Greetings all and welcome to Week 5.

I must congratulate the whole school community for their efforts in getting children to school on time. At one point last year we had upward of 25 late comers each day. This caused a real disruption to classes and lesson delivery every day. Today we only had five children late to school. Let's work on zero.

Bus Behaviour
I must say that our work on changing bus behaviour has really been successful. The incidence of bad behaviour has been significantly reduced. Please be aware however, that our focus is still on appropriate behaviour at all times. Parents sign a Code of Conduct for their children when they apply for a bus pass. If the Code of conduct is breached the bus pass can be cancelled or the child suspended from the bus for a period of time. I take it very seriously when children in a Bonnells Bay school uniform misbehave as this reflects badly on our great school. Families receive an official letter of warning regarding bad bus behaviour and any repeat of the behaviour attracts a two week suspension of the bus pass. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

ICAS Testing
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools takes place each year. Our children have the opportunity to sit tests in Computing Skills, Science, English, Maths, Spelling and English. This year the tests have been extended to include Year 2 English and Maths. A note will be sent home today explaining the tests and offering parents the opportunity to enrol children and pay for the competitions. Final nominations and payment for the tests will conclude on Friday 21st March. That gives interested parents almost 4 weeks to get the registration form back. There will be NO late registration forms accepted after 21st March.

School App for Smart Phones
Our new school App, Skoolbag, has been completed and is ready to download. You can keep up to date with our latest events, receive newsletters and notes and you can notify us of any absences and change of details. The App is now available for iOS and android devices. This is a fabulous new innovation for our school which has now had the bugs ironed out and functions perfectly.

Technology Update
The technology revolution at Bonnells Bay has moved into its final stages with our Wi-Fi connections being installed into the remainder of the school. Installers will be working in the school for the next week to complete the job. Once installed all the new wireless access points will enable us to access the internet from any point in the school without hard wired devices.

Variety Club Splash
Can I just offer my sincere thanks to those amazing P&C and staff volunteers who gave up their Sunday morning to cook breakfast for the Variety Club’s ‘Splash Around the Lake’. The job was completed by 10am and the Variety Club were loud in their praise of the food and friendliness of our group. Bonnells Bay is so lucky to have such a group of supporters.

Tree Audit
As you will remember we had an audit of our trees done last year and developed a plan to ensure the trees remained healthy and safe. Unfortunately the arborists employed by the school let us down badly and the agreed work was not completed. We have engaged a new team and the work will be done in the next holidays. This work will be ongoing to ensure our trees are safe and healthy.

Goodbye Janette and Thank You
It will be very difficult to imagine that Mrs Janette Brown will not be the smiling face at the counter of the office next week. After 22 years at Bonnells Bay Public School Janette will retire on Friday. I would like to personally thank Janette for her work in making Bonnells Bay the wonderful school it is and for caring for our children so well. I wish her all the best in her retirement and safe travelling as she explores the world in the future.

Have a wonderful week.
Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 1 Week 5
DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March
6th  Hunter Swimming Championships
11th  Hunter AFL Trials
12th  School Disco
14th  EOI High School due
21st  Hunter Rugby League Trials
21st  EOI ICAS due
25th  LMG P&C Meeting Eraring Public School
31st  Young Leaders Day

CANTEEN ROSTER

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CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to all those who responded to helping out in the Canteen. We always welcome new helpers so if you wish to help out come and see us at the Canteen.

This term we will be holding a pizza day for our fundraising red day and order forms will be sent home shortly.

Reminder: Milkshakes are available at lunchtime on Mondays $2.00, Nachos available to order on Tuesdays $4.50.

Congratulations to Andrew M 3T for winning the major Slush Puppie Kite prize.

NOTES SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK
Community Partnership Page
ICAS Competition Information printed on yellow paper

STUDENT RECORDS UPDATE
Thank you to all the families who have sent back the student records update.

LIBRARY NEWS
A new returns system has been introduced in the library this week. Students are asked to place their books in the returns box at the library door before school in the mornings. This should reduce disruptions to the lesson where students are returning to classrooms to retrieve library books.

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is well under way. If your child has not brought home a hard copy of their reading log for you to record the books they read, please ask for one during the next library lesson.

Please ensure students in K-2 have a library bag to bring to their lesson. It can be as simple as a plastic shopping bag. This helps keep our library books safe.

Happy Reading
Mrs Tate

Bonnells Bay Public School now has its own App.
Keep up to date with our latest events, newsletters & notes. Notify the school of absences & change of details.

Available for iOS and Android devices from their app stores.

Variety Splash
Thank You, Thank You and Thank You.
We had the best turn out at a fundraiser in a long time 😊
The weather thankfully shone on us for the most part and it was such an easy gig (with people serving themselves) that we all had a great catch up!!!
Thanks go to: Julie & David, Theresa & Damian, Del, Kerriann, Tobi, Mr Stiller, Miss Griffin & partner, Mrs Trigg, Ms Corrigan, Kelly & Brad, Grace, Kim, Lewina, Kirsten, Anna, Natalie.

Feedback suggests it’s the best breakfast the Splash participants have ever had.

Uniform Shop
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P&C – Parents and Citizens Supporting Our School

NUTRITIONAL SNIPPETS

The simplest way

to make a healthy brekkie!

Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day, but did you know that many Aussie families skip it?

A healthy brekkie improves energy levels, alertness and concentration, plus it’s an easy way to throw in an extra serve of fruit & veg.

Here are some quick brekkie ideas:

- Sliced bananas or avocado on toast
- Add chopped vegies to an omelette or savoury pancake
- Create a warm porridge or cereal with canned or fresh fruit
- Top a wholemeal muffin or toast with cooked tomatoes, mushrooms, baked beans or creamed corn

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

SCHOOL BANKING.

Put a reminder in your student diary/calendar/mobile phone. Get banking ready on Wednesday night because.....

THURSDAY = SCHOOL BANKING DAY

School Banking has resumed, please bring your yellow bank books to the office and place them in the yellow box at the counter on Thursday morning.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There is an exciting new range of rewards on offer for 2014.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Bonnells Bay Public School. Parent information packs have been distributed this week.

For any parents interested in their child participating in the School Banking program, representatives from the bank will be here to open accounts on Tuesday 4th March from 8.30am – 9.30am. Please bring along your driver’s licence for identification purposes. No money is required on the day.

Educational Snippet

When lunch comes home again – uneaten

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain

COMMUNITY NEWS

Eraring Public School 90th Birthday Fair
Eraring Public School will be holding a 90th Birthday Fair on Saturday 29th March from 11:30am to 3pm. The book on Eraring Public School written by Mr Doug Saxon will be launched and there will be many stalls with bargains to be had. It will be a great day for all. All enquiries phone 4973 1196.

Shim Jang Taekwondo
Taekwondo is held in Morisset Hall between 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Call Jason on 0499 499 226 for more information.

Fundraiser for John Hunter Children’s Hospital – Kids with Cancer Charity
Dora Creek Workers Social Golf Club will be holding a fundraiser on Sunday 16th March at Dora Creek Workers Club. The day will start with a charity bowls game at Dora Creek Workers Club at 9am with a sausage sizzle after the game. A children’s disco will be held at 2pm to finish at 4:30pm. Cost is a gold coin donation. Children will receive a free drink and bag of lollies. A major raffle will be drawn at 4pm to coincide with the children’s disco. For more information phone Jeff on 4973 4543.