PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to 2016.

What a frenetic start to the new year. We have welcomed new staff and lots of new students to our wonderful school.

Our new staff include:
Mrs Sibley in a permanent position in Stage 3
Ms Kelly in Stage 3
Mr Glover in a permanent position in Stage 3
Mrs Murray in Stage 1.

The Kinder enrolment is huge and very settled. Their first day yesterday was a triumph and they promise to be a terrific asset to our school. We all look forward to getting to know them as they start their educational journey.

Uniforms
It is terrific to see all our students in uniform. We have a striking and really functional uniform and when 450 children proudly wear their uniform it looks amazing. I would like to give a huge thank you to parents for assisting us in this area.

Notes and Changes
Can I ask that changes to contact numbers and addresses that have occurred during the holidays be quickly communicated to the school. This emergency contact information is vital for us and needs to be updated on a needs to basis.

I would also like to remind parents to please supply a note or contact the school to explain absences of students. We have an audit of our absences twice each term and the Home School Liaison Officer will be active in 2016. A quick note detailing your child's name, date of absence and a reason is all that is required. A signature means everyone is happy. Other ways to let the school know of absences is via Skoolbag, email or telephone. Please help us out in this area.

Changes to Routines
Please let us know if routines for children change. Each afternoon we get children confused over variations to pick up routines. If we know we can assist in having children at the right place at the right time.

Parking Problems
We are currently in negotiations with the Council about the redevelopment of the parking at the front of the school. Those talks have been ongoing for years and do not seem to be able to be resolved quickly. I would ask parents to please park in the approved areas and obey the parking signs. The parking will be enforced regularly by the highway patrol and rangers so beware. Please do not park on the opposite side of the road and call children across. Parents who park on the western side of the road at the front of the school must cross over and walk children across the road. The road is too busy to allow children to cross themselves.

Parent Helpers Needed
We need help to clear the scrub and grass on the bank boarding the bush at the side of our oval. During the holidays the rain and heat has caused amazing growth so we need to knock it down to make the area safe. If any parents could help us out by bringing a whipper snipper or a brush cutter and giving us an hour of time to get the bank under control I would really appreciate it. Please give me a call and I will co-ordinate the job. Many hands will knock it over in an hour.

I have really enjoyed the first week at school. I always miss the children over the holidays and I look forward to the rest of my time at Bonnells Bay.

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller
Principal
2016 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February
Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} P & C Meeting

March
Tuesday 9\textsuperscript{th} Disco

Notes Home this Week
Swimming Carnival
School Finance Message
Stage 3 Camp Information

Canteen Roster
Week 3
Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} Michelle M
Tuesday 9\textsuperscript{th} Gabriala V
Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} Katie L
Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} Rebecca K
Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} Michelle M, Rita S, Gabriala V

Library News
Welcome back to BBPS Library for another exciting year. I hope you have all had a fantastic break. This year, due to our increasing student numbers, I will be in the library Monday to Friday. Infant students will need a library bag to be able to borrow books from the library to take home. This can be as simple as a plastic shopping bag. It would be really helpful if the child’s name and class are written on it. Primary students do not need a library bag to borrow. Books may be kept at home for 2 weeks and need to be returned or re-borrowed after that.

Students will be encouraged to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Students in K-2 need to read/experience a total of 30 books, students in Years 3-6 need to read a total of 20 books. The majority of these books need to come from the PRC list. I will be handing out reading logs in the coming weeks to keep a record of what has been read. I will include the title of the PRC book read during shared reading time in library lessons in the newsletter, so it can be added to the K-2 reading log.

As always, if you have any concerns please feel free to contact me via phone or email: dayna.tate@det.nsw.edu.au

Happy Reading
Mrs Wood

School Banking 2016
School Banking will recommence this Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} February 2016. Please bring bank books to the school office and place in the school banking box on the front counter.
Thank you.

P & C Notes
Welcome back to 2016. We have an exciting year planned ahead with some great fundraisers planned. Our first P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday February 16\textsuperscript{th} commencing at 6pm. We would love to see some new faces. Our first disco for the year will be held on Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} March. Times to be confirmed closer to the date.

Have a great week.
Therese Blair
P&C President

Swimming Carnival
Just a reminder Swimming Carnival permission notes are due, we have extended the last day for payment to Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} February. NO NOTES OR PAYMENT will be accepted after the cut-off date.

Unlike last year, this is the ONLY Swimming Carnival Bonnells Bay Public School will be holding this year. Student relay teams are to be selected on the day by House Captains. Teams will be created based on the fastest lap times.

If you are interested in participating in the parent/teacher relay race, please indicate on the expression of interest form at the end of the newsletter. The final date for nominations will be on Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} February. Once the teams have been created you will be notified by Mr Wlodarczyk or Miss Rose.

NEW ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE CANTEEN

FRUIT SALAD $2.50
WHOLEGRAIN MINI BITES $1.20

GARRY LAWLER’S GUITAR LESSONS

A welcome back reminder that guitar lessons will resume this Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} February 2016.
Hi all, welcome to another wonderful year at BBPS! Your BBPS Primary Ethics team look forward to an engaging year, as we navigate our way through the Primary Ethics topics, which run from Kinder to Year 6. Ethics classes aim to widen our perspectives, develop critical thinking skills and consider a range of ethical concepts. This year, our team will consist of Tracey, Marie-Claire, Paul, Donna, Melissa and Polly.

Classes will be run with a representative from BBPS to supervise, and I will be sitting in on classes to monitor behaviour and to facilitate discussion. If you would like more information on Ethics classes, we have forms in the office for you to read over. Alternatively, you can contact me on 0447771946 or email: erin.turriff@uon.edu.au. We look forward to seeing you for a great discussion! Erin Turriff, Ethics Coordinator BBPS.

Notice of Proposed Hazard Reduction Burn
N.S.W. Fire Service has advised that they will be doing hazard reduction works over the next few weeks subject to weather conditions. Notice of dates will be given out from the Fire Service closer to the time. The area to be burned is:

**BUSHLAND OFF ACACIA AVENUE, PULBAH STREET AND FISHERY POINT ROAD MORISET.**

Consider keeping doors and windows closed, outdoor furniture under cover, retracting pool covers, removing washing from the clothes line, ensuring pets have a protected area. If you have asthma or a lung condition reduce outdoor activities on the day/s of the reduction. Further information is available from the District Office on: 4394 3100, 9am-4.30pm.

Lost Property
Please make sure that all uniforms, lunch boxes and pencil cases etc are clearly labelled with your child/rens name. This makes it easy to return the items to your child and they do not become upset because their items have been lost.

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**TENNIS COACHING**
Group coaching is conducted by professional coach Bill Griffiths at the Toronto Workers Club tennis courts Mondays & Fridays, Rathmines tennis courts on Wednesdays and at the Bay Hotel Bonnells Bay tennis courts on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. All standards are catered for and beginners are most welcome. A junior competition is played at the Toronto Workers Club tennis courts on Monday evenings. For further information phone Bill on 0402 274 646.

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL PARENT/TEACHER RELAY NOMINATION FORM**

**Parent Name:** ………………………………………………………………………………………

**Student’s Name:** …………………………………………………………………………………..

**Contact Number:** ………………………………………………………………………………...

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY.**