PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 3.

What a week and we are only up to Wednesday.

Education Week
We opened Education Week at Morisset Square this week on Monday. Our school kicked off the celebrations with displays of quality public education at its best. Our children sang, danced, debated, played guitars and simply showed our wonderful school off to the community. My thanks to the teachers who supported the display and organised the event. All the schools from the Western Shores Learning Alliance will perform at the centre during the week.

Education Week will continue up to Thursday afternoon at Morisset High with Education Week awards being presented at a ceremony beginning at 4:30pm. Awards will be presented to a student, teacher, non-teaching staff member and a community member from each school at the ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend the awards ceremony.

Athletics Carnival
My thanks to the teaching staff and parent helpers for running our Athletics Carnival yesterday. The venue and timing caused some minor issues with high jump which was unable to be completed on the day, but we will rectify that at school in the next few days. It was a mighty effort to reorganise the day and I must thank the community for its flexibility and support in the changes that were necessary.

Free shoe tying lessons for Kinder, Years 1, 2 & 3 will be held on Tuesday 25th August this term. Representatives from Ascent and the Athletes Foot will conduct simple lessons for our children on a class basis. These lessons will only take 20 minutes and have proved to be very successful. More information will follow closer to the day.

New Demountable
Our new demountable classroom is on site and looks fabulous. It is a new building and will be an excellent addition to our beautiful school. All the services should be finished by the end of the week. The interactive technology will be installed very soon thereafter.

Billy Cart Derby
Don’t forget the Billy Cart Derby on Friday 11th September. I hope you are building your carts and getting ready. This year’s event will be bigger and better than 2014 so get ready to race!

Our Honour Boards Installed
Our new honour boards commemorating our school leaders and sporting champions have been erected in the hall. They are a great addition to the school and I thank the P&C and Mr Randall Bailey for their work in raising the money to pay for the boards.

Tying Shoelaces
I have organised for some shoelace tying sessions to occur at school. It is interesting to know that an international survey involving 6,017 parents, found two thirds of Australian children aged 3-5 years know how to navigate a smart phone or iPad, 28% could operate a web browser, 70% could play a basic computer game, 58% could ride a bike but only 8% could tie their shoe laces.

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller
Principal
2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

July
30th  Book Club Orders due by 9:30am
31st  Stage 3 Camp Final payments due

August
4th  Wetlands Note & $20 payment due
7th  Jeans for Genes Day
14th & 17th  Zone Athletics
24th  Stage 2 Sydney Note & $40 due

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

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

Primary Assembly
The award winners for this week are:

Riley D, Jackson T, Jordan Mc, Connor G, Zac H,
Angelina A, Rachul B, Jonah H, Caoimhe K, Jesse G,
Cooper G, Paige Mc, Cruz G, Alex B, Jay-Lee P,
Matthew N, Logan P-P, Nicholas Mc & Jeremy N.

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Netball

Canteen Roster
Week 3
Monday  3/8  Michelle M, Gabriala V
Tuesday 4/8  Vicki M, Rebecca K
Wednesday 5/8  Natalie M, Leann H
Thursday 6/8  Gabrielle H
Friday   7/8  Michelle M, Gabriala V, Kelly

Uniform Shop News
Volunteers are needed for Wednesday - Friday, please see Del in the Uniform Shop or leave your contact details at the school office.

Library News
It’s Week 3 and the term has already begun to fly by! Please remember to help your infant children return their books each week. Most of them really enjoy borrowing and it is a great habit for them to develop.

As the term disappears, so does the time left to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The PRC needs to be completed by Tuesday 1st September 2015. The list of names on the Wall of Fame continues to grow. I am looking forward to handing out the certificates to all our eager readers.

The library is open for lunch and recess, students are able to borrow during this time if they missed out on their library day or they have finished the book they borrowed earlier in the week. This process is made even easier by returning books to the returns trolley at the library door before 9.30am.

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

Happy Reading
Mrs Wood

Waste Free Wednesday
Waste Free Wednesday is every Wednesday!

Jeans for Genes Day
This Jeans for Genes day, classrooms everywhere will be awash with denim in a united stance against childhood disease. Every dollar raised will help build the cornerstones for tomorrow’s cures and treatments for the benefit of children everywhere. With this in mind please wear your jeans and bring a donation on Friday 7th August and help create a healthier future for all children.

Swim Scheme 2015
We are pleased to be able to offer the School Swimming Scheme again this year. Swim Scheme is an intensive swimming program for children who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills or who are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water.

As we are limited to 60 students, we are filling places on a first come, first served basis. In order to cater to the correct students, we have offered the first round of places to those students who attended the Water Skills Day earlier in the year. The second round will be offered to students in Year 2 along with all of Stage 2. Any remaining places will then be offered to Stage 3 students.

To secure a place for your child, please return the permission note with a $10 deposit to the front office ASAP. The full cost of Swim Scheme is $55 which needs to be paid by Thursday 17th September. Spare permission notes are available in the school foyer.

Stage 1 Wetlands Excursion Reminder
Years 1 & 2 are going to the Wetlands Environmental Centre on Tuesday 11th August. The permission note and the payment of $20 need to be returned by Tuesday 4th August.

To assist with the organisation of buses, entry, etc, if you have any reason the permission note and payment cannot be returned by the due date, please contact the school on 4973 1149 to organise an extension or financial assistance if this is required. However, this needs to be arranged before the due date of Tuesday 4th August.
Stage 2 Sydney Excursion Reminder
Years 3 & 4 are going on an excursion to The Rocks in Sydney on Friday 4th September. The permission note and payment of $40 needs to be returned to the front office by Monday 24th August.

If you have issues regarding late payment, please contact the school on 4973 1149 before Monday 24th August to allow for organisation with the buses and entry.

Stage 3 Camp Payments
The full amount of $360 should be paid by Friday 31st July (this Friday). Any parents/caregivers with issues with final payments need to contact the school tomorrow.

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.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Simply collect the stamps and return them to school and put them in the box in the foyer, alternatively, they can be placed in the box that is located outside Woolworths in Morisset.

P&C News Reminders
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.

Neville Thompson Oval
(behind 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.imgstg.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