PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 3.

As everyone knows I will be retiring at the end of Week 5, on Friday 26th February. I just wish to inform the community that Mrs Jodie Corrigan will be Acting Principal until a permanent Principal is appointed. The appointment process will be along the lines of merit selection where the position is advertised state wide and a panel comprising a School Education Director, a Principal of the same size school, a staff representative, a parent representative and a representative of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group complete the process. This is an exhaustive process but one that will ensure all stakeholders have a voice in selecting the right person for the job. I am sure the process will be done as quickly as possible, hopefully by the end of the term but more likely early next term. Please support Mrs Corrigan as she continues the great work of Bonnells Bay School.

Parent Volunteers
A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered to help out with the whipper snippers last week. The job was completed by the department so there is now no need to help out. My sincere thanks for the offers. They were very much appreciated.

Bus Behaviour
I must remind parents that children’s behaviour on the school buses may result in the cancellation of their rights to travel free to school. Parents sign a code of conduct on their children’s behalf and it is enforceable. Children must be respectful and safe in their travel and their behaviour must not cause distraction to the driver or injury or intimidation to other students.

We have worked very hard over the years to improve our reputation as a school on the buses. Please remind children of their obligations and we will not have issues. The school and the bus company are very quick to cancel or suspend bus passes for inappropriate behaviour.

Notes to School
Just a reminder that the cut off dates for notes to be returned to school are clearly printed on them when they are sent out. Please be aware that these return dates are final and unless parents make contact with us and make alternative arrangements, therefore if you miss out on returning a permission note by the date then unfortunately the child misses out on the activity. We will always be open to making alternative arrangements for payment of an activity but we need to know exact numbers so we can arrange transport and supervision. These days the cost of buses is enormous and we need to fill buses to keep costs down. We therefore need to know exact numbers before we book. Thank you for your help in this area.

Have a great week.
Mark Stiller
Principal

BOOK PACKS AND VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

The price for the 2016 Book Pack is:
$50 for the first child or
$90 for a family of two or more children

Once paid the students will receive their book pack in class.

The Voluntary School Contribution for 2016 is:
$30 for the first child
$60 for a family of two or more children
2016 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February
Thursday 11th  Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 16th  P & C Meeting starting at 6pm

March
Wednesday 9th  Disco

Canteen Roster
Week 4
Monday 15th  Michelle M
Tuesday 16th  Vick M
Wednesday 17th  Gabriala V
Thursday 18th  Kristine L
Friday 19th  Michelle M, Melissa M

We are always looking for new volunteers, if you can help us one day a month, or even just for an hour at lunch time, please come and see us at the canteen.
Thank you

Library News
Students are settling back into school routine and enjoying browsing the library shelves for new books to read. Please remember to send K-2 students with a library bag to be able to borrow books for home. Sometimes the 3-6 students may need a gentle reminder about borrowing and returning too! The returns trolley is at the library door from 9am each morning.

It’s great to see the students enjoying the library space during lunch and recess also. We are experiencing some difficulties at pack up time though. Please take some time to discuss with your children the importance of packing up after themselves. It is a great habit to have both at school and at home.

Please remember to record the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) ID number from any library books being read at home. The PRC ID number is located on the top left hand side of the front cover. An official reading log sheet will go home this week.

Swimming Carnival
We are holding our annual Bonnells Bay Public School Swimming Carnival at Morisset Pool tomorrow, Thursday 11th February. We are expecting great weather and a brilliant day ahead of us. We would love to see all students attending to participate in the events tomorrow. Parents are most welcome at the pool, the admission cost is $2.
All students are required to bring the following items:

1. A packed lunch and drinks, or money for the kiosk.
2. Swimming costume and towel.
3. Sunscreen, rash shirt and school hat.
4. Plastic bag for wet items.
5. Tracksuit in case of cold weather.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open early tomorrow, Thursday morning, from 8.45am until 9.30am. If you need to buy a sports shirt for the Swimming Carnival tomorrow, the price is $28.

P & C News
Meeting
The first meeting for the year is next Tuesday 16th February commencing at 6pm in the staffroom. If you are new to the school and would like to meet some friendly faces or wish to be informed of what is happening within the school, this is the meeting to attend. We are always looking for new people to attend the meetings, so come along and get involved.

Disco
The first disco for the year is on Wednesday 9th March. The disco is open to all students in the school. More details will be available after our meeting next week.

Book Packs
This year payment for book packs can be made on-line via the school website or send the money in an envelope with your children’s name and class on the front. No note is required with the money.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit
**Lost Property**
Please make sure that all uniforms, lunch boxes and pencil cases etc are clearly labelled with your child/ren's name. This makes it easy to return the items to your child and they do not become upset because their items have been lost.

**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.

**Lake Macquarie Art Gallery**
Art classes are being conducted this term at the Art Gallery. For information use this link to our website: [http://artgallery.lakemac.com.au/learn/art-classes/childrens-weekly](http://artgallery.lakemac.com.au/learn/art-classes/childrens-weekly)

For Primary School students:
**Art Club**
- 6 x 1hr sessions
- Tuesdays 4–5pm
- 9 February - 15 March
- Term fee: $60 per student
- Participating sibling half price
- Level: Yrs 1–4

Places are available.

**Art Zone**
- 6 x 2hr sessions
- Saturdays 10.30am–12.30pm
- 13 February – 19 March
- Term fee: $120 per student
- Participating sibling half price
- Level: Primary School Yrs 3–6

Places are available.

**Kip McGrath Toronto – Now Open**
I am delighted to announce my new Kip McGrath centre opening 2 February to assist your child in all areas of Maths, English, Reading, Spelling and Comprehension. I am located at Unit 3, 8 The Boulevarde, Toronto. I am taking bookings now for FREE assessments. Please phone me on 49454112 or 0422907325 to book your assessment or for further information.

Sue Felsinger