PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 4 Term 2.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Today our online payment facility goes active. Payments for various school expenses can now be made online. The school website contains a link on the home page called “make a payment”. Unfortunately our school App will not be able to host this facility as it is only hosted on our website. This facility is only for school expenses and cannot be used for P&C or the Uniform shop.

NITBUSTERS

A huge thankyou to the ladies who helped at the NITBUSTERS last week. We inspected over 150 children and they were provided with a sealed report on their hair condition and information on the treatment and prevention of head lice.

YOUNG TEEN TALK

Our Year 6 students have the chance to take part in Young Teen Talk. This is a wonderful program that is delivered each year at school and focuses on growing, maturing, sexual awareness and relationships. The cost of the program is $20 and I cannot recommend it highly enough. Permission notes have very recently been sent home and if you did not receive one for any reason please ask your child’s teacher. This is a not to be missed opportunity.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Each Tuesday morning our children are treated to a hot pancake breakfast by a wonderful group of student teachers from Avondale College. These great pre-teachers have sourced out sponsorship to provide the ingredients to make the pancakes and also to supply apples to our children. This is a free service and one that is really appreciated and anticipated by our children. Feedback from the Avondale students is very positive as they recognise our children as extremely well-mannered and well-behaved. It is wonderful to see our children recognised as being such great ambassadors for the school.

ETHICS CLASSES

Ethics classes have been up and running at school for almost a year now. The coordinator who oversaw the program, Mr Len Crawford, is unable to continue in the role. I would like to thank Len personally for his wonderful work in pioneering Ethics at Bonnells Bay. We would not have begun the program without you. We will miss your contribution in the future. We now need a new coordinator. Please see Len’s Ethic’s note in the newsletter for information on the role and what it entails if you are interested.

WELLFARE AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

The Welfare and Discipline Policy at our school is a great document that has been a big part in turning the school into one of the premium schools in the Westlakes area. We are constantly upgrading the policy to keep it current. A slight change was ratified at last night’s P&C meeting. Please be aware of the following changes and additions.

- Pupils who are at various stages or levels on the system will not be allowed to represent the school at sporting events. To be more precise children who are on an Amber level will not be permitted to represent the school for a period of two weeks from the date they have been put on the level.
- Children on a Red level warning of suspension will not be permitted to represent the school for five weeks from the date they were put on the level.
- Children who have been suspended will not be permitted to represent the school for a period of ten weeks from the date they return from suspension.
- This includes Discos but does NOT include school excursions.

Our time-out and levels suspension rates are 50% down on the same time last year which shows our policy is working. I see this as bringing it into line with current practice.

Have a great week
Mark Stiller, Principal
DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May
23rd  Walk Safely to School Day
29th  Starstruck Rehearsal

June
2nd  Afternoon/Evening Information MHS
4th  ICAS Testing – Science
9th  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
10th  Blackbut Reserve Excursion
11th  Starstruck Rehearsal
12th  Starstruck Dress Rehearsal
13th/14th Starstruck Performances

CANTEEN ROSTER

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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.

Kindergarten to Year 2

Year 3 to Year 6

Computers
Ky B, Koby J, Chloe G

CANTEEN NEWS
Congratulations to Sophie O from 4B for receiving our “Good Manners” of the week award.

The Canteen always welcomes new helpers, so if you can donate some time to helping out come and see us in the canteen anytime.

Special days to remember, make a note on your copy of our menu Milkshakes are available Mondays only $2.00 and Nacho’s available Tuesdays only $4.50.

Canteen has a Healthy Eating reward system running, children ordering or purchasing healthier options will receive a reward card that will be stamped each time they purchase a healthy food item. Anything in the Green category on our Canteen Menu. When the card is full children hand them into the canteen to go into the draw at the end of term for a prize. If you don’t have a menu they are available from the Canteen or from the office.

NEW LINES
Carrot Sticks and dip 50c, Jelly Cups 60c, Jelly & Custard Cups 80c, Fruit Salad Cups or Fruit & Custard Cups 80c.

Canteen is also holding its Thompsons Pie Drive this term, notes will be sent home shortly.

Fresh fruit and vegetables
Fresh fruit and vegetables are not only good for your health, but they are also good for the planet. Fruits and vegetables come in their own environmentally friendly packaging. Fruit or vegetable scraps can also be composted or used in a worm farm. You can also help the environment by choosing produce without foam trays or plastic containers.

DEBATING UPDATE
Yesterday our Stage 3 Debating Team hosted a debate against Toronto Public School. This was the Round 1 debate in the 2014 Premier’s Debating Challenge. The topic for the debate was “That there should be separate schools for smart kids”. Our team, consisting of Tori Zahn, Caitlin Ash, Dempsey Wright and Jessica Price were the negative team and they presented a very strong case. Despite some strong opposition from the Toronto team, Bonnells Bay was declared the winners of the debate. Congratulations girls on a fantastic effort! The team will now face Coal Point Public School in the second round of the competition.

MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, book packs and sales to students., such as the Year 6 Souvenir T shirt. When you access the $Make a payment you must enter: the students name and class or the students name and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.
You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Permission slips will still need to be returned to school and a space will be added for the online receipt number. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CONTINUE ETHICS CLASSES
At Bonnells Bay Public School we currently have three ethics classes. Classes are currently being taught and organized by volunteers. We need one person to volunteer as Ethics Coordinator to replace the current Coordinator who will be stepping down very soon, and one more person to volunteer as Ethics Teacher for the kindergarten curriculum that will be available next term. Full training and ongoing support is provided by Primary Ethics. Coordinating can mostly be done by email in your spare time and would take approximately 1 hour per week. Teaching would take approximately 2 hours each week. Without a new Coordinator, classes may have to be suspended.

Primary Ethics welcomes applications from our school and wider community. To find out more, or apply please visit: http://www.primaryethics.com.au.
You can also contact our current Ethics Coordinator, Len Crawford, for more information: Ph:0438373595 email: bbpsethics@bigpond.com

DISCO
The Term 2 disco is in Week 7, Wednesday 11th June.

TRIVIA NIGHT
This year we have set ourselves the goal of building shade structures over the sand pits and bike rack areas to make life that bit easier for our students. With this larger project in mind, we have decided to host a trivia night.

When: Friday 20th June, 7pm
Where: Morisset Country Club (who have kindly donated the venue)
Cost: $10 per head
Get together a group of friends/family to fill a table of 8 or just come along on the night and join a table. If you do know who you’re sitting with in advance, join in the fun and enter the themed table competition.

Tickets on sale now. Call Anna 0409 538 370, Natalie 0419 911 026 or Kirsten 0411 449 300

DATES FOR THE TERM
Week 7 Wednesday 11th June - Disco
Week 8 Tuesday 17th June - P&C Meeting 6pm
Friday 20th June - Trivia Night 7pm

P & C NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS

Awaba Community Recycling Centre
The newly established Awaba Community Recycling Centre is now open to make it easy to drop off household problem waste for free and at a time that is convenient for you.

Household quantities of the following items will be accepted for free:

- Paint – Oil and Water based
- Gas Bottles
- Fire Extinguishers
- Electronic Waste
- Fluro Globes and tubes
- Car Batteries
- Household Batteries
- Polystyrene
- Motor Oils & other Oils
- Smoke Detectors

The recycling centre is located at the Awaba Waste Management Facility, 367 Wilton Road, Awaba. Opening hours are 8am – 4pm every day (except Christmas Day). For more information call the Environment Line on 131 555, contact Council on 4921 0333 or visit www.epa.nsw.gov.au/recyclingcentres

Destination Greater Toronto Postcard Competition
We are looking for quintessential pictures that represent the Greater Toronto (Teralba to Wangi) area to go on a set of 12 postcards to be published during 2014-2015. That view of our area that can be used as a memento or an ambassador, which says look, this destination should be on your bucket list of places to visit. The aim is to encourage visitors and locals to enjoy our areas wonderful views and experiences. Closing date is midnight, 4th July 2014
Entry Sections are Professional - Amateur – Art – Junior. Prizes: 1st & 2nd (Judges Choice) and People’s Choice.

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