Greetings all and welcome to Week 3.

I have been asked by the P&C to pen a small article about school fees. While school fees are not compulsory we still ask for a voluntary contribution of $30 per student or $60 per family each year. No child will be disadvantaged by non-payment of school fees, but I would ask parents to consider contributing to the future of the school if they can.

School fees are 100% devoted to accessing those extra things that make learning exciting, engaging and fun. The small thermometer graphic on the second page of the newsletter shows our target, our current level of contribution and an indication of what can be purchased with school fees. We have now reached our average amount of school fee contribution for the year, but we would like to try to reach higher as we need to replace failing interactive whiteboards in classrooms. Please consider helping out in the replacement of our equipment.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all those children who competed in yesterday’s Zone Cross Country. You are all winners to me for your splendid efforts. Our teachers both raved about the effort and wonderful behaviour of our Bonnells Bay children. You have done us proud. Special congratulations to Imogen B who finished second at Zone and now qualifies for the Regional event on Friday.

I’d also like to thank Mr Wlodarczyk and Mrs Clarke for their efforts in organising, then reorganising, the event due to weather and venue changes.

Storm Clean Up
Hopefully the mulching of the storm debris will be completed over the next two weeks. We have had temporary fencing erected around some new tree issues to make the areas safe for children. All of the issues should be resolved soon. I am looking forward to getting the school back to normal.

Mother’s Day Celebrations
One of my favourite celebrations each year is Mother’s Day. Bonnells Bay always works hard at spoiling their mums in the best possible way and we will be trying hard to make 2015 one of the best yet.

We will be starting the breakfast at 8:00am and I hope to see as many mums as possible. There will be a display of children’s work in the hall to see and I am sure will delight the senses. Our raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the event and the range of prizes this year is better than ever.

Opportunity Class Reminder
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online before Friday 15th May. The application website is at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Managing Depression in children
There is alarming evidence that an increasing number of children are showing symptoms of depression. If you would like more information on what to look for and how to help, the department of education has an information service located at


Have a great week.

Mark Stiller
Principal
2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May
8th   Mother’s Day Breakfast
     P&C Mother’s Day Stall
22nd  Star Struck Choir Rehearsal
27th  Star Struck Dance Rehearsal

Notes Home this Week
Community Partners
Zone Cross Country Note
Star Struck Excursion Note for Stage 3
Mother’s Day Breakfast Reminder

Primary Assembly Awards
This week awards were presented to:

Cooper G, Nicholas D, Lauren F, Cruz G, Byron B,
Blake S, Keanu R, Hayley W, Kia B, Ebony A,
Ethan P, Jeramy N, Evan L, Jodie G, Connor P,
Tyson G, Carli R, Joshua B, Sam L, Lochlan W &
Emily G.

Canteen Roster

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Canteen News
The canteen is seeking volunteers, one day per week or one day per month, it is up to you. Please contact the canteen and let them know you are interested.

Mother’s Day Breakfast
The Mother’s Day breakfast will start at 8:00am. Plates will be handed out when you get your name marked off upon arrival.

Mother’s Day Raffle
Raffle tickets were handed out on Monday, please return the tickets sold or unsold by Wednesday 6th May. There are wonderful prizes which include movie tickets, day spa package, gift baskets and a high tea voucher.

Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Gift Stall. For more information please read the P&C news in this newsletter.

Star Struck Rehearsal & Performance Dates

Dance
First Major Rehearsal   Wed 27th May
Second Major Rehearsal  Wed 10th June
Technical & Dress rehearsal Thursday 11th June

Choir
First Major Rehearsal Friday  22nd May
Second Major Rehearsal  Friday 5th June
Technical & Dress Rehearsal   Thursday 11th June

Library News
Term 2 is disappearing already! I am looking forward to another productive term in the library.
I will be sending out overdue notices this week, please return these books so that other people can borrow them too.

Happy Reading
Mrs Wood (previously known as Ms Tate)

Book Club
Book club is due for return by 9.30am Thursday 7th May. Orders will not be processed after this date. Please take a look at the LOOP system for parents to place the order themselves, if you haven’t already. To find out more please visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Star Struck Tickets
Just a reminder that tickets are available for purchase through Ticketek outlets or Ticketek online. Come along and look at all the wonderfully talented youth that represent the Hunter area.

Star Struck Performance Dates

Friday 12th June
Saturday 13th June
World's Greatest Shave
Well done to Joshua D, who did the World's Greatest Shave to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. At last count he had smashed his goal of $200.00 and raised a massive $734.00. Great work Josh, and thanks to all of those who donated!

Left: Joshua’s New Look
Below: Hair to be Wigs

P&C Meeting
Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day stall on Friday 8th May. There will be lots of gifts available for all students to purchase with prices ranging between $1 - $5.

If you would like to help simply stay after the Mother’s day breakfast. The stall will run from 9:30am – 11:30am