Welcome to Week 2.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic
Kindergarten students for 2015 were out in force yesterday with their teddy bears. They were given a tour of the school and a talk about starting school next year.

Bullying
There has been a lot of discussion in the school and in the media around the topic of bullying. I am concerned that the term bullying is being used for isolated incidents that don’t fall under the category of bullying.

We do acknowledge that bullying exists in schools and in the community and we treat every case seriously in line with our zero tolerance towards bullying at Bonnells Bay School.

This extract is directly from the NSW DEC Anti-Bullying Policy:

“The NSW Department of Education and Communities rejects all forms of bullying. All students and staff have the right to be treated fairly and with dignity in an environment free from disruption, intimidation, harassment, victimisation and discrimination.

All members of the school community contribute to preventing bullying by modelling and promoting appropriate behaviour and respectful relationships.”

The staff at BBPS are trained to implement strategies to prevent bullying and have excellent strategies for supporting and disciplining students where bullying has occurred.

We greatly appreciate the support we have from the community in regards to dealing with inappropriate behaviour. If we are to continue working productively it is important that we understand the different degrees of inappropriate behaviour. One of the most important differences is recognising the difference between 1-off incidents versus long term behaviours as stated in the definition of bullying below.

A definition of bullying
“Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimisation and all forms of harassment including that based on sex, race, disability, homosexuality or transgender. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved including bystanders.

Bullying can happen anywhere: at school, travelling to and from school, in sporting teams, between neighbours or in the workplace.

Bullying behaviour can be:

- verbal eg name calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, sarcasm, insults, threats
- physical eg hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting
- social eg ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gestures
- psychological eg spreading rumours, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera phones.

Creating a safe, fun learning environment is something we are proud of here at Bonnells Bay Public School. For us to manage bullying effectively it is important that all members of the school community understand the definition of bullying so that the term is not over used, trivialising the seriousness of genuine cases of bullying.

Even though there is a clear difference between 1-off incidents and bullying we encourage all students to report inappropriate behaviour to their teacher so we can manage it in line with the NSW Department of Education and Communities and the Bonnells Bay Public School Behaviour Management Policy.

Welcome Back Mr Stiller
Tomorrow we welcome back Mr Mark Stiller, our jet setting principal. Don’t forget to wear your Rabbitoh’s gear, anything red & green will do. No donation is necessary.

Michael Pratt
Relieving Principal
DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October

16th Red & Green Day
Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day Cancelled

20th School Photographs – Bring Order Envelope with enclosed payment
Book club orders due

NOTES SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK
Community Partnership
School Photograph Envelopes

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

Years 3 - 6

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KINDERGARTEN 2015 INFORMATION
The next Kindergarten Transition to School Program will be the first of the classroom sessions on Wednesday 22nd October.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 22nd October especially for new kindergarten enrolment orders and sales.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
‘Say Cheese!’ Monday 20th October, 2014 (Week 3 Term 4) is our school photo day. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform on the day.

Envelopes have been sent home with children.

Each child has their name printed on the envelope. Please enclose correct money (cash), cheque or money order. If any spares are required, please see the office.

Family photo envelopes are available from the office upon request. This is separate from your child’s individual envelope.

LIBRARY NEWS
I am looking forward to another busy term in the library. This term we will celebrate with a Scholastic Book Fair and parade. The theme this year is ‘Book Fair Garden’. I am looking forward to seeing what amazing garden plants and creatures the students can come up with for their costume designs. The students will preview the fair on Tuesday 11th November and bring home their wish lists. The fair will open for sales at 8.45am on Wednesday 12th November. The parade time is to be advised. The school receives a percentage of the sales in books as commission. It’s a great way to stock the library with many popular titles.

I have sent out overdue notices this week and hope that these books are returned promptly. If you believe that the books have already been returned please let me know.

Mrs Tate
Librarian

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
The book club orders are due by 9.30am on Monday 20th October. Any late orders cannot be accepted as the order has to be processed.

LIONS CLUB RAFFLE
Tickets to the Morisset Lions Club raffle are on sale at the school office for the small cost of $1 each. Lots of tickets are still available for purchase. Great prizes to be won!

AQUILO INTEREST
We have had some real interest in our promotion of the Aquilo land development. As you will be aware Aquilo is one of our Community Partners and if interested, buyers need only present one of our school/Aquilo vouchers to gain a discount of $1,000. The school also receives a contribution of $1,000 per sale. This is for Stage 4 of the development. If you know anyone who is intending to purchase or even interested please inform them of this amazing offer.

Department of Education Tips!

Getting organised for Term 4
Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z's monthly planners. They're easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Public speaking made easier
Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to
master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB

Motivating “laid-back” children
Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical? Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Bonnells Bay PS P & C NEWS

Sunday 2nd November
Community Fun Day

FREE barefoot bowling, BBPS BBQ, Jumping Castle

Morisset Hospital bowling club, have asked us to help run a community fun day at their greens.

This day will be held Sunday 2nd November 11am-4pm at Morisset Hospital Bowling club.

Bring along the whole family for a free game of barefoot bowls.

Purchase a BBQ lunch from us while you’re there and enjoy a picnic in one of the prime positions around the lake.

Family Portraits
Sunday Nov 2nd at the Morisset Bowling Club. Portrait sittings cost $15 per family, with the full $15 going to the school and you receive a 20x30cm framed portrait.

Your framed photo will be available for collection on Thursday 20th November in the afternoon. At this time you may also purchase other portraits taken on the day.

Order forms have been sent home, if you still require an order form they are available at the school office.

We need a minimum of 20 families to have sittings for this fundraiser to run. So please consider booking a 15 minute session. $15 is a cheap and memorable Christmas present.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
There is one space left on our Community Partnership board. If you own a company, work for a company or know someone that might be interested in becoming a Community Partner, Please contact the school to secure your spot. Through regular newsletter, website and other advertisements, this is a great way to share your company with the peninsula.

TENNIS COACHING
Tennis Coaching is 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. For bookings and further information phone Bill on 0402 274 646.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Supporting the Peninsula Rural Fire Brigade on Saturday 1st November at 7pm. Contact Mitch on 0419 508 138 for more details.

Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way to make sandwiches fun

Casey the Caterpillar

Ingredients
- 2 slices wholegrain bread cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 2 slices reduced-fat cheese cut into four circles, using a cookie cutter
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 1 cherry tomato
- 1 wooden skewer
- 2 radish slices
- Chives/sweet pickles – for antennas

Method
1. Layer bread, cheese and cucumber
2. Slide onto skewer to create body, with a tomato head
3. Cut slices in tomato to add radish eyes, cucumber mouth and antennas

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit