PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 2.

Athletics Carnival
Next Tuesday 28th July we will be travelling to Mingara Sporting Complex at Tumbi Umbi to run our Athletics Carnival. This is our third attempt because of the wet weather that has plagued us over recent times. The track and facilities at Mingara are all-weather and so hopefully this will enable us to have a great day and complete the event. My thanks to the staff who have had to reorganise the event three times and also to the parents and community for their patience and support.

A new program will be sent home today, so parents have all the information they need.

Education Week
Next week is Education Week and we will be travelling to Morisset Square to display our wonderful school as part of the Western Shores Learning Alliance. Bonnells Bay will run displays next Monday 27th July beginning at 10:00am.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

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Please come up to the centre and see the display. We will have static displays of children’s work and there will also be an electronic display. Kookaburra Educational Supplies will also mount an electronic display. This Education Week display is unique to our area and showcases Public Education as the best by far.

Time to Leave
When I came to Bonnells Bay in 2011 I let the community know that I would stay for 4-6 years or until the job was done. I have now decided that I will retire from teaching in early 2016. Bonnells Bay has achieved every goal I set for it when I arrived and more. I love this school and the community it serves. I am not leaving here to go to another school and I have decided that it is time to allow fresh eyes to take the school to the next level and as such I will pass on the principalship. The school will be able to choose the next principal through merit selection so I am really confident the right person will follow me. Change is exciting and Bonnells Bay is a perfect example of what can be done when change is embraced. I will let the community know exact dates later in the year.

New Demountable Building
I am told our new demountable building will be placed on site in the next 2-3 weeks. The demountable will be placed next to the Blue Room and will be home for 3/4J. Our school is growing quickly and has now reached 420 children.

Candle Fundraiser
Bonnells Bay Public School is supporting AOSA which is a new company that has just started out and they will support our school by giving Bonnells Bay School 30% of the sales from orders. Please see Community News for further details. Also, order forms have been included in today’s newsletter.

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller
Principal
2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

July
27th  Education Week – BBPS Display at Morisset Square
27th  Primary Assembly 2:30pm
28th  Athletics Carnival at Mingara
30th  Book Clubs Orders due by 9:30am
31st  Stage 3 Camp Final payments due

August
4th  Wetlands Note & $20 payment due
14th & 17th  Zone Athletics
24th  Stage 2 Sydney Note & $40 due

September
7th  Regional Spelling Bee
11th  P&C Open Air Cinema 5:00pm

October
17th  P&C Shopping Tour ($80.00)

Infant Assembly
The award winners for this week are:

Notes Home this Week
Community Partners Page
Athletics Carnival Program
Fundraising Candle Order Form
NSW Middle Schools Survey Note

Canteen Roster
Week 3
Mon 27/7  Michelle M & Gabriala V
Tues 28/7  Closed due to Athletics Carnival
Wed 29/7  Kim M & Natalie P
Thurs 30/7  Gabrielle H & Lisa D
Fri 31/7  Michelle M, Gabriala V & Melissa M

Canteen News
The canteen will be closed next Tuesday 28th July due to the Athletics Carnival.

Library News
Welcome back from the winter holidays into another busy term! I am looking forward to celebrating Book Week during Week 6 of this term with some great art and craft activities surrounding the themes in some of the short listed titles.

There have been a few changes to the library timetable. KG visits the library on a Wednesday and 1M on a Thursday, as of this term. Remember the returns trolley is at the library door Monday to Thursday from 9:00am for all your library returns.

The unit of work Years 3 and 4 are working on this term will require them to bring some things from home. They need to be on the lookout for a small, wide mouthed plastic bottle. They will be creating treasure bottles that they will fill with small subject related items, which will also need to be brought from home. The students will not need these things till towards the end of the term, but it is something they can begin to prepare for now.

As some titles continue to be very popular please remember to return books as soon as you have finished reading them.

Check out some of our students enjoying lunch time in the library on our Community Partners Page!

Scholastic Book Clubs orders are due by Thursday 30th July by 9:30am. No late orders can be processed after this time.

Happy Reading
Mrs Wood

Peer Support
This week our whole school started Peer Support sessions. The children participated in a new module, Moving Forward which focuses on resilience. The experiences in the module help children to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges. Children established connections with the other members of their group and developed their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The children also discussed an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non-resilient responses. You might like to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support.

Waste Free Wednesday
Hello Parents and Students, as you might already know we are having a Waste Free Wednesday every Wednesday for the whole term. On our last WFW the school’s waste went from 6 bags down to 1! So we thought it was a great idea to do it every Wednesday. Students if you don’t pack waste in your lunch boxes on Wednesday you might win a prize! Just remember, no waste means a tidier school and less rubbish in our world and that’s our goal.
Jacinta G and Tiarna S

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Yes, its back on again. Simply collect the stamps and return them to school or put them in the box that is located outside Woolworths in Morisset.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2015
Our school is participating in the collection of data about school students who require additional support at school and those students with a disability. This is a national initiative in which all schools will participate.
We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students requiring additional support or with a disability. Better data will help the Government to plan for those students.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way we will endure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here:


Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here:

http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Spelling Bee
Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will be participating in the Premier’s Spelling Bee this year. Class based competitions will be held in Week 6 ready for Stage finals which will be held on Thursday 20th August. Let’s see who are our spelling stars!

Bonnells Bay Public School P&C News
The P&C met last night and it was great to see everyone, but we would love to see some new faces. The P&C meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the office staffroom. If you are interested in hearing what is going on around the school or have something you wish to discuss, please attend these meetings.

Disco
Last week I informed you that the disco was going to be run in Week 6 on Wednesday 26th August. Week 6 is actually Wednesday 19th August. Sorry for the misprint. The times of the disco have changed so please take note.

K-2 commencing at 5.00pm – 6.15pm
3-6 commencing at 6.30pm – 8.00pm

We will be providing hotdogs again, however we won’t be serving these until 6pm. We will need volunteers to help setup and serve so if you can stay after the children go into the first disco please contact Therese on 0422 596 647.

Shopping Tour
Get ready for the ride of your life. The shopping tour is booked. Clear your calendar for Saturday 17th October. Times and shopping venues will be confirmed in the next month. The cost is $80 which will include morning tea and lunch. To secure your seat you will need to pay a $40 deposit which is non refundable unless you can fill your seat. Payments can be made directly into the bank.

BSB – 637000
Acct # - 781200700
Acct Name – Bonnells Bay Public School P&C.
Please type in description – shop (and then your surname).

Once you have made your deposit can you please email turpsandbeef@bigpond.com with details of who is attending the shopping trip so we can verify all banking records. Alternatively you can pay at the office.

Candle Fundraiser
Hand poured in the heart of Lake Macquarie, using the highest quality non-toxic wax and natural lead-free cotton wicks, each luxurious candle will make you feel a world away.

We are working to help support local fundraising events including Bonnells Bay Public School. We would appreciate you taking the time to gather a few orders to help support your school.

All orders and payments must be made by Friday 14th August 2015. Your orders will be ready for pick up at the school on Friday 11th September. If you require more order forms you can get them from the office or via our website. Please make sure you click on your school.


AOSA is a new company and will support Bonnells Bay Public School by giving the school 30% of the sales from this company.

Neville Thompson Oval
(Behind the Dora Creek Workers Club, Minnie Street Dora Ck)

Come and join us and our qualified coaches who will assist you. Our new season will commence Thursday night 10th Sept and continue each Thursday evening through to mid-March 2016.

Registration will be held at Neville Thompson Oval (behind Dora Creek Workers Club) on the following dates

Thursday 27th August 2015 (5 – 7.30pm)
Saturday 29th August 2015 (9 – 12.00 noon)
Thursday 3rd September 2015 (5 – 7.30pm)

Online registrations FROM 1st Aug 15 are available at https://memberdesq.imagiq.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=914
We cater for children (BOYS & GIRLS) from Tots (4 years of age) through to 17 years of age.

Enquiries email: registrarsouthlakeslittleas@gmail.com