PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to 2015.

This year promises to be a very exciting time for Bonnells Bay. There are lots of changes and exciting new developments in place to begin the year.

Welcome to Ms Stokes & Ms Hamilton
We now have our full complement of Assistant Principals with the appointment, on merit, of Ms Narelle Stokes to the staff. Ms Stokes brings an amazing amount of experience and quality to our staff and we are indeed fortunate to have her as part of our executive team.

Ms Kristy Hamilton is a new teacher to our staff on Stage 2 in 2015. We look forward to her contributions to the school and its pupils.

Can I welcome the new staff on behalf of the teachers, students and community. I am sure the new staff will love Bonnells Bay.

OOSH to Open at Bonnells Bay School
I am delighted to announce that the brand new Out of School Hours centre will open at Bonnells Bay school next week on Monday 9th February. The provider of this service is the Southlakes Community Services Inc which has been providing a similar service in Morisset for 20 years. The service will cater for only Bonnells Bay children and can cater for 60 children before and after school hours in the centre.

The OOSH will operate from our school hall and will be able to take advantage of all our school facilities. It is planned that the centre will operate as a vacation care centre during the holidays. The centre will operate before school from 6:30am – 9:30am and from 3:30pm – 6:00pm after school. The centre will also adhere to the schools welfare and discipline policy. We have all worked really hard to make this community service happen and to give our working parents options for quality childcare. Information about the service can be found at the school office or by calling OOSH on 4973 7005 or emailing sloosh@morissetmpc.org.

Traffic Reminders
Please be aware the traffic officers from council and the police will be targeting schools drop off and collection zones in 2015. Please stick to the rules and be safe around the school.

I would also warn parents not to park in the staff car park without my express permission. I will report offenders as this is now getting dangerous to people and property. Be warned!

Bonnells Bay P&C
The first P&C meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 17th February at 6:00pm in the staff room. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Kindergarten Students Arrive
What a gorgeous bunch of kinders we have! This group of 66 children is one of the most settled and engaged kinder groups I have ever seen. I think it is not only the lovely children, but a tribute to Ms Corrigan’s transition program that culminated in kinders wonderful first day this week. I look forward to watching them grow and develop in the future.

Messages to Students
Please be aware that all parents and community members must not approach any children in the playground or go directly to classrooms with messages for children. All visitors to the school need to report to the school office and then messages will be relayed by staff. This is a departmental directive and is aimed at keeping all children safe in the school environment.
Parents around Classrooms
Please do not congregate around classrooms before and after school. It is very distracting for teachers and children. All parents should wait under the infants COLA area.

Parent Information Days
Parent information days will be held in Week 4 this term, Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th February from 3:30pm until 4:30pm.

We will split the school into stages to help parents with several children access the different years.
Monday  16/2/15 Stage 3 Yrs 5 & 6
Tuesday  17/2/15 Stage 1 Yrs 1 & 2
Wednesday 18/2/15 Kindergarten
Thursday 19/2/15 Stage 2 Yrs 3 & 4

More information will be coming home from teachers this week.

Have a wonderful week.

Mark Stiller
Principal

2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
February
12th  Swimming Carnival - Competitive
16th  Book Club due by 9:30am

Notes Home this Week
Swimming Ability Note
Voluntary Contributions Note
Book Pack Note
Permission to Publish Note (if a new student)

Canteen Roster
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Canteen News
A new price list for 2015 has gone out and some prices and items have changed. Our Special days are:

- Mondays: Milkshakes $2.00
- Tuesdays: Nachos $4.50
- Thursdays: Hamburger pack $6.50

New volunteers are needed in the Canteen if you can help out please fill in the form that was sent home with our canteen price list or just come and see us in the Canteen, thank you.

2015 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)
The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Rules:
K-2 read 30 books in total. 25 from the K-2 PRC list and 5 free choice.
3-4 read 20 books in total. 15 from the 3-4 PRC list and 5 free choice.
5-6 read 20 books in total. 15 from the 5-6 PRC list and 5 free choice.

On completion of the challenge students will receive a certificate from the Premier.
Book Club
Scholastic Book Club will be available to order from again this year. The first issue went home last week and is due back by 9.30am Monday 16th February 2015.

Finance News
Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have paid for their children's book packs already. Many are starting to pay via the school's website online option, but remember to send in the return slip to school.

To pay via the school website go to: www.bonnellbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au locate the payment tab and follow the prompts. A receipt number will be issued when the payment has been completed, please write this on the return slip/permission note.

School book packs cost $50 for the first child and $40 for the second, or a total of $90 for a family with two or more children.

Skoolbag App
The Skoolbag App can be used to receive notifications from the school and also used to send absentee notes and changes of personal details to the school office.

We Need Volunteers!
Ethics is beginning another exciting year at BBPS. While it is great that class numbers are continuing to grow, this means we are in need of new teachers! Without additional staff, we will be forced to say no to new students wanting to participate in Ethics classes. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in volunteering to be an Ethics teacher Bonnells Bay, please contact me on 0447 771 946 or email me on c3150092@uon.edu.au.

Erin Turriff, BBPS Ethics Coordinator

P&C News
We've already kicked off the year with a fundraiser. Last Sunday we held a BBQ at the Car Show which took place at the Bay Shopping Centre. Thankfully the weather was kind to us for the day. We managed to raise over $1000 which is a great start to the year. I would like to thank all the parent/staff helpers who came and volunteered. Without your help it would not be possible to run events like this. It was nice to see some new faces helping too. Thank you to Kirsten & Rick G, Jacinta & Tynielle G, Del H, Jodie C, Graeme P, Linda W, Laura H, Leonnie B, Tracey B and Damian B.

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UNIFORM NEWS
Polo shirts are still on back order. The date of arrival at this stage is 12th February. Unfortunately due to supplier problems, I have not been able to receive these any early. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The swimming carnival is next week. Please ensure your children have the correct sport shirt to wear. I also have adult sport shirts available for $28. Parents/teachers are encouraged to buy one and support your child’s house.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped over the past week in the shop.

Community News
CALM child & Family Groups
Term 1 Groups
- Bringing up Great Kids
- 123 Magic & Emotion coaching
- Exploring the Seasons of Grief

Phone 4950 3855 for further details.

Cooranbong Valley Community Preschool
Cooranbong Valley Community Preschool currently offers educational care at a reduced rate for children who turn four by the 31/7/15. The prior to school program runs for six hours a day from Tuesday to Thursday. In an effort to accommodate those families who have three year old children and who would like their child to begin the first stage of their educational journey we are offering some limited places for younger children which can be taken as either a four or six hour day. There are reduced rates for both age groups if a Health Care Card is held by the family.

Families must provide a copy of an up to date immunisation certificate and birth certificate as well as pay an enrolment fee of $85.00 before their child can commence at our educational preschool. If you would like your child to start their education with us please call the preschool (Louise Pike, Director) on 49771055.

Bay Tennis Academy
Tennis coaching is conducted at the Bay Hotel Bonnells Bay Tennis courts every Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning by professional coach, Bill Griffiths. All standards are catered for and beginners are most welcome. For bookings and further information phone Bill on 0402 274 646.

Expressions of Interest
We are currently calling for expressions of interest for the sale of our school ride-on mower and trailer. The mower is a John Deere LT180 auto 48” Deck. It will be sold in its current condition, which would suit a handy man or use on small acreage. Our expected price is $1000 ono. Contact the school office on 4973 1149 if you would like to inspect the mower.

Please hand in your Expression of Interest which should include: your name, contact details and offer in a sealed envelope to the school office.

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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

**MAXIMUM PENALTY**  
$311  
+ 2 POINTS

**MAXIMUM PENALTY**  
Means that you have no more than **2 minutes** for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within **3 metres of your vehicle**.

$173  
+ 2 POINTS

**MAXIMUM PENALTY**  
Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are **not allowed to stop your vehicle** unless you are driving a bus.

$311  
+ 2 POINTS

**MAXIMUM PENALTY**  
**DOUBLE PARKING**

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

$311  
+ 2 POINTS

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $311 + 2 points, or STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: $415 + 2 points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $173 + 2 points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: $519