Dear parents / carers
I hope everyone in our community is safe and sound after all the wild weather over the weekend. It seems to have hit in such a random pattern – it is hard to know who and where was affected.

Quality Work
Emily, Phoebe and Reide from 1G impressed both Mrs Armstrong and myself with their high quality work in Performing Arts last week. The girls responded well to a lesson on ‘mood’ and shared their drawings with me which showed characters responding to certain moods with both actions and facial expressions.
Jayleigh impressed Mrs Coleman and KC with her organisation, gluing and letter formation. Keep up the great work, Jayleigh.
Lily from KS also showed me how well Kindergarten have learnt to organise their bookwork. Lily folded her page, numbered her work and completed the Numeracy task in a way which thrilled Mrs Stuchbury.
Emily from 2S also worked extremely well in her Performing Arts lesson last week. She shared her response to the moods in the text, ‘A Walk in the Jungle’. A big congratulations must go to Emily (yes, the same Emily from 2S!) – who ALSO came to share her high quality writing with me. Ms Sandstrom’s lesson, about conjunctions and ‘stretched sentences’, certainly resulted in high quality work. Here is Emily’s recount:

My Beach Experience
I drove to see the beautiful, light blue beach on a warm Spring day. It smelt like lovely spring water. I like the beach. I heard birds chirping in the sky. I saw a crab which was brown and orange. I had fun. I felt happy and alive on my beach experience.
By Emily 2S

Excursion Reminder
Please remember to keep an eye on upcoming excursion dates and to budget for them. They can sneak up on us sometimes and then handing in notes and final payments causes last minute organisation problems. Early finalisation of permissions and payments makes it easier for us to confirm numbers and plan the outings. Thank you for your attention to this. If you require a payment plan where smaller part payments make this process easier, please phone 44216577 or speak to the office staff to make arrangements.

P&C Association
The first P&C meeting for the year is always a busy one! We have loads of school messages about school programs and staff and plans. Staff have asked the P&C committee if the agenda for this Thursday can also include some guest presentations, so if you can come along at 4pm we would love to see you there.

Have a fantastic week. Fingers crossed the weather is a little kinder, and that those affected by the wild weekend get the help needed to put things back in order.

Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

2013 SRC Members
Congratulations to our newly elected SRC members for 2013:

SR  Cooper
ST  Ryan
SB  Joel
SL  Conner
KS  Mitchel, Madison
KC  David, Maddisen
KT  Preston, Iya
1G  Paige, Aiden
1/2H  Wil, Lana
2S  Aaron, Emily
2H  Jacob, Honey-Rose
3A  Zoe, Kyan
3/4W  Tara, Jordan
5/6DB  Annika, Jake
5/6H  Tayla, Jacob
5/6F  Simon, Chloe

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.
**Term 1 - Week 5**

**25th February 2013**

**BIG BLUE AWARDS**

| KC  | Jayleigh, David, Michaela |
| KT  | Preston, Dylan            |
| 1G  | Abby                      |
| 2S  | Emily, Akala              |
| 5/6H| Caleb                     |

**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:** Miette, Jemma, Alec, Aisha, Leilani, Mathew, Honey-Rose, Peggy, Madylne, Ebony, Charlotte, Ethan

**Level 2 - 25 books:** Jacob

**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!

**Traffic Issues**

Please note that the bottom driveway into the school is for the use of **staff only**. Community members should not pull into the driveway or drive into the staff carpark for drop-off or pick-up times.

The only exception to this rule is for taxis transporting children on the Assisted Travel scheme.

For safety reasons, this bottom gate is **not for pedestrian use** either. The front gate entrance near the administration building is to be used instead.

When parking or collecting students out the front of the school, please keep our neighbour’s driveways clear at all times and refrain from using them to pull in or to do U-turns. Please follow all of these parking guidelines to ensure all BPS students and community are safe and happy. Thank you.

**SCHOOL ZONE**

School zones operate between 8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm on school days. Motorists are required to drive at no more than 40 km/h through school zones.

**School Photo Day**

Friday 5th April

Envelopes will be coming home soon.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Girls Cricket**

Last Thursday, Emelia 3/4W and Emily 5/6F attended the Southern Illawarra Zone Cricket Trials at West St Oval, Nowra. Both girls played very well, demonstrating their batting, bowling and fielding skills. Emelia was selected to participate in the Regional Trials on the 12th March. Well done girls! I might also take this opportunity to mention that Emelia will be competing in the long jump at the upcoming Little Athletics State Carnival. Good luck Emelia!

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?**

**ALERT:**

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

**REFER to CHILDRENS ASTHMA EDUCATORS:**

1300 792 755

Make your child “Ready for School” by:

1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
3. Review and update of asthma action plan
Yellow Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received Yellow Merits at Week 3 Assembly.
The awards were for “Having a Positive Attitude”

K Scarlett Thomas, Maddison
K Turquoise Seth, Dylan
K Cherry Aaliyha, David
1 Gold Tamika, Abby
1/2 Honey Jessica, Benjamin
2 Silver Emily, Daniel
2 Hot Pink Luke, Ebony
3 Aqua Coolalia, Estelle
3/4 Watermelon Kai, Shantaria
5/6 Heather Michael, Amelia
5/6 Fuschia Shakira, Tyler
5/6 Dark Blue Ajay
S Bubblegum Millie, Joel
S Lilac Brock
S Rainbow Emilia, Harley
S Tangerine Jason, Ryan

Yellow Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received Yellow Merits at Week 4 Assembly.
The awards were for “Getting Along”

K Scarlet Brayden, Amelia
K Turquoise Preston, Dylan
K Cherry Ted, Ebony
1 Gold Kiana, Amy
1/2 Honey Samuel, Aylah
2 Silver Emily, Shania
2 Hot Pink Honey-Rose, Codee
3 Aqua Deacon, Charmian
3/4 Watermelon Casey, Troy
5/6 Heather Tara, Jacob
5/6 Fuschia
5/6 Dark Blue Tiernan, Jayden
S Bubblegum Mathew
S Lilac Brock
S Rainbow Alistair, Jackson
S Tangerine Eddie

WATER
Active bodies need plenty of fluid to keep them well hydrated. Water should be available at all times and encouraged as the best way to quench thirst. We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

Miss Wallace and Miss Sandstrom

Class 5/6 Dark Blue
We have been learning about the writing process - drafting, editing, re-drafting and finally publishing. We are learning how to edit our work and we peer edit other class mates work.

Outcomes from the Literacy work we have been doing include:
• Using a checklist to guide proof reading of own writing.
• Re-reading writing to check for meaning

One of the activities we did recently was to write a recount of our holidays and a persuasive text on “Too much money is spent on games and toys”.

We edited them both and published them in our publishing book.

Our teachers, Ms De Fazio and Mrs Brown, have expected us to complete quality work such as use the editing symbols to edit our work, get a peer to edit our work and publish our writing in our neatest handwriting.

One of the stars of our class who has produced Quality Work is Annika because her “Published Works” book is of high quality and she always takes pride of her work. Annika is also in the lead on Class Dojo.

This term we are also going to be learning more about engaging with Edmodo - a safe, online social networking site. Our class can ‘chat’ with each other and our teachers, look at assignments and their due date, share links that we find interesting and so much more. We are loving it! It is making our learning even more relevant and exciting.

Mrs Brown - Class Teacher
Canteen Roster
- Week Beginning Tues 26th February 2013 -

Tuesday Kerryn
Wednesday Kim
Thursday Stacey
Friday Jo
Monday Jo

Please note that more volunteers are needed in the Canteen.
If you could spare a few hours a week, fortnight or month, we would appreciate your help.

Community News

Defence Family Children’s Workshops
KidSMART Deployment is a 4 week program for Defence Family children aged 8-10 years to help them manage deployment and parental absence. When: Wed 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March 3.30 - 5pm Where: DCO Nowra, Berry Street, Nowra Register: 1800 624608

Rebels Netball Club
Rebels Netball Club Nowra has limited positions available in some age groups for the 2013 season. Contact: Rae Thomson 0413 809 748

Allsorts Hockey Club
Registration: Monday 6pm at Shoalhaven Hockey Turf, Bernie Regan Sporting Complex, North Nowra. Details: Juniors-Vanessa 44460980, Mens-Aaron 0423 881 331, Womens-Raylene 0401397777 or email allsortshc@shoalhavenhockey.org.au

Shoalhaven Women’s Wellness Festival
A fun and informative FREE event for women of all ages, their families and friends. There will be a range of activities including performances, workshops and information stalls with lots of free giveaways. Activities will range from health screening, finance education and art therapy and inspiring women speakers. When: Friday 15th March 1-7pm Where: Lady Denman Complex, Huskisson Contact: Judith Reardon 4422 1299 or Maxine Edwards 4421 5077

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Is your family interested in hosting an international exchange student from July 2013 for a 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Info www.scce.com.au, scceaust@scce.com.au or phone 1800 500 501

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

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

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