Greetings all and welcome to Term 3.

It is really scary to think over half the year has gone. It is also a great time to pause and reflect on the mighty half year we have had. I believe we have achieved more in the last year than in the past three years at Bonnells Bay. I know this is a big statement but our growth as a school needs to be appreciated and celebrated. We are now much closer to our goal as being the best school in the region. I think our growth is reflected in a number of areas. The recent pages presented by the school in the Newcastle Herald showcase a school on the move. The articles written by the children illustrate not only the obvious quality of the writing but also the quality of care of instruction that promotes this type of work. Mrs Ferrie and Stage 3 are to be applauded for this. Mrs Sibley’s work in public speaking and debating has led our children on a wonderful path and Mr Pratt’s work with the new parliament and school leadership is to be applauded. I see all our staff producing wonderful outcomes for our children and I believe we need to acknowledge their efforts.

Our community continues to be our greatest strength. The wonderful ladies of the P&C work tirelessly for us. This is reflected in their efforts to raise over $3000 at the trivia night late last term. We thank them sincerely.

Our work in the screening of our younger children in Occupational Therapy, Speech, Vision and Hearing is ground breaking and we are now reaping the rewards as we work with staff and parents to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children. We will continue in our work and look forward to continued success in the future.

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Our School will celebrate Naidoc Week on Friday. Our Aboriginal Group Coordinators Cecelia Enoch and Amelia Davies will be organising activities for the children and storytelling for the classes. Children may wear out of uniform in the Indigenous colours of Black, Red, Yellow, Green and Purple. These colours represent the flags of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This mufti day does not require a donation so no money is required.

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ROCK AND WATER TO BEGIN
We are beginning a Rock and Water course for our Year 6 boys this term. We have engaged providers to work with the boys each Friday for one hour for the 10 weeks of Term 3. The program is designed to provide the boys with self-confidence through self-awareness and personal strategies against bullying. The Rock is the symbol for standing fast for what you feel is right and worth defending. The Water is the symbol for strength through cooperation and caring. There is no cost for this course as I believe it is so important to the boys that the school is providing the experience cost free. We are in negotiation to provide a similar experience for our girls.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TOMORROW
Competitors in the 800m will need to arrive at Mingara at 9:20am ready to compete at 9:30am, students are to use private transport for the early start. The remainder of students attending the athletics carnival will be catching the buses which will leave the school promptly at 9:00am.

If the weather changes notifications will be made via skoolbag and the website or alternatively you can contact the school in the morning.

WELCOME MISS ROSE
The school welcomes Miss Lauren Rose to the permanent staff beginning Term 3. Miss Rose was successful at merit selection and takes over the Year 6 position vacated by Mrs Sibley with her maternity leave. Other changes include Miss Griffin who will be teaching Year 3, replacing Mrs Trigg for the remainder of the 2014 and Mr Hicks will replace Miss Griffin who was teaching technology. Mrs Samantha Dent will replace Miss Rose’s Year 1 class on Thursday and Friday for the remainder of the year.

Let’s hope our staffing situation settles down and we can have an unchanged run into the end of the year.

Mark Stiller
Principal
DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

July
- 17th: Athletics Carnival
- 18th: Naidoc Celebrations
- 23rd: Debating
- 28th: Education Week
- 29th: ICAS English Competition
- 30th: Responsible Pet Ownership

August
- 1st: Senior Netball Gala Day
- 12th: ICAS Maths Competition
- 22nd: Junior Netball Gala Day

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CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3! New canteen volunteers are always welcome and needed. If you can help out one day a month or even just at lunch time for an hour, please come and see us at the Canteen.

Congratulations to Aisha W 6F for winning our healthy eating competition prize.

NOTES SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK

- Community Partnership page
- ART2264 Morisset PCYC
- Garry Lawler’s Music Program
- Aquilo Flyer
- BBPS Athletics Carnival Program

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TOMORROW

The Athletics Carnival Buses will be leaving the school promptly at 9:00am, this is an early start so that we can arrive at the grounds before 10:00am. The students who will be competing in the 800m should arrive at 9:20am for a 9:30am start. Please make sure your child has a hat, sunscreen, lunch, a water bottle and warm clothes. Food will also be available to purchase.

TRIVIA NIGHT

WOW!!!! WOW!!!! WOW!!!! A brilliant night was had by all who attended the Trivia Night. I must extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who came to help us raise money for the school and to join in the fun. We had 130 people at the trivia night, some great costumes and some very clever people.

Congratulations to everyone that was involved in any way all! Thanks for your support, participation, organisational skills etc. we made a whopping $3075!! This will be a big help when it comes time to pay for the shade shelters for our children’s sandpits.

Congratulations to Dinky Di Daycare who were the trivia champs of the night!

On Thursday (the day before the trivia night) we had a $300 romantic accommodation package donated by Kemey’s Mountain Hideaway at Mandalong. Check them out. They gave us a night’s accommodation, a 3 course candlelit dinner and breakfast in their spa and fire suite!! Congratulations to Karen Newman (one of our previous P&C presidents) on winning this amazing prize.

We had so many donations, big and small it was overwhelming. Without the support of many local businesses the night would not have been the great success it was. A big thank you must be extended to the companies below who really helped make the night.

Mortgage Choice – Morisset - Morisset Country Club
Kemey’s Mountain Hideaway - ACM Engineering
HUNTER VALLEY MARTIAL ARTS CENTER

Last term you will have received a letter explaining this deal in more details. Head on down to HVMAC and mention the school to receive this great offer.

Valid for the month of July, so there’s still time.

Message from HVMAC:
We are working with the P & C to raise funds for your School! If your child would like to come to our Centre for one month of classes in any of our programs, we are offering a special rate of just $99 for the entire month. For this you will get two classes per week and we will provide a free uniform. We then donate the full $99 to your school!

P&C – Parents and Citizens Supporting Our School
School Banking. New rewards released in Term 3.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

**Rewards available in term 3 are:**
- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

Please send in your redemption card and tokens on banking day. Rewards will be delivered in 1-2 weeks. Pooling of tokens is not allowed.

If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**
With the Athletics Carnival on tomorrow the uniform shop will closed
The normal opening times are:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am – 10am
There are still plenty of discounted items for sale so come in and have a look if you want to grab a bargain.

**BILLY CART DERBY**
Any interested family wishing to participate in the Billy Cart Derby will need to complete the Expression of Interest slip below.

Billy carts need to be as light as possible and no more than 3 metres long and ½ metre wide. The Billy Cart Derby is open to all students of BBPS.

**FLU SEASON IS HERE**
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – BILLY CART DERBY**

Our family _______________________________

would like to participate in the Billy Cart Derby and would like to make a billy cart for December.

Signed _________________________________