Greetings all and welcome to Week 10.

It has been brought to my attention that the latest fad at school can have serious side effects. The latest craze that sees our kids making elastic wrist and neck bands is on the surface a harmless and fun activity. One unwanted side effect has been associated with younger siblings, especially crawling babies and small toddlers picking up the discarded bands and putting them in their mouths. Please be aware that theses harmless bands can become very serious if swallowed. Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Payments On-Line for School
We have heard your requests and the Depart of Education has finally agreed to provide us with the facility to allow parents to pay expenses to the school on-line. The new facility will be linked to the school website so parents can make school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid on-line?
- Voluntary School contributions
- Excursions
- Sporting events
- Sales to Students
- Book Packs
- Others areas to be negotiated

The payment facility will go live early in Term 2.

How to use the new payment option?
Log onto the school website, click on the Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Staffing Update
We are moving slowly towards completing our staffing changes for Term 2. Our new teacher has been appointed and we are now awaiting confirmation from the Department before we announce the appointment to the community. The Assistant Principal’s position made vacant by Mrs Rowe’s retirement is up to the interview of short listed applications stage. This will be completed on Friday and we are hopefully making an announcement later next week. Both new teachers will begin work at the beginning of Term 2.

Aboriginal Group Art Work
I hope you all enjoy the work produced by our Aboriginal group. This art work will be entered in a Reconciliation Week competition. Thanks to Mrs Clarke for organising the group work.

Vegetable Garden – Help Needed
Any parents who can help us out by donating an hour or so to work in our school veggie gardens would be really appreciated. We are ready to plant our Winter veggies but we need to renew and boost the soil in our plots. I have had 2m³ of new soil delivered but need some help to add the soil to the beds. If we get 2 or 3 people it should only take an hour or so. If you can help us out please see me so we can get the job done.

Easter Raffle
Please remember the Monster East Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade Friday of next week. We have a fabulous amount of Easter Eggs to be won and we now have a family pass for 2 adults and 2 children to attend the Great Moscow Circus to add to the prize list. Tickets can be bought from the Uniform Shop each morning, except Wednesdays. If you want a whole book of tickets these can be collected from the school office daily.

Staff Parking Area
Parents are still parking in the staff parking area of an afternoon. Please be aware this can and will be seen as trespassing and actions can and will be taken against offenders. Please assist us and do not park in the staff parking area.

Have a wonderful week.
Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 1  Week 10
## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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## NOTES SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK

Community Partnership Page

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

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## LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue notices were sent home last week. Please return these books ASAP. If you believe the book has already been returned please let me know. Remember to place returns in the trolley at the library door before 9.30am.

We have a fabulous display of student work displayed in the library this term. I am very proud of the students have accomplishments and I am sure they are looking forward to bring their work home to share with you.

Please use some time in the holidays to get ahead on your Premiers Reading Challenge. This will continue next term and I hope to see a record number complete the challenge this year.

Happy Reading
Mrs Tate

## MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Bonnells Bay Public School would like to invite all Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers to a Mother’s Day Breakfast to be held on Friday 9th May at 8.00am. Come along and enjoy a delicious Bacon and Egg Roll with your choice of tea, coffee or juice.

## THE NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Monday 31st March eight of our leaders went to Sydney to attend The National Young Leaders Day. Speakers included Mike Martin, Bob Carr, Ita Buttrose, Andy Griffiths and a very inspirational boy by the name of Coen Ashton. The day was a huge success. The students represented the school with great pride and demonstrated exemplary leadership skills.

Regards,
Mr N Wlodarczyk

## STAR STRUCK 2014 - "MAGIC HAPPENS"

### TICKETING INFORMATION

Magical creatures, worlds and wishes are explored throughout this year’s Star Struck. Whether it’s the wonder of fairy tales for the very young, or the special moments in life that pop out to remind adults that magic isn't just for children, there will be something for everyone.

The magic of puppetry, something that's always been close to Star Struck's heart will be a particular feature this year, culminating in a creature that is truly out of this world.

### DATES & TIMES

Friday 13th June 2014 - 10:00am and 7:00pm
Saturday 14th June 2014 - 2:00pm and 7:00pm

### TICKET PRICES

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### TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY 7th APRIL AT 9:00am.

To purchase tickets go to the Newcastle Entertainment Centre website at [www.nec.net.au](http://www.nec.net.au) view all upcoming events and then select Star Struck 2014.

Hope to see you there!
Mrs Renee Richards
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We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
Please note there will **NOT** be any school banking in Week 11 (last week of Term 1).

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Blackbutt Reserve/Newcastle Permanent**
A Junior Ranger Fun Day is being held at Blackbutt Reserve on Tuesday 15th April from 11am to 1pm. This is a great opportunity for children to learn and have an exciting learning experience. This is a FREE activity, with a FREE sausage sandwich provided. ($1 for adults) Phone: 4904 3344.

**Hunter Sports Centre – Vacation Care**
Vacation Care is an inexpensive way to keep the kids entertained these school holidays. Activities include: Craft, Science, Cooking, Gymnastics etc 7.30am – 6pm Approved for Child Care Rebate and Benefit. For enquiries please phone: 4953 6366

**Lake Mac Libraries & Art Gallery**
There are lots of fun activities on offer for families around the Lake, so make sure you:

- Like us on Facebook (lakemaccity)
- Follow us on Twitter (@lakemac)
- Visit www.lakemac.com.au

**Lawn Bowls Clinks at Rathmines & Edgeworth**
The Newcastle office of Sport & Recreation and Bowls Australia will host Come and Try Bowls clinics at Rathmines and Edgeworth in the April school holidays. Clinics aimed at 6 to 14 year olds. The cost is just $5. Bookings can be made by contacting 4926 1633.

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**MEGA Easter Raffle**
Thanks a million to every family that donated an Easter egg or eggs on Harmony Day for our Easter raffle. We were hopeful of a good result but you blew our expectations out of the water. We had many shocked faces when people walked into the staffroom on Friday to find the tables covered in chocolate.

With such a great response we were able to put together about 50 prizes!!!

1st Prize: Large Easter box (Eggs, Easter activities, gorgeous plush Easter bunny etc) & a family pass to Moscow circus has been kindly donated by the Harrington family.

2nd Prize: A smaller box of Easter goodness

3rd Prize: Easter basket, choc full of yumminess

4th-53ish... Various smaller packs of scrumptious chocolate

As requested by many, you should have received a book of raffle tickets to sell for this MEGA raffle. Tickets are $1 each. Books are due back Thursday Week 11, 10th April. Prizes will be drawn during the Easter Hat parade and announced after the parade on Friday 11th April.

**Hot Cross Buns**
A big thank you to all the families who supported the hot cross bun fundraiser. Although we only received around 45 orders from 260 families, we still managed to raise an amazing amount of $530. A special mention to the following families who all ordered over 10 packets of hot cross buns, what a super effort: Blair, Still, Vince, Boswell, Dunn, Watters.

Delivery of orders is Tuesday 8th April. Please put this date into your calendars. If you are unable to collect on this day please arrange an alternative time at the office. Thanks again for your support.

**LMG P&C**
Last week our executive committee and Mrs Haworth attended the Local Management Group P&C. This is a meeting for all the local schools’ P&Cs/parents to get together and discuss local matters, share ideas and to provide feedback to the high school.

A hot topic for the night was high school transition and how it can be made even better for the Year 6 students moving into high school.

We also discussed local upcoming events, interschool sports ideas, education week and the possibility of Mark Sneddon (Morisset High’s Principal) helping out in everyone’s school canteen!
The 2014 Swimming Carnival was a great success with a new swimming record set for the 8 years Boys 50m Freestyle by Kory (pictured above). The previous record had stood for 8 years.

Pictured at right are more of our very successful swimmers, Lucy, Imogen and Bailey each displaying their new ribbons.
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