B & Angus L
4/5P Emma P & Logan N
5T Michael M & Renee G
5/6W Chloe G & Braden RWP
6I Kaiden A & Chris B

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS
Key Area: Persistence

Kindergarten to Year 2
Sophie L, Hannah W, Harley S, Noah B, Tiana B & Annelise T

Year 3 to Year 6
Dyllan D, Makayla T, Danyell A, Jade M & Caitlin G

LIBRARY NEWS TERM 1 WEEK 8
Students in Kindergarten to Year Two are encouraged to bring a library bag to school to keep their Library books safe on the trip to and from school. If your child does not have a library bag we have some calico bags in the library that we can provide for the children to use. Please inform your child to ask for one during their next library lesson if you are unable to provide one for them. Kindergarten children were all given one at the beginning of term when they commenced borrowing.

There are still a number of overdue library books out there. If you have books at home please return them ASAP.

I hope that everyone is recording their Premier’s Reading Challenge books on their paper copy of their reading log. I know a number of Years 3-6 students that are getting towards finishing their 15 books from the list. You still have all of next term and part of term 3 to complete the challenge. The online reading log in open, please access the site through the student portal.

Happy reading
Mrs Tate

Star Struck 2013 – “The 21st”
Great news! Congratulations to our Stage 3 students who helped us prepare an audition for the 2013 Star Struck shows which will be held at The Newcastle Entertainment Centre in June. Our audition was successful and offers have been made to 16 students to be the Bonnells Bay Public School dance team for this wonderful event.

Just a reminder that the commitment/permission forms are due back to school by tomorrow (Thursday 28 March 2013). After this date places will be offered to other interested students. Please return your form to the school office or directly to Mrs Rowe.

Infants Fun Run
Our K-2 students will be participating in a Fun Run activity session on the school oval during Stage 1 sport on Thursday 4 April. Please ensure your child wears suitable jogging shoes and brings his/her school hat to school on this day.

Website News
Fantastic news! We have added a new section to our school website called ‘Student/Parent Resources’. Visit www.bonnellbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au, click on the tab and gain access to educational games, spelling homework, times table challenges and useful resources for parents and caregivers. Stay tuned for further updates.

Sporting Success Acknowledged
Congratulations to Alex in 6I for making the Zone Netball Team. Alex will be going to Regional Trials in a few weeks time, well done Alex!

KINDERGARTEN AND STAGE 1 EASTER HAT PARADE
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be having an Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March 2013 commencing at 1pm. Please come along and join in the fun, as the students sing Easter songs and proudly parade around in their Easter hats.
P&C News
What a great disco! DJ Andy did another good job and the feedback from the kids has been fantastic. Thank you to all who came along to the disco and supported your P&C. On the night we raised a little over $1000. A huge thank you goes out to our local Coles at Bonnells Bay who donated a very generous $100 gift card to the P&C to help with the costs of the BBQ. The support received was appreciated greatly.

Billy G Cookie Dough
We have been busy processing your orders for this yummy fundraiser. Orders will be ready for collection on Tuesday 9th April from 3pm in the tiered learning room (next to the school library). Thank you again for your continued support!!

The Committee Meeting was held last week. The term is moving along so quickly.

- Monthly reports were presented including Treasurers, Canteen, Uniform Shop and Principals Reports.
- Mr Stiller updated the committee about the progress of the school vegetable garden beds program. The Lake Macquarie City Council grant has been received and we should see gardens ready for planting in early spring.
- The Committee also moved a motion to show recognition to Ellie Redman, our first Regional representative for 2013, in way of a financial contribution, for her outstanding success in gaining a place on the Hunter Team in Tennis. Well done Ellie!

Mothers' Day Stall
A huge thank you goes out to Michelle Smith for her thoughtfulness and kind generosity in providing some beautiful gifts to put on the Mothers’ Day Stall. It was a lovely surprise. Thank you!

Donations of suitable gifts for the Mothers’ Day Stall are most welcome. Should you have gifts in mind please bring them to the office to be included or if you would like to discuss anything please contact Kirsten Gomez 0411 449 300.

“I give a gonski” – igiveagonski.com.au
Right now, the future funding of schools is being decided by State and Federal governments. The Gonski Review on school funding has made it clear that if we don’t invest in public schools urgently, more of our kids could get left behind. The P&C has received correspondence from the Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc requesting the support for the campaign to deliver equitable funding for education in Australia. As parents we need to have our voices and make sure we are heard loud and clear. Supporting this additional investment recommended by Gonski could mean smaller class sizes, more literacy and numeracy teachers and, most importantly, greater individual attention for students. You can help convince the politicians to act on the Gonski recommendations by registering your support at igiveagonski.com.au

Dates for Diary
9 April, 3pm – Pick up of Billy G’s Cookie Dough Orders
21 May P&C Meeting 6pm, Staff Room

CANTENE ROSTER
| 1/4 | Easter Monday |
| 2/4 | Wendy |
| 3/4 | Natalie & Dawn |
| 4/4 | Kim & Rebecca |
| 5/4 | Michelle, Leanne & Len |

ICE CREAM CONES
Ice cream cones will now be available on Thursday’s for $1.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program for Term Two
Wednesday 5th, 12th & 19th June at 9:15am – 11:15pm
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. Please complete the attached form if you would like to attend.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
2013/2014 Entertainment Books are for sale at our school office to support fundraising efforts for the school’s Star Struck dance group.

We have been given a limited number of bonus offer coupons worth over $150.00 for book orders received before 31 March 2013.

If you would like to pre-order an Entertainment Book please complete the order form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office with your payment. Books can also be ordered online by following the prompts at the link: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/34r809

Newcastle / Central Coast Entertainment Books are $60.00 each. The books will be available for collection from school in April. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Star Struck representatives.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Health Warning: Chicken Pox
There have been several cases of Chicken Pox reported in the school. It is a highly contagious disease and those that have not been vaccinated may be affected. The symptoms begin with a sudden onset of fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash. The rash begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs. Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus. The virus is spread by coughing or direct contact with the fluid in the blisters. Any students with symptoms must not attend school until symptoms such as the blisters have scabbed over and are completely dry. If in doubt please check with your doctor.
Please return this section to the school office, thank you.

2013/2014 Entertainment Book Order Form

Name ______________________________________________ Ph______________ Mobile______________
Address ______________________________________________________________________________________ PostCode _______
I would like to order ___ Newcastle Entertainment Books @ $60 each (incl GST)    $_______
Payment Type:    ___ Cash        ___ Visa       ___ Mastercard
Credit Card Number:  _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ Expiry Date: _ _ / _ _    CVV: _ _ 
Cardholder’s Name: ___________________________________ Signature: ____________________
OR
Order now securely online:  https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/34r809

Please return this form to the school office, thank you.

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I would like to attend, name:  ____________________________ Contact number:  _____________________

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Newcastle’s Marching Koalas
The Marching Koalas were formed in 1982 after a visit from the Arcadia High School Apache Marching Band from the USA and are based in Newcastle, NSW, Australia. Since then the band (and parent supporters) have toured on no less than 12 other occasions visiting Canada, Japan, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, China and last year in 2012 the east coast of the USA. The band has played in all world Disneyland Theme Parks in Anaheim, Orlando, France, Tokyo and Hong Kong and has performed at the famous Calgary Stampede on three occasions. The band performs regularly at many interesting functions and band members experience a unique musical experience whilst developing their skills as musicians and positive lifestyle activities.

The band is supported by a parent committee and enjoys a high profile both locally and internationally. They rehearse on a Tuesday night during school terms from 6pm till 9pm at Callaghan Jesmond Campus. New members are always welcome. Come along and see if joining the band is right for you.

Up and coming Fundraising events
Ironman 3
Tickets $15 each
Wednesday April 24th, 2013
Doors open at 6pm with lucky door prizes drawn at 6.15 and movie starting at 6.30pm.
Venue – Event Cinemas at Glendale
Tickets can be purchased by emailing Anissa Storey on astorey@ausgrid.com.au or ringing her on 0408 921378.

All profits will go towards our 2014 tour of Canada