PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 3.

This has been another fast-paced week at Bonnells Bay and there is much to report on. I guess everyone saw the council officers measuring and doing core samples of the western side of Morisset Park Road opposite the school. I am told that this investigation work is the final stage of the planning needed to complete the plans for the upgrade of the road past the school.

Council has informed me that final plans will be completed by May with plans in place to complete the upgrade next financial year. The upgrade will mean curb and guttering with car parking and a school crossing. This is wonderful news but I will be pursuing a start date as soon as possible. Let’s keep our fingers crossed.

Bonnells Bay P&C
The next meeting of the Bonnells Bay P&C will be held next Tuesday 17th February at 6:00pm in the staff room. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Our meetings are always very productive and informal. I hope to see lots of new parents there.

OSHC Open and a Huge Success
As stated last week the new Out of School Care Centre has opened at Bonnells Bay. If anyone would like more information about the service, the cost and operating times, then please contact OSHC on 4973 7005. Information is also available at the school office. This is a wonderful and unique service, open only to Bonnells Bay children and run in line with our own welfare and discipline policy. Come and have a look and see for yourselves.

Parent Information Sessions
Parent information Days will be held next week.

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) parent information session will be held on Monday from 3:30pm until 4:30pm.

Parents can meet in Ms Stokes room where they will meet all teachers on Stage 3 then can go with their child’s teacher to their room. All younger children will be supervised under the infant’s COLA so parents are free to engage in the sessions.

On Tuesday Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) parents will meet in Mrs Corrigan’s room then move to teacher’s rooms. Younger children will again be supervised under the COLA.

On Wednesday Kinder Parents will meet in Miss Gibson’s room then move to teacher’s rooms. Siblings will be supervised under the Infant’s COLA.

Welfare Notes Home
We have decided to mail home behaviour related notes to parents rather than have children deliver them. We have done this to ensure communication of incidents is direct to the parents. Unfortunately this will mean a delay of 1-3 days after incidents due to postal times. We will, however, ring parents if there are any serious incidents at school.

Lost Property
Please have a look at lost property at school. We already have way too many lost property items that have no names or identifying marks on them. We will be forced to wash the lost property and send it to the clothing pool and we cannot find an owner.

Have a wonderful week.

Mark Stiller
Principal
2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February
12th Swimming Carnival - Competitive
16th Book Club Orders due by 9:30am
17th Stage 3 Parent Information 3:30-4:30pm
18th Kinder Parent Information 3:30-4:30pm
19th Stage 2 Parent Information 3:30-4:30pm

Notes Home this Week
Swimming Carnival Permission Note
Ethics or Scripture Note to Kindergarten

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Canteen News
New helpers are still needed on a Thursday. If you can help come and see us at the Canteen, thank you.

New product – Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets are now available at 50c per nugget.

Swimming Carnival
A reminder that our Swimming Carnival is tomorrow, 12th February. This carnival is for competent swimmers only. Please remember to check your information notes carefully to ensure your child has everything they need for the day. Students not attending the carnival will be required to attend school as normal.

Please note the last date for payment was Wednesday, 11th February. Payments cannot be accepted on the day.

Mr Wlodarczyk and Mrs Sibley
Organising Teachers

Stage 3 Canberra/Snow Excursion
A reminder to all Stage 3 parents that the final date for deposits for this fantastic opportunity is looming. Deposits of $50 for this camp are requested by Friday 27th February.

Shortly, if we have not already received your deposit payment, reminder notes will be sent home. Alternatively you may collect a note from the front office.

This is a super opportunity for our Stage 3 students to experience not only our Capital city but the wonders of an alpine region. This is an opportunity not to be missed so be sure you have your deposit in on time!

Narelle Stokes on behalf of the S3 Teaching Team

Library News
Kindergarten will start borrowing next week. K-2 need to bring their library bags on their library day. Book returns need to go in the return trolley at the library door before 9:30am on Mondays to Thursdays.

Book Club
Scholastic Book Club is due back by 9.30am Monday 16th February 2015.

Newsletter on Facebook
Look at our new Facebook page ‘Bonnells Bay Public School’ to get up to date information on school events!

Finance News
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.

The school Voluntary Contribution is $30 for one student and $60 for two or more. Extra class supplies are funded with this money to enable all students to benefit from this payment.

Bonnells Bay P&C News
The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 17th February at 6:00pm, everyone is welcome. New families in the school are encouraged to be part of our P&C too. So come along, make new friends and be part of the decision making process for your children.

School Disco
The first disco for the year will be on Wednesday 11th March. More information to come closer to the time, stay tuned.

UNIFORM NEWS
The Uniform Shop will be closed tomorrow, Thursday 12th February due to the swimming carnival. The new polo shirts have arrived. Please come in Friday or next week to make your purchases. Thank you.

Morisset High School News
I hope that everyone is now getting into their school routines and settling into the academic year. I know that I mentioned the Year 7 Camp last week, but now that the camp is over and students are back at school I would like to just mention that it was extremely successful and students and staff had a great time. Having the camp very early in the year has been a lot of work but I think that we have benefited from this change because students interacted and got to know each other so early in the year.

Further with Year 7, we are holding our annual Meet the Teachers afternoon at the school on Thursday 12th February and I hope to catch up with a lot of our new parents at this informal gathering.
I had a very successful meeting with the University of Newcastle last week furthering our partnership with key faculties on campus, who will be delivering programs and having key personnel working in our school and this will be an extension of our already solid relationship.

Finally, we have completed our Three Year Strategic Plan for 2015-2017, which is a road map for improvement that our school will be following over the next three years. Once it is published on our website I will let everyone know so people can go and have a read. Take care and I look forward to speaking with you again next week.

Mark Snedden
Principal

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 (this card must be sighted and copied by the preschool).

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.

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.

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


Prevent Lost Property
Label everything brought to school. If items are lost ask at the school office. Unclaimed clothing is given to the uniform shop where they will look for names and return to students. Remaining items may be sold as second-hand items.