Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 9 and may I take this opportunity to extend a “Happy Easter” to all of you. I sincerely hope you enjoy a special long weekend with family and friends, fun and sun, chocolate and cheer! We will see all of the students back on Tuesday morning April 2nd.

Harmony Day

Last week schools and communities across Australia celebrated Harmony Day. It is a federal government initiative promoting Australia's culturally diverse and cohesive society. The day also coincides with the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The continuing message of Harmony Day is that everyone belongs. It's about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The theme for 2013 is: Many Stories - One Australia.

I would like to thank Mrs Kristy Brown who worked with staff to co-ordinate a special ‘Doing Things Together Day’ for students and staff last week to celebrate Harmony Day. Students worked together in ‘harmony’ in peer groups, participated in tabloid sports and supported members of their teams to have fun and get along together. The Stage 3 leaders did an outstanding job of looking after their teams. Please enjoy some wonderful photos of the day in this bulletin.

Relay for Life Walk-a-Thon

Last Thursday we also held our annual Walk-a-Thon to raise money for the Cancer Council. Bomaderry Public School has a team in the local Shoalhaven Relay for Life event (6th-7th April at Nowra Showground). The Walk-a-Thon represents a mini Relay For Life walk and allows students to take part in the fundraising event, raise awareness and show support for the many members of our community effected by cancer. Congratulations to all students – the entire school participated positively and showed persistence on a very hot afternoon!

Please note; all money and sponsorship forms for the walk-a-thon were due back at school today. If there are still any outstanding, please return them to school TOMORROW. Thank you.

Quality Work

It was an enormous week for high quality work last week. So many clever students, working hard to achieve the criteria their teachers are setting in lessons. A special mention must go to Brad in 5/6DB. Brad has completed an outstanding homework learning task all about Thailand. He completed all work before the due date, to a very high standard, and involved lots of family members in his learning. Congratulations Brad, this sort of effort will prepare you very well for completing assignments in high school.

Preston and Casey from KT completed high quality writing using spaces and full-stops in their work as well as demonstrating their ability to re-read their own work.
Chantelle, Tara, Byron, Shantaria, Casey, Shayleigh and Fleur worked hard in their performing arts lesson. They wrote and/or illustrated an excellent response about their performance in the 3/4W assembly item. Nathan, Reide, Aiden and Cheyanne shared their ‘Three Billy Goats Gruff’ stories with me. Their writing included correct punctuation, illustrations and use of tricky environmental print found in their 1G classroom. Anna and Aaliyha were very proud to share the writing they completed in KC. The girls impressed Mrs Coleman with their pencil grip, use of spaces and full-stops. Tanesha and Paige also made Mrs Coleman smile with their wonderful writing. They are remebering to start their writing in the correct place, using spaces and adding illustrations.

KT came to my office for an extra special vist last week. They made 3-Dimensional shapes which they could name for me! I was particularly impressed that Iya could name her square-based pyramid!! Congratulations to all of our Quality Workers – keep up the fantastic efforts.

Excursion Payments
I mentioned in the bulletin recently that the school requires all payments to be made on time, particularly for excursions. Preparing for an excursion involves booking venues, transport and supervising staff. These have to be confirmed long before the day of the excursion. Excursions also require that the co-ordinating teacher has names confirmed, arrangements made for students who are not attending and so on. Unfortunately, we continue to have late payments for excursions.

It is now necessary to include cut-off dates for payments on our excursion notes. To avoid disappointment for your child, please pay before the due date. We always give plenty of notice for upcoming events – so please, keep an eye out for notes and messages in the bulletin! Deposits are non-refundable and where part payments are arranged, late fees will apply for failing to make full payments by the due date. We will trial this arrangement in the hope that parents/carers can have all payments finalised in order to avoid last minute disruptions to planning, or disappointed students.

Excursion Payments Late Fee
Please note that we have introduced a $5.00 Late Fee for excursion payments which are paid after the due date that is stated on the note. This policy has been implemented due to the increased number of late payments received by the office. If paying after the due date stated on the note, the full amount of the excursion and the late fee is to be paid before the excursion day or the student will not attend. Please ensure excursion payments are made on time to avoid incurring the Late Fee.

Illawarra Performing Arts Company (ISER) Performing Ensemble
We are excited to have engaged the ISER Performing Ensemble on Monday 8th April starting at 1.50pm.

The Performing Ensemble is made up of local students from public schools - students just like ours. This is an opportunity for our students to see what they could aspire to and to enjoy the talents of these students.

Cost: $4.00 per student or $6.00 per family.

Note this performance will be in the afternoon of cross-country day.

What a great example of the wide range of curricular activities we offer our students at BPS, developing an all round education.

Look out for permission notes.

Mrs Armstrong
On Saturday 6th April, the very successful Relay For Life event will take place at Nowra showground. Relay For Life is an overnight, community event where teams of up to 20 participate in a relay-style walk to raise much needed funds our local Cancer Council. The event brings the whole community together for a day and night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance.

Bomaderry Public School is being very ambitious this year and have entered 2 teams in the relay and set our fundraising goal even higher at $6000!!! If you would like to be involved in the team, simply register online at: [https://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/join/27938](https://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/join/27938)

Early bird registration fees $15 per person. Students wishing to participate are most welcome to register and will just require parent/carer supervision. Anyone under 18 will be issued with a wrist band that will require a contact name and mobile number.

CAN’T BE PART OF OUR TEAM? That’s ok you may wish to do one of the following:

- Send in a donation, which is tax deductible (over $2) to the office and you will be issued a receipt.

Every cent counts. Help us to celebrate, remember and fight back.

Mrs Brown and our Relay team.

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### BIG BLUE AWARDS

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### P&C MEETING - POSTPONED

Due to a clash with the K-2 Easter Show excursion this week, the next P&C meeting will now be held on Thursday 4th April at 4.00pm in the staff room.

ALL WELCOME!

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Please remember that our newsletter is able to be viewed in colour on our school website: [www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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### Yellow Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Yellow Merits at Week 8 Assembly.

The awards were for “Persistence”

| K Scarlett | Maddison, Shyanne |
| K Turquoise| Dylan, Preston   |
| K Cherry   | Logan, Tanesha   |
| 1 Gold     | Nathan, Cheyanne |
| 1/2 Honey  | Mitchell, Caleb  |
| 2 Silver   | Emily, Shania    |
| 2 Hot Pink | Tony, Maddy      |
| 3 Aqua     | Calib, Ashley    |
| 3/4 Watermelon | Reuben, Casey   |
| 5/6 Heather| Alesha, Liam     |
| 5/6 Fuschia| Bella, Joshua    |
| 5/6 Dark Blue | Peter, Angel   |
| S Bubblegum| Scarlett        |
| S Lilac    | Conner          |
| S Rainbow  | Ben, Jai        |
| S Tangerine| Eddie           |

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### Last Chance!

Please note that the BPS Relay For Life raffle will be drawn this Thursday 28th March.

Tickets are available from the office: $1.00 each.

Prizes:

- 1st Samsung sound system
- 2nd BBQ tool kit and golf brolly
- 3rd $25 Scruples voucher
- 4th $25 Caltex voucher
- 5th $20 Autobarn voucher
- 6th Coffee, treats and kitchen goodies pack
- 7th Crochet blanket
- 8th Gardening and hand-care pink pack
- 9th Stationery pink pack
- 10th Lollipop flowerpot table-piece
- 11th Lollipop flowerpot table-piece

Also a reminder that Walk-a-thon money is due today. Please ensure that all money is returned to the office as a matter of priority.
We have been learning about the Solar System. In our Literacy work we have been practising a poem “Sick” by Shel Silverstein to enhance our oral presentation skills eg. TS2.2 - engages with the audience and uses body language when presenting.

One of the activities we did recently was an excursion to the Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium.

Our teacher, Miss Arnott, has expected us to complete quality work such as creating an artwork about the Solar System.

One of the stars of our class who has produced Quality Work is Calib because he presented his artwork very well, used many colours and used a very individual technique.

This term we are also going to be preparing for NAPLAN in Term 2.

Miss Arnott - Class Teacher
No Change at School Office
Please note that no cash is kept on the school premises. Therefore when paying for excursions etc, we are not able to give change on the day. Change of $5.00 or less can be returned home via the student with the receipt. Larger amounts of change will need to be collected from the office at a later date by a parent.

OPPORTUNITY ‘C’ CLASS for 2014
(for academically gifted children)
Parents of gifted and talented children currently in Year 4 are invited to attend an INFORMATION EVENING 6.00pm, Tuesday 9 April 2013 at Illaroo Road Public School
A Year 5 Opportunity ‘C’ class will be formed in 2014 for gifted and talented students who are in Year 4 in 2013.
Phone Bob Lowe, Deputy Principal, on 4421 0422 for more information.

Community News

Headspace Shoalhaven
Headspace Shoalhaven is a youth health service for people aged 12-25 who have questions or concerns about their physical or mental health. We are free, confidential and youth friendly. Headspace Shoalhaven provides access to youth workers, psychologists, GP’s and vocational support.
If you need someone to talk to contact the friendly team at our Nowra centre 4421 5388 or drop in to make an appointment.

Basketball Super Skills Clinic
The Sydney Uni Flames WNBL team, in partnership with Kennedy’s Tours, invite you to 4 hours of on-court skills, drills and fun games aimed at Junior Basketball players of all levels.
Venue: Shoalhaven Basketball Stadium, Bomaderry
Date: Monday 15th April, 10am - 2pm
Age: 8 - 16 years girls and boys
Cost: Free. Please bring a ball, drink bottle and lunch.
Details: Lyn Kennedy 0403 040029 or email: lyn@kennedystours.com.au

Shoalhaven Football April Holiday Clinic
For boys and girls aged 6 – 13 years
Venue South Nowra Tue 23rd / Wed 24th 9am – 12pm
Cost $70.00. Registrations essential.
Contact Mark Johnston – mjonno1@bigpond.com.au or 0488034500

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Thank you to our new volunteer helpers. 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.