PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 5.

Parking Rangers
I had a visit from the Lake Macquarie parking rangers yesterday. They told me they have had a number of complaints regarding the parking around the school. In particular they mentioned people parking along the cycling path on Fishery Point Road at the back entrance to the school. They intend to have a ‘significant presence’ (their phrase) at the school from now on. This will mean random periodic visits to book offenders as well as visits from the Police to enforce traffic rules on Morisset Park Road. I would hate for our community to be caught doing the wrong thing so please abide by the parking and traffic rules or pay the price.

Drury Family Fund Raiser
The planned fund raiser for our local family had to be postponed last Sunday. The event will go ahead this Sunday at Dora Creek at 1:30pm. Please support this lovely family if you can. The school will be holding an out of uniform or Mufti Day this Friday to support the family. Children can come out of uniform for the day and pay a gold coin donation. This is an optional event and is up to parents if they wish to support the fund raiser.

Book Pack Payments
Please consider making payments for the book packs for 2015. If you are having financial difficulty then by all means call the school and we can gladly organise for the fee to be paid off over time. The book packs are amazing value and we need to recoup the outlay made by the school by prompt parent payments.

Parents at Assemblies
It was lovely to see some parents at our last assembly on Monday. Please come and join us next Monday for our Infants assembly at 2:30pm on 2/03/15.

Canberra Excursion
Our Canberra excursion cut off for deposits is this Friday. The $50 deposit must be paid or arrangements for payment must be made by then. No deposits will be accepted after that date. If you are having financial difficulty then please call me for assistance or extra time.

Parent Information Sessions
The parent information sessions held last week were a great success. It is our real hope and desire that communication between parents and teachers be open and friendly. If any parents have questions or queries then please phone the school for an appointment with your child’s teacher and an interview will be made. Please let the office staff know at the time of the call the nature of the enquiry so the teacher can have data or answers ready for the meeting.

Canteen Lunches
Please monitor what children are ordering from the canteen. We have some children bringing far too much money to school and attempting to order way too much food. I will be contacting families if this continues as the amount of food ordered is excessive even for adults.

Mark Stiller
Principal
2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February
27th Canberra Excursion Deposit Due

March
2nd Infants Assembly 2:30pm – 3:30pm
9th Primary Assembly 2:30pm – 3:30pm
23-25th Science Quest – More information to come

Notes Home this Week
Community Partners
Primary Assembly Awards
Years 3-6 students to receive awards are:

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Library News
Many students are enjoying their time to browse and borrow from the library. Unfortunately, some students are keeping their books for longer than two weeks without renewing them. If you haven’t finished with a book after two weeks, please see me about renewing for another fortnight. Sometimes students may need to be reminded on their library day to return their books, please help them with this.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) has begun here at BBPS. I am recording the PRC numbers of the books that students borrow here at school. If you would like a reading record to record at home please see me. The online reading records will not be available until March. The whole point of the challenge is to get students reading more often.

If you have any questions regarding the challenge please contact me via email dayna.tate@det.nsw.edu.au, phone or in person.

Happy Reading
Ms Tate

Fruit Break
Just a reminder for parents to send fruit or vegetables with children every day for fruit break. It helps keep children sustained until lunchtime.

Reading Helpers Needed
A request has been made for parents or caregivers to assist with reading in 2E. Please see Mrs Etherington or write a note letting her know which day/s you might be available.

Bonnells Bay P&C News
In the next week you will be receiving a note regarding the Easter Egg Raffle and The Election Day Cake Stall. In conjunction with the Easter Egg Raffle we will be holding Harmony Day. Instead of a gold coin donation we will be requesting that you send an Easter egg to school. This was a huge success last year with over 50 students receiving an Easter prize.

The Election Day Cake Stall will be running as a cake box decorating competition. We are asking that all students decorate a cake box and return it with some type of cake. We will be selling the cakes for $5 so please take this into consideration when filling the box. We will be awarding prizes to one student from each stage that has the best decorated cake box.

If you have multiple children at the school and can only enter one cake box on behalf of your family, it is still greatly appreciated.

As these two fundraisers are going to be held very close together, we are hoping you will support both, however, we are very grateful if you are only able to support one of the events.

School Disco – Wednesday 11th March

K-2 – 5.30pm – 6.45pm
3-6 – 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Entry to the disco is $6 which includes a packet of chips and a drink.

We will be holding a BBQ prior to each disco so have a night off cooking and bring the kids up for a sausage and drink.
Student Banking
Student banking, with the Commonwealth Bank, is on Thursdays.

Family Information – Keep it Up to Date
If you have moved addresses or changed your contact telephone numbers, please contact the school by writing a note listing your new details and drop it into the school office.

If your child has an accident or is sick at school and we can’t contact the parents/caregivers, the next step is to contact the emergency contacts. Please ensure these details are up to date also.

Family Information Details Update

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Helpful Information from the DEC
Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition 2015

Competition’s theme is “My place in today’s world”. Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is Thursday, 2 April 2015.

For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website http://mappingsciences.org.au.

All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.


When older kids struggle with reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they’re heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.


Multiplication times tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams.


Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.
