Dear parents and carers

Welcome to 2013
I would like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you to Bomaderry Public for the 2013 school year. It has been a pleasure to welcome our many new children to BPS, including Kindergarten who started officially this morning. It has also been a great pleasure to welcome back our many returning students over the past week, catch up on their news and see how they have grown and matured. They have begun the school year as a big happy bunch of settled, enthusiastic and beautifully dressed learners. Fantastic!

Class Organisation
Classes have been established with new teachers and the staff are reporting happy student groupings who have gelled well and got on with the year very quickly. The class teachers and class names for 2013 are as follows:

K Turquoise – Mrs Gemma Tunks / Mr Sam Clemens
K Cherry – Mrs Andrea Coleman
K Scarlett – Mrs Sue Stuchbury / Mr Sam Clemens
Lilac – Mrs Lorrae King
Bubblegum – Mrs Jenny Barry / Ms Kylie Krause
1 Gold – Mrs Di Gasselling / Ms Kylie Krause
1/2 Honey – Ms Sally Hoskin
2 Hotpink – Mrs Wendy Hannett
2 Silver – Ms Amanda Sandstrom / Ms Kylie Krause
Tangerine – Mrs Sharon Thurston
Rainbow – Mrs Heidi Bridge / Ms Zoe Ingold
3 Aqua – Ms Jennifer Arnott
3/4 Watermelon – Ms Krystal Wallace
5/6 Fuschia – Mrs Angela Ferrer
5/6 Dark Blue – Ms Joanne Defazio / Mrs Kristy Brown
5/6 Heather – Mr Daniel Heather

Staff News
BPS also welcomes a new permanent member to our teaching staff. Ms Lauren Harris joins us as a classroom teacher. Ms Harris will work with 3 Aqua this term and will replace Ms Arnott when she has some time away during the term. Our support teachers, school learning support officers and admin staff have, of course, also returned to support teaching and learning at BPS and the many programs offered in past years will continue to exist. Mr Sam Clemens, Ms Kylie Krause and Ms Zoe Ingold will be here for certain days each week. They will be teaching classes whilst some teaching staff offer these programs. Welcome to all of our 2013 teachers.

Quality Work
Last week 3 Aqua created self-portraits to decorate their new classroom. Shaleigh, Zoe and Charmian created high quality art works using careful paper mosaic and drawing skills.

Sad News – Holiday Vandalism
It is with a heavy heart that I report the fact that we had a number of break-ins over the summer holidays. We are very fortunate that there is nothing portable of great value available out of school hours to steal – we have little that we have to replace. Sadly there was damage done to the property and to the BOOSHIC facility, and we are still undergoing some repairs. Staff were very quick to respond once they heard the sad news and came immediately from their holidays to help with the clean up and to support one another. I extend a public, sincere thanks to each of these dedicated, generous people. Special mention must go to Mr Dave Muir, our general assistant, who was available night and day to be contacted to respond to calls and come to school when necessary. Many of his holiday projects had to be put on hold to deal with repairs. Another special thank you must be extended to one of our wonderful school community members who offered to come along to help clean up – thank you Ms Deb Garrick.

Uniforms
WOW! The P&C made a record number of uniform sales at our uniform shop last week. It is so exciting to see all of our new and returning students in their shiny new uniforms looking so neat and fabulous. We understand that it was very busy during some periods last Tuesday and some sizes were tricky to purchase, BUT … Please remember that the uniform shop is run solely by volunteer parents. They have orders in as soon as possible and are available to open the shop whenever possible. They appreciated the patience shown by many parents and carers. The P&C ladies have a number of uniforms on the way and have put in extra orders with the company. If you are able to offer a time to help with the uniform shop, please let Tanya know next time you are there.

Another special reminder – NO Hat No Play (in the sun) – this means the oval will be out of bounds. Hats are only $5. They can be purchased at the canteen every day it is open. Caps are not part of our uniform.

Have You Seen our New Paint Job?
If you haven’t seen our amazing new mural wall, take the time to pop down to the Infants assembly area to take a peak. The Infants toilet block now has a bright and happy mural along the whole length. The staff and students agree it has cheered up that area and looks fantastic. See what you think.

Goodies Have Arrived from Coles
You would remember the massive number of shopping receipts collected from Coles in 2012? BPS returned thousands of receipts which meant thousands of shopping reward points for our school. We were able to order new resources for classrooms. These goodies
have now arrived. Classes are enjoying mini leather lounges, reading area cushions, headphone listening sets, play tents, a water learning table, fancy new scissor sets in wooden blocks and gigantic relaxing cushions for the playground and Library. Thank you to all of our families who participated in the receipt collection program. Your efforts to return the receipts to school have really added to the school atmosphere and the pride the students have in their learning environment.

I seem to have an enormous amount of news this week. I will save some of it for our Week 3 Newsletter and in the meantime I hope the wonderful start to our school year continues. Once again, welcome to Bomaderry Public School for 2013 where we look forward to working closely with you all throughout the year.

Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be open as follows:

Wednesday 6th, 13th and 20th February 8.45am - 3.15pm
then from 27th Feb Wednesday afternoons only between 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Please note that the following items are Out of Stock until further notice:
Shirts - Sizes 6, 8 and 10
Skorts - Sizes 4, 6, 8 and 10

Second Hand Uniforms Wanted

If you have any Bomaderry Public School uniforms that are no longer required, please consider donating them to the school.
Items can be left at the school office or taken to the Uniform Shop.
Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
Thank you
Uniform Shop Staff

BIG BLUE AWARDS

3/4W  Carter
5/6DB  Angel
5/6H  Phoebe

Parent Meetings

Wednesday 6th February 3.30 - 5.30pm

All parents of students in Years 1-6 including Support Classes are encouraged to come along to our Parent Information Meetings this Wednesday afternoon. This will give you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, collect timetables, ask questions and get to know each other.

We look forward to seeing you there.

SPORTS NEWS

Eels Are Coming!
Parramatta Eels players will be visiting our school this Friday 8th February from 12:45 - 1:30pm. They will be conducting a whole school assembly which will focus on the following points:
- How to show respect
- The importance of healthy eating and exercise
- How to become a future Eel

Students will have the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Hopefully there will be time after the assembly for autographs and photos.

Mr Hines
**FREE fun program for kids to become healthier, fitter and happier!**

Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight. Go4Fun runs during school term for children and their parents and includes games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes, cooking classes, a supermarket tour plus much more! Each participant will receive a goody bag including two t-shirts, a bouncy ball, a water bottle and a folder full of great resources.

**Places are limited so register now:**
Ph 1800 780900, SMS 0409 745645 or visit [http://au.mendcentral.org/](http://au.mendcentral.org/).

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**Anaphylaxis Information**

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know – see Action steps for parents.


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**P&C and Canteen News**

Welcome to the new school year.

There has been a small group of parents working hard to keep our school P&C together over the past few years. We thank them sincerely for their years of service to the students and BPS community. We would love to welcome more new members in 2013.

The P&C would also like to thank Simone for her efforts in volunteering in the Canteen at the present time. Any new parents (or old) wishing to volunteer in the canteen a few hours a week, fortnight or month will be more than welcome. We really appreciate your help and the children love seeing their parents working at the school. It is a great way to meet your children’s friends!

**Thank you**

P&C Committee

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**Book Club**

Please return your Book Club orders to the Office by Tuesday 19th February. Please make your cheques out to “Scholastic”.

**Book Club Ladies**

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**Community News**

**Bluejays Hockey Club Registration Day**
When: Fri 8th and Fri 15th February from 5 - 6pm
Where: Bernie Regan Sports Complex, West Cambewarra Rd, North Nowra.
Male & Female senior and junior players welcome.
Info: Greg Pullen 44214861, Juanita Mackay 4422 1780 or bluejayshc@shoalhavenhockey.org.au

**Rebels Netball Club Registration Day**
When: Sat 16th February 9am - 12noon
Where: Shoalhaven Netball Association Clubhouse Park Road, Nowra
Netball clinic for new players from 10am - 11am. Info Rae Thomas 0413809748 [www.rebelsnetball.asn.au](http://www.rebelsnetball.asn.au)

**Outreach Courses at Nowra TAFE**

- **Certificate 2 in Skills for Work and Training**
  - Ideal for people looking to gain skills and confidence to enter or re-enter the workforce.
  - Mon & Wed 9am – 2pm plus Thurs 9am – Noon.
  - This course meets Centrelink requirements.
  - No cost for the course but a materials fee of $25 is required (may be paid by the student’s job network).

- **Creative writing (beginner)** Tues 9.30am - 12.30pm
- **Creative Writing (continuing)** Tues 1pm - 3pm
  - Classes offer people a chance to explore their creative side and develop their writing skills.
  - Info Session: 9.30 am Tues 5th Feb at Nowra Campus

- **Computers for Work** Thurs 5pm - 7pm
  - Info Session: 5pm Thurs 7th Feb at Nowra Campus
  - Info: Sally Wallace 02 4421 9849 or 0438 063185 sally.wallace@det.nsw.edu.au

- **Certificate 2 in Skills for Work and Study**
  - Mon, Wed and Thurs. This is a course specifically geared for people who wish to go onto higher studies but need to gain some additional skills first.
  - Info: Cheryl Sme 02 4421 9851 cheryl.sme@det.nsw.edu.au

**Illawarra Regional Eisteddfod**
Location: Smiths Hill High School
Syllabus can be viewed and downloaded from: [www.illawarraregioneisteddfod.com.au](http://www.illawarraregioneisteddfod.com.au)
Closure dates for entries: Friday 16th February
Sections include: Dance, Drama and Singing.

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