PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 4.

Congratulations to all those children who competed in last week’s swimming carnival. I was thrilled to see our best swimmers and those who gave their best efforts on the day. You are what the annual carnivals are all about.

Our swim team to the Zone Carnival competed on Tuesday and Koby J was successful in making it through to the next stage which is the Regional Carnival. Mr Wlodarczyk reported that all our team tried hard and did the school proud. Well done to everyone.

Our learn-to-swim session at Morisset pool will be held in March. This caters for children who cannot swim and will help them acquire the skills to hopefully participate in the competitive carnival next year.

Paper Free Newsletter
At the P&C meeting last night it was suggested that the school newsletter goes paper free and that we can email copies to parents. We always publish the newsletter on our website, Skoolbag and Facebook, but if you would rather have it emailed then please complete the survey within this newsletter and return it to the school office.

If we get a big response then we will consider the change or a part change.

Book Pack
The book packs question was again raised at P&C. I hope to put to rest questions of the book pack value once and for all today. For the book pack you get text books, a white board, 12 white board markers, a whiteboard eraser, Mathletics & PM Reader subscriptions, glue sticks, eraser, 8 exercise books, pencils, coloured pencils and paint. The value of the book packs far exceeds the $50 asking price. I hope this answers the questions.

School Assemblies
I was asked today if parents are permitted to come to school assemblies and I was quite surprised. I really love to see parents at school assemblies. We have been forced to split the Infants (K-2) and Primary (3-6) assemblies because of the sheer size of our cohorts, but parents are welcome to all events.

The dates of the upcoming assemblies are as follows:

**Primary Assemblies**
- Monday 23/2/15 at 2:30pm
- Monday 9/03/15 at 2:30pm
- Monday 23/03/15 at 2:30pm

**Infants Assemblies**
- Monday 2/03/15 at 2:30pm
- Monday 16/03/15 at 2:30pm
- Monday 30/03/15 at 2:30pm

Infants assemblies are held on Mondays at 2:30pm on the even weeks of term and the Primary assemblies are held at 2:30pm on Mondays of the odd weeks of the term.

Family Fun Day
A family fun day has been organised to support one of our families during a very difficult period. Our community will have read of the tragic circumstances surrounding the Sarah Drury and Chris Wheeler family.

A family fun day has been organised for this Sunday at the Dora Creek Workers Club to raise funds to grant Chris his final wish of a family holiday. There will be a sausage sizzle, face painting, raffle prizes and visits from the local fire brigades. The time to be there is between 10:00am until 2:00pm.
Raffle tickets can be bought from school and prizes are as follows:

1st  Tattoo $200 Voucher with Sayas Ink
2nd  Two Boot Camp Sessions with Ascend Health
3rd  Mixed Wine, Chocolate & Nuts Hamper
4th  Dinner for 2 at Billabongs Restaurant
5th  Pamper Pack
6th  Mixed Wine, chocolate & Nuts Hamper
7th  Children’s Disney Frozen Movie Character
8th  Children’s Disney Movie Monster High Character
9th  Prize

The tickets are $1 and the raffle will be drawn at 1:30pm on Sunday 22nd February at the Dora Creek workers Club.

We wish Sarah, Chris and their family all the best in this difficult time.

Mark Stiller
Principal

2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
February
18th Kinder Parent Information 3:30-4:30pm
19th Stage 2 Parent Information 3:30-4:30pm
27th Canberra/Snow Excursion Deposit Due

Notes Home this Week
Cyber Rules

Primary Assembly Awards
Years 3-6 students to receive awards are:


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Canteen News
Reminder canteen now has Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets available for 50c each.

Milkshake Monday $2.00.

Zone Swimming Carnival
As a team the students represented Bonnells Bay with great pride and performed very well. The behaviour displayed by our team was exemplary.

Congratulations to Koby who is going to be representing the Westlakes Zone at the Hunter Regional Swimming Carnival on Thursday 5th March.

Mr Wlodarczyk

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.

Hunter Sports High Applications and Trials
Hunter Sports High is holding a parent information evening on Tuesday 24th February at 6.30pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity for parents with students in Year 6, who display significant athletic ability, to attend the information night to decide if this school is an ideal placement for their child.

Students applying for a Talented Sports Program placement must demonstrate elite ability in a particular sport and must satisfy high standards in attitude, work habits and academic achievement.

Application forms to attend trials in particular sports are available from Ms Stokes. Additional information is also located on the school website - www.huntersports.com.au

Library News
All students, K-2, will bring home a Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) personal reading log record sheet this week. I will also be keeping a record of those books borrowed from the school library. Students will be borrowing PRC books to bring home. These books have their PRC ID number on a sticker on the top left hand corner of the front cover.

Students in 3-6 will keep their reading log at school. They have the opportunity to read a PRC book during quiet reading time in their weekly library lesson. If they would like to record any additional books from home this can be brought in and added to their sheet during library time.

The online reading records need to be completed by the end of August, 2015. Students can access their PRC online record via their DEC student portal. They will need their username and password to do so.

As always I am happy to enter the records in for any student who requires my help. If you need to contact me please email: dayna.tate@det.nsw.edu

A number of K-2 students are still not bringing a library bag to borrow on their library day. A simple plastic shopping bag will do the job, it is not necessary to go out and buy one if you don’t have one. The students all enjoy borrowing a book to take home for the week, please help them and continue to foster their love of reading.

Happy Reading
Ms Tate

Bus Passes
Bus passes have been mailed to the school office, these need to be collected by students and each student has to sign to confirm they have collected their bus pass. Those students that have moved or are new to the school, need to complete a new application form, these students will be given a copy of the application to use until their new bus pass arrives.

The bus company has sent the school notification that if students do not have a current bus pass from Monday 23rd February 2015 they will be asked to pay bus fares.

Finance News
Reminder: 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.

Thank you to those families that have paid and those that have taken the opportunity to use the payment plan. Don’t forget to keep those part-payments coming in every fortnight. Thank you.

Bonnells Bay P&C News
We had a great turnout for the first meeting of the year last night. We are currently planning a few fundraisers for the remainder of the term. With a State Election planned for Saturday 28th March, we will be running a BBQ and Cake stall. We will also run our famous Easter Egg raffle. More details to come in the next week or two.

The first school disco will be held on Wednesday 11th March. Be sure to pencil this into your calendar as it will certainly be a great night. For those of you who are new, the disco is held in the hall. The disco for K-2 students starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.45pm. Years 3-6 disco commences at 7.00pm and finishes at 8.30. Parents/Carers must collect their children from the hall. Students will not be allowed to leave the hall without a parent accompanying them. The P & C will be holding a BBQ on the night. Any volunteers for the BBQ can contact Therese on 0422596647.

UNIFORM NEWS
Open as usual Monday to Friday mornings 9:00am until 10:00am. We have plenty of stock available.

Student Banking
Students can hand in their Commonwealth Bank deposits on Thursday mornings at the school office. The Banking Office comes to the school, processes the orders and the bank books are then given to the teachers to return to the students.

New students can open an account at the local Commonwealth Bank or get an information pack from the school office.

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more:

Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child's language development? Find out more:

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Newsletter Survey
I would like to receive my newsletter via email. ☐ Yes ☐ No (please tick)

Parent/caregiver’s Name: __________________________________________ Signature: ______________________