Greetings all and welcome to Week 8.

Water Safety & Survival Skills Program
I am really happy to report that the water safety and survival skills scheme is being run today. There has been a deal of misunderstanding and parental anxiety over this scheme that has been a direct result of the failure to meet deadlines for the return of notes. We have a strict policy that began last year that the final dates for acceptances for events will be clearly communicated to parents on notes and will be adhered to. I am always open to parents contacting me with issues and I will always listen to reasonable and well-founded criticism as we work to make the school better but we need parents help. This help comes in meeting the deadlines for notes. The swim scheme deadline meant the number of children attending could accurately reflect the number of instructors employed. Once determined it was not possible to add extras. Let’s hope this example is a lesson to get notes in on time.

Can I also ask people to contact the school with enquiries rather than engage in Facebook as we can give you an answer rather than engage in an online vent that goes nowhere and damages our school’s image.

Clean Up Australia
Well done to all our children and staff who participated in our Clean Up Australia Day last Thursday. I must say I was annoyed at how many discarded food wrappers were collected in the clean-up. Good job guys.

Disco Success
It was lovely to see the new Kinder students attend their first disco last week. Everyone had a ball. DJ Andy made the comment that he has been coming to our school for 6 years and the last disco was the best yet. He loves our school. It is wonderful to get this type of reaction from an independent person. It means we are doing something right.

Year 6 Fundraiser
Year 6 have begun fundraising for their end of year graduation. I would like to thank parents for cooking cupcakes for the event. I believe over $450 was raised. Good job.

Avondale Flippers Return
We have seen the return of our Flippers program for the remainder of the term. This program welcomes teaching students from Avondale College who cook pancakes for our children each Tuesday morning. This is a real treat and free of charge.

School Fees
School fees were again discussed at P&C last night. Unfortunately we only have around 20% of the school community prepared to pay the contribution of $30 per student or $60 per family. I am looking to upgrade our Interactive White Boards with the new advanced television models that enable up to 10 students at a time use the boards but these cost over $7000 each. School fees will help to purchase these machines for our children. While no student will be disadvantaged by non-payment of school fees life would be easier if more parents would consider payment of the fees. I will try to give an indication of the payment rate in the coming weeks by producing a graph or thermometer in the newsletter to show the support. This was also suggested at the P&C meeting last night.

School Photographs
I would like to answer a community question regarding the timing of our school photographs. We have repeatedly tried to make bookings with our photographers early in the year but have been unsuccessful in the past. 2016 will herald a change and we have been assured we will have an earlier date.

Have a good week.

Mark Stiller
Principal
2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March
19th Pizza Day orders last day  
20th Cross Country Trials (8 years and up) 
20th Year 6 “Expression of Interest” due  
24th K-2 Fun Run forms due back  
23-25th Science Quest  
24th Harmony Day & Pizza Day  
27th K-2 Fun Run to be held  
27th P&C Cakes to be returned for Stall  
28th Election Day P&C Cake Stall & BBQ

Notes Home this Week

Community Partners

Infant Assembly Awards
Year K to Year 2 students to receive awards are:


Canteen Roster

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Reminder – Pizza Day
Pizza Day is next Tuesday 24th March. All orders are due in by this Thursday 19th March

Gluten free pizza in cheese or Hawaiian are also available.

Library News
As we head towards the end of the term there are a few things we need to remember. Please return all overdue library books so that others can enjoy them too. If library books are going on holidays with you, please keep them safe. Reading is a great past time for any child who announces they are bored!!

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is well and truly underway. K-2 students need to read a total of 30 books, 25 books from the list and 5 free choice. 3-6 need to read a total of 20 books, 15 from the list and 5 free choice. I am keeping a record here of the PRC books borrowed from the library. If you would like to keep a record at home please see me for a PRC record sheet.

I have met with some book sellers in the last few weeks. Keep your eye out for some exciting new titles on the new arrivals shelf!

Happy Reading
Ms Tate

Book Club
Scholastic has introduced a new system known as ‘linked ordering and online payment’ (LOOP). This system allows parents to order and pay for students’ book club books and the books are delivered to school. To find out more please visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP They also offer a credit card payment system via phone or online. The original system where students bring their order form and money to the school office will continue to be available as well.

Science Fair
The Bonnells Bay Science Fair will be next Wednesday 25th March, here at school. Only those students who returned their notes and received a science pack with information will be participating. All other students will have the chance to watch the experiments. Don’t worry if you missed out on having a go, there will be another fair in Term 3. A reminder for participating students to be organised and ready to display your experiment by 9.30am when the fair kicks off. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Completed Expression of Interest form should be returned to school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.

Adidas K-2 Fun-Run
Sponsorship Forms due Tuesday 24th
Just a reminder we will be holding an Adidas K-2 Fun-Run as a fundraising event this term. The event will be held on Friday 27th March within the school grounds for Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2.

All students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. We hope that you are well on your way to raising your goal amount. Thank you to those people who have sponsored online.

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the K-2 Fun-Run event day at the school on Friday 27th March from 1:00pm to help cheer on the students.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!
Mrs Renee Richards and Mrs Nikki Kedzierski
**Mother's Day Breakfast**
Date for your diary Friday 8th May between 8:00am and 9:00am.

**Volunteers at School**
Any volunteers must have their volunteer’s clearance to be available to volunteer at school. You can start by filling in the online form located at: https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children Follow the instructions.

Please note, you will have to attend the RTA with your proof of identity documents. A copy should be given in at the school office. There is no charge for volunteers.

Please bring a copy of your approval to the school office. Thank you.

**Making Phonics Fun.** Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/phonics-helping-your-child-with-letters-and-sounds

**Bonnells Bay PS P&C News**

**Disco**
The first disco was a huge success. The children all had a great night and the P&C raised over $1200. Thank you to all the families who came along and bought a sausage and drink. Your support with our functions is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to all the volunteer helpers on the night. Without your help, these events would not be possible. I wish to thank all our regular helpers – Kirsten G, Del H, Rachel W, Damian B, Natalie P, Anna M & Kaye but also our new faces who came and helped – Caroline S, Jason M, Jake D, Lisa D.

**Harmony Mufti Day**
A reminder that Harmony Mufti Day will be held on Tuesday 24th March. All students are encouraged to wear orange in supporting this day and instead of a gold coin donation are to bring in an Easter Egg. Send in your raffle envelopes for your chance to win an Easter prize. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday April 2.

**Cake Stall & Election Day BBQ**
All families should have received their cake trays. If you have not received one and wish to, please contact the office. If you have children that do not wish to participate in the cake tray decorating competition you please return the cake tray to the office. There will be a prize for each stage. Your tray needs to be returned with a cake or slice in it on Friday 27th March at 9.00am – 10.00am to the hall or 3.00pm – 4.00pm to the library. The cake trays will be for sale at the Election so come in and have a look if your cake has been sold. Winners will be announced on Monday 30th March.

We will be running a BBQ on the Election Day, Saturday March 28. This is a great opportunity to raise some funds for our school. The BBQ will be available from 7am – 2pm (or until we sell out of BBQ items). If you are available to help on this day could you please complete the form in the newsletter and return it to the office.