Greetings all and welcome to Week 7.

Farewell Nancy
Last Friday saw the end of an era at Bonnells Bay Public School. Mrs Nancy Whitehead retired from her position in the administration office. Nancy has been associated with the school for over 30 years and is a much loved staff member. Nancy was farewelled by the school in our customary clap-out on Friday where the children, staff and parents shared the joy of saying thank you and goodbye. We would like to wish Nancy all the best for a happy retirement.

Stewart House Award
Bonnells Bay has been awarded a Bronze Certificate for its support of Stewart House in Sydney. This great charity supports children and offers a two week break to some students each year. A Bronze Certificate means our school has contributed the equivalent of $5 per student to Stewart House over the last year. Staff members contribute to the charity by salary deduction and students contribute through mufti days and other fund raisers.

Apple for the Teacher
In a wonderful result for our school, Ms Sophie Gibson has made the top 5 most popular teachers in Newcastle in the local radio station promotion. We had 5 teachers nominated for the award and that is a great recognition of the work done by all staff at our school and the appreciation of the community. A huge thank you to all these parents and children who nominated our great teachers and then voted for them.

Welcome to Plumbers Xpress
We would like to welcome Plumbers Xpress to our Community Partners Program. Their sign is now up on our board and their details will be on our website soon. Please use this business as we support those who support us.

Bike Helmets & Road Safety
Please be aware that children who ride scooters need to wear helmets. It is really sad to see small children racing around on scooters without helmets.

Please remember that U-turns in front of the school are dangerous to everyone. Please do not perform illegal turns in this area.

Disco Tonight
Tonight is our Term 2 disco. I look forward to seeing everyone at the disco. Remember the junior K-2 disco begins at 5:30pm and finishes at 6:45pm and the senior disco begins at 7:00pm and finishes at 8:30pm. Please be prompt to pick up children as supervising staff have a long drive home.

School Break-in
The school was robbed early on Monday morning. A classroom was broken into and 10 iPads and 3 laptops were taken from a store room. This is a sad event and one we hope will not be repeated. Anyone with any knowledge please pass it onto me and I will give the information to the police.

Kindergarten 2016
Last year we had a record number of Kindergarten students at Bonnells Bay. I would love to know Kinder numbers for 2016 so we can begin to plan for the new year. If you have a Kinder student, or know of families who have a child ready to start Kinder next year, then please contact the school to book the placement. Thank you for this.

Since the beginning of the year we have been rapidly growing in student numbers and we are hopeful of forming yet another class next week. Details will be available soon.

Aussie of the Week
Congratulations to Jacinta Gomez for being awarded the Aussie of the Week. Jacinta won the
award for being a great role model and for helping Kinder students. Jacinta will now go into the judging for the Aussie of the Term which will be announced in Week 10.

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller
Principal

2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June
3rd Disco
5th Star Struck Choir Rehearsal
8th Queens Birthday Public Holiday
10th Star Struck Dance Rehearsal
11th Star Struck Dance & Choir Rehearsal
12th Star Struck Performance Day 1
13th Star Struck Performance Day 2
15th Assembly Primary
17th Athletics Carnival
22nd Assembly Whole School

Notes Home this Week
Community Partners
Stage 3 Camp Payment Reminders

Primary Assembly Awards
This week awards were presented to:


Canteen Roster

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Canteen News
Our sausage sizzle was held on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who ordered and to the parents who came in and helped out on the day, Kerry C, Rebecca K, Natalie M, Gabrielle H, Gabriala V, Michelle M, Kim M, Natalie P and Vicki M. A Big Thank You to you all for making the day a success.

Athletics Carnival
Notes and payments (if required) are due back by 15th June.

Library News
Many of the books requested by students last term are beginning to hit the new arrivals shelf this week. They are leaving the shelf at high speed too! It’s great to see students so enthused about their reading. Remember that these titles will be very popular and need to be read and returned as quickly as possible.

Students are continuing to make their way through the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). The list of names on the ‘Wall of Fame’ continues to grow each week. It takes longer for the infant student’s names to appear as they have to read a total of 30 books. That’s 10 more than the Year 3-6 students. Looking forward to seeing their names up there too.

For more information on the PRC, please visit https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html. You will need the students portal login username and password to enter the record online, alternatively a paper copy can be sent to school and I will enter it for them.

Happy Reading
Mrs Wood

Star Struck 2015
The performance is nearly here if you haven’t already got your tickets make sure you get them from any Ticketek outlet or online. Even though our excursion to Star Struck was cancelled, parents can still take children to see this big event by buying their own tickets.

Parents of performers please make sure you read all the information going home this week. Looking forward to a busy week!

Save this Date
Father’s Day Breaky on Friday 28th August.

P&C News

Disco Tonight!
The disco is tonight. Arrive a little earlier to buy your hotdog or sausages in a roll tonight for $2.50. Drinks are also available for $1.50. Entry to the disco will be $6. Anyone who is able to volunteer tonight please see Therese.

Times for the disco are:

- K-2 5:30pm to 6:45pm
- Yrs 3-6 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Please bring a gold coin to help Jacinta G who will be selling lollies to help fund her scout trip next year.

Upcoming events
A date for the outdoor movie night is close to being confirmed. Keep an eye out in future newsletters so you can book this into your calendar. This will be a great night and we will be supporting the RFS who will be helping to run the night.
The shopping trip will be held in Term 4. As we haven’t run this fundraiser for a couple of years, it will be one fundraiser you won’t want to miss. More details to follow shortly.

Department of Education Tips

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more:  http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:  

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.
