Dear parents and carers

Last week seemed to whizz by. The weather was a little cooler on some days, but the speed of the days was still ‘full throttle’. Some of our families may have celebrated with pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? A number of classes cooked pancakes for a treat on that day to learn about this day/date on the calendar. Or maybe you did something special for Chinese New Year? Whatever your week held, I hope it was another great one when loads of learning took place.

Quality Work
Reide and Phoebe from 1G shared some high quality written work with me last week. Mrs Gasseling was working with her class on the setting out of their Year 1 workbooks. These girls did a great job writing some “Silly Sentences” using the book rules.

Cricket Congratulations
A very big well done and good luck must be sent out to Justin from 5/6H. Justin attended the District cricket trials last Thursday. He was successful in being selected to go on to the Zone cricket carnival this week. Play well, Justin.

Shared Classes – Teacher Projects
Five of our classroom teachers are sharing their teaching time with a colleague this year in order to offer additional support and innovative programs to staff and students:

Ms Amanda Sandstrom – will be off her 2S class each Thursday. Amanda will be engaging small groups of learners in an enrichment learning program to enhance their capabilities in written Grammar and Punctuation. Parents of these clever learners will be notified about this opportunity. Congratulations to the students whose hard work and skills have resulted in an offer to take part. We look forward to tracking their progress in Writing throughout the year.

Mrs Kristy Brown – will be out of her 5/6DB classroom on Mondays and Tuesdays each week to lead the school’s Wellbeing projects. She teaches the DrumBeat program, works collaboratively with a team of staff to monitor behaviour management and data, anti-bullying initiatives and the school’s You Can Do It teaching program.

Mrs Gemma Tunks – is a trained Accelerated Literacy instructor (Accelerated literacy is a way to teach literacy which helps to support all learners and accelerate those having any difficulties). Gemma will share her KT class on Fridays when she will spend time mentoring our teachers in the teaching of Literacy. Having this day available will allow Gemma to visit classrooms, support teacher programming and implementation and assist new trainees in Accelerated Literacy program delivery.

Mrs Heidi Bridge – will share SR with Ms Zoe Ingold each Wednesday. Heidi will also be engaging small groups of learners in an enrichment learning program. These lessons will enhance their capabilities in Spelling. Parents of these clever learners have been notified about this opportunity and the groups have started well. Congratulations to the students whose hard work and skills have resulted in an offer to take part. We look forward to tracking their progress in Writing throughout the year.

Ms Jo De Fazio - was off class throughout 2011 and 2012 leading whole school curriculum. This year, Ms DeFazio will continue to lead this area at BPS but will class share 5/6DB with Mrs Brown. She will work be off class Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays working collaboratively with all teaching staff to ensure a smooth transition into the new Australian Curriculum content. Working with the teachers will give them a chance to have deep knowledge and understanding of the new NSW syllabus’ before these new teaching documents become mandatory in 2014.

Contact Details
Last week I requested if everyone could please be sure to update your contact information at the office, if any of your details change. We must have a current phone number on which to contact you at all times. A brief pink form can be filled in at the office and the office staff will update the information immediately onto our computing system.

As we go out into a new week of life, learning, school or work, remember something the inspirational Helen Keller once said about fulfilling each day and living life: “Life is either a daring adventure or nothing!”

Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

BIG BLUE AWARDS
SL  Brock, Conner
SR  Emilia, Jessica, Jerrone
1G  Tamika, Amy, Emily, Phoebe, Paige
1/2H  Leela
2H  Jacob
2S  Taya, Ethan

Home Reading Levels
Bomaderry Public School rewards efforts with Home Reading. Our level reward system promotes reading at home, motivates readers with special reading ‘gifts’ and helps students aim for improvement. Congratulations to the following students who have reached achievement levels in Home Reading:

Level 1 - 10 books: Robert, Jenelle, Ben, Brock, Jacob M, Alistair, Jacob B, Selina, Amelia, Isabel

FOUND
A ring was found on the school premises last week. Please contact the office if you think this may be yours.
SPORTS NEWS

Cricket Trials
Last Thursday, Justin attended the Shoalhaven District Cricket Trials at Bomaderry Sports Complex. After narrowly missing selection last year, I am pleased to announce that Justin was successful this year. He will now participate in the Southern Illawarra Zone Trials which will be held this Thursday at the same venue. Congratulations and good luck Justin!

Assembly Presentations
During tomorrow's assembly I will be presenting place ribbons and age champion medals to students who attended our Swimming Carnival last year. The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 28th February at Nowra Pool. Students who are eligible will be notified this week.
I will also be presenting Sports House Captains and Vice Captains with their badges. These students will play an important role during school carnivals and sport days and will be responsible for the daily operation of the sports shed.

Active After Schools
Don’t forget Active After Schools which starts up this week. This fun and fantastic program is FREE for all BPS students! Consent forms are available at the front office.

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Please remember that students will need to be picked up by parents/carers promptly at 4:30pm. Students will not be allowed to travel home by themselves.

Mr Hines

Vegie Garden - Help!
Our Support Class has an overgrown garden waiting for some TLC. If you know of anyone who has a "green thumb" and a little time to spare, we would love some help and guidance.
Thank you,
Jenny Barry and the SB Kids

P&C NEWS
The next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 28th February at 4.00pm in the staff room.
Guest Speaker will be Fiona from YWCA who will give a brief presentation.
ALL WELCOME!

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

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Please note that the Uniform Shop will be open this week as follows:
Wed 20th February from 3.00pm - 3.30pm

School Photo Day
Friday 5th April
Envelopes will be coming home soon.

School Contribution Fee
Thank you to those parents who have already paid their 2013 School Contribution Fees to the office.
Each year NSW Department of Education Public Schools seek a contribution fee from each family to be paid to the school to help fund resources for students. The fees are used for things such as student awards, classroom supplies and books. The fee is a one-off payment each year.
The School Contribution Fee for 2013 is as follows:
❖ Student fee: $40.00
❖ Family fee (more than one student): $50.00
Payment can be made by cash or cheque to the office.
Your contribution is much appreciated by the students who benefit directly from the additional resources.

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