PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 7.

The season has changed but the weather stays delightful. I must say the school reflects the season with settled classes and excellent effort. At times like this it is easy to take for granted the hard work that has been done to get the school to this standard. It is worth revisiting the principles of 2010, intolerance of bullying, bad behaviour and bad attitude that undermined the school. I am thrilled with the effort and behaviour of our children and I look forward to it continuing.

SCHOOL SIGN
Thanks to our wonderful P&C we are about to take possession of a new school sign. The sign will be a wonderful addition to the school and will be installed on Friday at the back gate on Fishery Point Road. This sign has been needed for a long time and will promote the school to our community travelling from the peninsula.

SCHOOL DISCO
Tonight we will be holding the first disco for 2014. The first disco is always exciting because it introduces the kindergarten students to the wonderful culture at Bonnells Bay. The K-2 disco begins at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.45pm and the 3-6 disco begins at 7pm and finishes at 8.30pm. Please be prompt to collect children from the disco as supervising staff often have a long drive to get home. The P&C will be cooking a barbeque so why cook at home, come to the disco and buy a sausage sizzle and enjoy the night.

STAFF PARKING AREA
Please be advised that parking in the staff parking area is strictly prohibited. This area is for staff and consultants to park. It is also used for refuse vehicles to clear the industrial bins. It is dangerous for parents to park in this area and have children walk to their cars across the car park. Please avoid parking in this area.

NOTES FOR ABSENCES
Please ensure you notify the school of absences for your children. Parents can either phone the school and verbally confirm the absence, giving a reason or send a note with the child on return to school detailing the date of the absence and providing a reason. Parents can also use the Skoolbag app to text the school. All of these ways of letting us know are acceptable. The school is audited by the Home School Liaison Officer and she has highlighted a higher than acceptable rate of unexplained absences at school.

P&C MEETING
The next meeting of the Bonnells Bay P&C will be held next Tuesday 18th March at 6pm in the staffroom. The meeting is a great forum and always entertaining. Please feel free to come to the meeting and join in the decision making process at our great school.

HARMONY DAY-MUFTI DAY
Friday 21st March is Harmony Day. The school will be holding an out of uniform day based around the Harmony colour of orange. Instead of asking for a gold coin donation we have decided with our P&C to ask for an Easter egg donation on the day. The donated eggs will be combined to form a giant Easter raffle drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. This is a great idea and one that deserves our support

Have a wonderful week.
Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 1 Week 7
**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**March**
- 12th: School Disco
- 14th: EOI High School forms due
- 17th/18th/19th: Student Talent Quest
- 18th: P&C Meeting
- 21st: Hunter Rugby League Trials
- 21st: ICAS payments due
- 21st: Pizza orders due
- 21st: Student Talent Quest final
- 25th: LMG P&C Meeting Eraring Public School
- 27th: Pizza Day
- 31st: Student Talent Quest final

**April**
- 1st: Infants Cross Country

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Pizza day will be held on Thursday 27th March. Orders are due back to the canteen by Friday 21st March. Thankyou for the great response and offering your help in the canteen. New helpers are always welcome, just come and see us at the canteen. Thankyou

**NOTES SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK**

**Community Partnership Page**

**Cross Country Permission Notes**

**NAPLAN**

Naplan dates for this year are:

- **Tuesday 13th May**
  - Language (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
  - Writing
- **Wednesday 14th May**
  - Reading
- **Thursday 15th May**
  - Numeracy

**STUDENT RECORDS UPDATE**

Thank you to all the families who have sent back the student records update, however there are still a few outstanding...

**LIBRARY NEWS WEEK 7**

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is well underway. I am keeping a record of all students completing the challenge along with the PRC ID number of the books they have borrowed. That way we have a backup copy in case the one at home gets lost. If you would like more information on the PRC please visit the website. [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

Please return library books to the returns trolley in the morning before 9.30am. This assists in getting the books back on the shelves ready for borrowing and saves disruptions of returning books during the lesson.

Happy Reading

Mrs Tate

**BOOK CLUB**

Book club is due back by Monday 17th March. Please return money and order forms to the office.

**P & C NEWS**

**DISCO**

Week 7, Wednesday 12th March is our first disco for the year. DJ Andy is still on the team and ready to come and wear out our kids!!

- Junior Disco: 5:30-6:45pm
- Senior Disco: 7:00-8:30pm

Still only $6 gets your child entry to the disco, a glow stick from DJ Andy and intermission drink and chips. We will again be cooking a BBQ, so bring a little extra cash and pick up an easy dinner.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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**P&C – Parents and Citizens Supporting Our School**

**EASTER! EASTER! EASTER!**

**Hot Cross Buns:** Order forms went home last week for this new fundraiser. Buns are being supplied by Bakers Delight and we are selling them for the same price as they do in the shop.

Orders due back Week 9, Friday 28th March and delivery is in Week 11.

**Mega Raffle:** It’s been a couple of years since we held an Easter raffle. So, we thought we might give it another go this year, with a difference.
On Friday 21st March the school will be holding a mufti day. Instead of asking for a gold coin donation on this day, each family is asked to donate an Easter egg to be used as part of our Mega Easter Raffle. If each family donates an egg imagine how many prizes we could put together!!! Friday 21st March is also Harmony day, so children are asked to include in their mufti dress something ORANGE (which is the colour of Harmony Day.) Tickets for the raffle will be on sale at the disco at $1 per ticket. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

To recap: Friday 21st March, Orange mufti day. Donate an Easter Egg per family.

**HARMONY DAY**

Harmony day is a community-based educational initiative for all Australians and aims to address issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting respect, fairness, inclusion and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The key objectives:

- Australians respecting one another regardless of differences
- Fair treatment of all Australians
- Opportunities for people to participate equitably
- A sense of belonging for everyone
- The benefits of living in a culturally diverse society

**FANTASTIC STUDENTS**

At Bonnells Bay Public School we are very fortunate to have honest children. Last week a mother lost a bracelet which was both extremely sentimental and expensive. She had no idea a fantastic student had found her bracelet in the playground and handed it into the office. When this mother asked about her bracelet she was overwhelmed to have it back and wanted her grateful thanks passed onto this very honest student.

**GUITAR ENSEMBLE**

New members are urgently needed for the Guitar Group information packs are available from the school office or from Mr Lawler on Wednesday mornings in the Tiered Learning Room

**Garry Lawler’s Music Program**

Ph: 0438 608 180

email: musicpro@bigpond.net.au

**HEAD LICE**

Please check your children’s hair for head lice as there have been a number of concerned parents reporting head lice in their children’s hair. This should be done on a regular basis to try to keep this problem under control.

**SCHOOL BANKING.**

**STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER**

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and $50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in Term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two $50 credits to their School Banking account. Competition opens 28/01/2014 and closes 11/04/2014. For full terms and conditions please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Banking day at Bonnells Bay is every THURSDAY.

**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.

**Hunter Animal Rescue**

The Hunter Animal rescue will be holding the 8th Annual Pets Picnic at Speers Point Park on Sunday, 16th March at 10.00am. This is a FREE family event with BBQ, Prizes, Raffles, Exhibitors, Competitions and Market Stalls. Bring your dog (on a lead) and enjoy the entertainment.

**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. For more information phone Jeff on 4973 4543.

**TALENT QUEST**

Interested students from Yrs K-6 are participating in a Talent Quest during lunch and recess next Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March. Performers are permitted to wear mufti only during their performance and are to supply their own CD. Audience entry is 50cents per student and the final will be held on Friday 21st March. Funds raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell. This event is for students only.