Dear parents and carers

Uniform
Congratulations to everyone! Our BPS students look fantastic in their uniforms. As I attend meetings at other schools and also see students out and about around the district, I am so pleased to tell you that our school uniform is looking outstanding. Our next challenge is to aim for black shoes. These can be leather or sports shoes. Please consider this part of our uniform when purchasing for your child next year. As the weather cools down, please also be vigilant about school jackets.

National Day Against Bullying
Last Friday, our whole school took part in classroom activities as well as a collaborative assembly and workshop in the hall, as part of the National Day Against Bullying. Our school captains and vice captains prepared the activities, presentations, speeches and resources for the event. They shared video clips and information about: what is bullying, anti-bullying strategies, what to do if you are a bystander and who/where/how to get help. Mrs Brown should be congratulated on the organisation of the event and the preparation she gave to our leaders in order for them to run the assembly. During the assembly, all students K-6 were ‘buddied up’ into Doing Things Together groups. These groups will re-form this Thursday for a giant tabloid session on the oval to celebrate Harmony Day.

Harmony Day
Students will dress in many colours this Thursday as part of our Harmony Day celebrations. Harmony Day is celebrated across Australia in celebration of many stories, cultures, countries of origin and the fact that, despite these many differences, we are ‘one’ country. Students will embrace the many different countries of origin by dressing in their Doing Things Together team’s colours. Students will participate in tabloid activities as part of a K-6 team. Each team has a designated country. Students can come along dressed in comfortable mufti clothes in the colours of their country’s flag.

During last week’s assembly, students chosen from each class shared anti-bullying posters showing what bystanders can do. Kayla, Tamika, Annika, Zoe, Sherri, Joseph, Jayden and Mathew from 5/6B really impressed Mrs Brown with their posters which were neatly presented and had catchy slogans.

Quality Work
Congratulations to Jenelle from 2S. Jenelle’s hand writing is showing excellent improvement. She was congratulated on high quality work due to her letter formation. Shantaria, Fleur and Alden from 3/4W also completed high quality work. Ms Wallace was pleased with their ability to construct complex sentences using two verbs – they even managed to make them amusing! Shayleigh and Tara impressed Ms Wallace last week also. 3/4W have produced watercolour landscape artworks. Shayleigh and Tara achieved high quality work certificates for their inclusion of a foreground, middleground, background and horizon line. Wow!

Welcome Student Teachers
This week we welcome three University of Wollongong (Shoalhaven) student teachers. Ms Laura Theobald will work alongside Ms Coleman in KC, Ms Kate Barr will be learning with Mrs Bridge in SR, and Ms Emily Norwood will have her teaching experience alongside Mrs Ferrer in 5/6F. We welcome these three teachers as they begin their journey to having classes of their own in the future.

Relay For Life
Students have already brought home their sponsorship forms for the school Walk-a-Thon. This fundraiser is a mini Relay For Life event with all funds raised going to the Cancer Council. You may remember that this time last year Bomaderry Public School entered a team in our local Relay For Life event. You may also remember I had my hair shaved in front of the school because we reached our fundraising goal of $5000. This year, the Relay For Life event is being held on Saturday 6th April. We have been ambitious and entered 2 teams and set our fundraising goal at $6000. Please see the Relay For Life notice in this newsletter for details of how to join or support our teams. A raffle of fantastic donated prizes is also being run by the BPS team. Tickets are available at the office. They are $1.00 each and prizes you can win include: 1st prize: Samsung Sound System 2nd prize: BBQ Tool Kit and Golf Brolly 3rd prize: $25 Scruples voucher 4th prize: $25 Caltex voucher 5th prize: $20 Autobarn voucher Thank you to our sponsors and to those selling and purchasing tickets.

BPS is also selling tickets in the major Relay For Life raffle. Tickets are available from the office. They are $3.00 each or 2 for $5.00.

Principals Conference
Two weeks ago, I attended the Regional Principal’s Conference in Wollongong. Over 250 Principals attended and took part in learning workshops focussed around innovative education, leadership and keynote addresses by the RD, DDG and DG of Education. These educational leaders shared a new organisational structure and direction for NSW DEC which includes: less regional executive positions and
higher education expectations for uni students studying to be teachers.
The one message which stayed constant during the entire conference was that all schools should; remain focussed on the quality of their teachers; have high expectations for all students, personalise learning for their students and involve parents in this process. I felt very encouraged about Bomaderry Public’s dedication to the Personalised Learning Plan meetings we offer each family to participate in – one successful strategy to ensure the very important involvement of parents/carers.
Ms Jo De Fazio came along to the conference on Friday as an invited presenter. Ms De Fazio shared the BPS Maths teaching and learning program which has now been adopted by this region as an example of best practice. Congratulations to Ms De Fazio who represented our staff at such a large and important regional event.

Dance, Dance, Dance
I am very pleased to have confirmed with Mr Hines that we will be able to offer Hip Hop dance lessons next term at an extremely competitive rate . . . only $1.60 per lesson, per student. I can’t wait to see all students K-6 taking part in these dance lessons as part of the delivery of the PE Syllabus. Please see the information from Mr Hines in this newsletter.

Road Safety
Please ensure that children and their parents/carers use the crossing when walking across the road. Our school is located at the crest of a hill, and it is often difficult for vehicles to see pedestrians, particularly at busy pick-up and drop-off times. Drivers should also be reminded not to do U-turns outside the school, and to please keep our neighbours driveways clear at all times. Please follow these road rules to ensure all BPS students and community are safe and happy.

Aim High to Achieve High
Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

Relay For Life
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 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:
• Sponsor our team online at https://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/donate/T26784 (Please donate to team 1)
• Send in a donation, which is tax deductible (over $2) to the office and you will be issued a receipt.
• Sponsor a student in our Walk-a-thon event.
Every cent counts. Help us to celebrate, remember and fight back.
Mrs Brown and our Relay team.

School Photo Day
Friday 5th April
Envelopes have been sent home today.
Please check your child’s bag and take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes.
Please remember:
◊ Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
◊ Family envelopes are available from the school office.
◊ Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders accepted.
◊ Return your photo envelope on Photo Day. Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer.

Payment Reminder
Please remember to finalise payments for the following excursions:
◊ Stage 2 excursion to Wollongong Science Centre
◊ K-2 excursion to Sydney Royal Easter Show
◊ Deposits for Stage 3 excursion to Mogo Zoo - this excursion is limited to 50 places. A $40.00 deposit is required to secure your place.

P&C NEWS
The next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 28th March at 4.00pm in the staff room.
ALL WELCOME!
HIP HOP DANCE CLASSES

Exciting news!!! We have secured the services of Hip Hop Schools to teach dance lessons to our whole school next term.

The dance program will focus on the dance style Hip Hop and be taught by an experienced dance instructor over five consecutive weeks. Students will progress through a range of new movements and techniques that will help to develop overall fitness and build confidence. The program has been designed specifically for primary schools and special care has been taken to ensure all music and moves are age appropriate.

The cost of the program (5 sessions) is only $8 per child!!! This represents amazing value as dance classes usually cost at least $10 per session.

More information and a permission note will be sent home soon.

Mr Hines

NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY - 22 MARCH

This Friday is National Ride 2 School Day, which is expected to see students from more than 1500 Australian schools ride or walk to school. The day is about encouraging the school community to make active travel a normal part of their everyday lives.

Three points that highlight the benefits of active travel are:
- Riding to school will reduce traffic
- Students will arrive at school more alert
- Riding helps to develop important life skills such as confidence

Students who ride to school this Friday will receive a free temporary tattoo. Don’t forget your helmet!

Mr Hines

Walk-a-thon Reminder

The BPS WALK-A-THON is on THIS THURSDAY

Please remember to bring your money and sponsorship forms in as soon as possible, by next Monday 25th March at the latest.

SPORTS NEWS

Zone Trials - Cricket

Recently Justin from 5/6H finally had the chance to demonstrate his cricket skills at the Zone Cricket Trials which had been washed out twice due to rain. His strong performance on the day means that he was selected to attend the South Coast Trials at Batemans Bay. Congratulations Justin!

Regional Cricket

What a great result! Both Justin 5/6H and Emelia 3/4W attended Regional Cricket Trials last week and both were successful. They have been selected to represent the South Coast Region and will take part in training squads over the next few months. Well done Justin and Emelia!

Zone Trials - AFL

Tyler 5/6F and Jacob 5/6H went along to the Zone AFL Trials recently at West St Oval, Nowra. Even though they gave it their all, it was not quite enough for them to progress to Regional. They are both to be commended for representing our school at Zone level.

District Trials - Soccer

Recently our school sent four students to the District Soccer Trials. Emily 5/6F and Sherri 5/6DB went to Callala and were unlucky not to be chosen despite displaying great skills. Justin 5/6H and Tyler 5/6F went to Shoalhaven Heads and have been selected to attend the Zone Trials at Kiama on Wednesday this week. Well done boys!

Playground Line Markings

Are you creative? Do you have an eye for detail? Our school playground will soon become much brighter with the introduction of painted line markings e.g. hopscotch etc. If you have any experience in this area, can you please make yourself known to Mr Hines.

Mr Hines

♥♥♥ Heart Smart ♥♥♥

Here are some healthy heart food tips:
- use margarine spreads instead of butter
- choose reduced-fat milk (2% fat or less) for children two years and over
- have fish at least twice a week
- snack on fresh fruit
- don’t add salt to cooking or at the table
- enjoy a variety of foods especially fruits, vegetables, breads and cereals

Miss Sandstrom and Miss Wallace
National Day of Action Against Bullying

Friday 15th March was National Day of Action Against Bullying and Bomaderry Public School registered in this event and had a fabulous day. In the morning, all classes participated in some drama-based lessons around Bullying to better understand what bullying is and what students can do about it. They all learnt about being a bystander and the proactive steps one can take if they witness bullying occurring. Students completed a colouring-in or anti-bullying poster and one student from each class was invited to share their work with the school at our assembly. All students were given a wristband so they can remember this day and the message behind it – Taking a stand together we say: Bullying - No way!

After lunch, our school leaders ran their first official assembly for the year. They spoke about bullying, role-played a scenario about being a bystander and then got students into their Doing Things Together Day groups for our Harmony Day celebrations next Thursday. Team leaders then went through the rules chosen by the SRC students in our last meeting. The rules cover all the things teams will need to do to work together in harmony.

It was a very successful day. Thank you to our school leaders, Luana, Joshua, Tyler and Stephanie for helping organise the day and doing a fantastic job running the assembly.

Mrs Brown

- Class 5/6F -

This week in Literacy, 5/6 Fuchsia has been working to improve our persuasive writing. We have been looking closely at the structure of persuasive writing and focusing on an introduction that clearly states our opinion and hooks the reader to want to read more. Next we will be developing our arguments with topic sentences and elaboration to support our opinions.

In Numeracy we have been learning about probability and assigning values to the likelihood of certain events occurring. We have also been concentrating on learning our times tables and are practising with daily 5 minute drills to improve our recall and accuracy.

Our Unit of work this term is on Symbol Systems, and as part of this unit Mrs Ferrer expected us to design symbols to represent our own interests and personalities. One of our stars of the week Miette, produced quality work to create a comprehensive and creative range of symbols. These symbols will now be incorporated into a major piece of artwork.

This term in class we are studying aspects of Chinese culture and the influences it may have had in Australia. As a major assessment task we have also chosen another Asian country to research and compare to China and our own country.

Mrs Ferrer - Class Teacher

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

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:**
Harper, Victoria, Braith, Lachlan, Eline, Caleb, Wil, Jai, Codee, Jessica, Samuel, Lara, Siniva, Madilyne, Taylah, Skye, Shantaria, Jordyn, Kyan, Calib, Justin, Jayden, Annika, Zoe, Stephanie, Kurumi, Damien, Keely, Jezzabella, Iya, Natasha, Preston, Casey, Kaiden, Jordan, Kobi, Brayden, Thomas, Aleisha, Madison, Amelia, Shyanne, Lily, Samira, Talea, Paige, Aiden, Phoebe, Abby, Tamika, Alexander, Tara, Matt, Phoebe, Jake, Brad, Elizabeth

**Level 2 - 25 books:**
Alec, Robert, Ben, Brock, Amelia, Miette, Taylah, Charmian, Narteisha, Estelle, Zoe, Elizabeth, Jemma
Yellow Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Yellow Merits at Week 6 Assembly.
The awards were for “Confidence”

K Scarlett Shyanne, Lily
K Turquoise Natasha, Iya
K Cherry Dale, Paige
1 Gold Talea, Rhiley
1/2 Honey Jessica, Braith
2 Silver Aaron, Eline
2 Hot Pink Ebony, Alexis
3 Aqua Kayden, Charlie
3/4 Watermelon Shantaria, Emelia
5/6 Heather Phoebe, Ryan
5/6 Fuschia Daniel, Jemma
5/6 Dark Blue Maria, Jayden
S Bubblegum Leilani
S Lilac Indra
S Rainbow Alistair, Tamika
S Tangerine Ryan

BIG BLUE AWARDS

KC Tanesha, Paige, Caleb, Anna
KT Mia, Seth
KS Shyanne, Jordan, Maddison, Thomas, Madison, Lily, Aleisha, Samira, Brayden, Kira
1G Abby
1/2H Braith, Wil, Jessica
2S Charlotte, Taya
2H Jayden, Madyline, Tony
3A Charlie, Shaleigh, Kyan
3/4W Tara, Shantaria
5/6DB Peter, Mathew, Annika, Jayden, Angel
SR Alistair, Jacob, Damien, Ben, Jesse
SL Conner, Alec, Robert

GOLD AWARDS

2H Zac
3A Thomas, Kyan
5/6DB Annika

Book Club

Please return your Book Club orders to the Office by Wednesday 20th March.
Please make your cheques out to “Scholastic”.

- Class 3/4W -

We have been learning about the Solar System in Science. We have been finding out information about the different planets in the Solar System by using our computer technology skills.

In our Literacy work we have created interesting sentences by joining two simple sentences together to create compound sentences.

One of the activities we did recently in our music lessons was to create a body percussion accompaniment to a traditional Indonesian song called 'Senko'.

Our teacher, Miss Wallace, has expected us to complete quality work such as including a horizon line, background, middle ground and foreground in our landscape artworks. We also had to use different shades of colour with water colour paint.

We really enjoyed this lesson!

Two of the stars of our class who have produced Quality Work are Shayliegh and Tara because they created marvellous landscape artworks and addressed the High Quality criteria. Well done girls!

This term we are also going on an excursion to the Science Centre and Planetarium to consolidate our learning about the Solar System. We are excited!

Miss Wallace - Class Teacher

Learning Club

Where: Just come to Mrs Higgins room and wait on the seats
When: Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Last day for Term 1: Tuesday 9th April 2013
Come along and have fun!
Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon tea!
Parents please note that an application form must be completed for enrolment and parents must collect and sign out their child.
**POSITION VACANT**  
**- CANTEEN MANAGER -**  
Bomaderry Public School requires an efficient and enthusiastic individual to oversee the operation of a Healthy Kids Primary School Canteen.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the overall operation of the canteen.

Wages will be in accordance with the Fast Food Industry Award (2010).

The applicant should demonstrate their capacity to meet the following criteria:

**Criteria:**
- Demonstrated ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy food
- Demonstrated ability to work as a team member
- Demonstrated understanding of healthy eating
- Experience and or qualification in food preparation, food safety and handling
- Demonstrated ability in ordering and maintaining stock

**Desirable:**
- Demonstrated time management skills
- Experience working in a canteen with volunteers

Applications should include a resume with references & are to be submitted by 3pm Tues 19th March 2013.

Applications to be sent to:
Samantha Bell  
P&C President  
Bomaderry Public School  
PO Box 2147  
Bomaderry NSW 2541  
or emailed to: bomaderrypublicpnc@gmail.com

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**Community News**

**Bedwetting Information Evening for Parents**  
When: Tuesday 26th March 7pm  
What: Topics include causes, family history, treatment, when and where to get professional help  
Where: Paraquad Building, 6 Holker St, Newington  
Contact: 8741 5699 or email: nswcfa@gmail.com  
Reservations essential (by 19th March)

**Certificate III Business Course - FUNDED**  
Ready to kick-start your career in Administration? Develop or upgrade your skills? A Certificate III in Business at our Business Professionals Training Academy will help you get job-ready. Starts soon  
Call your Community College today on 4423 0351

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**Chicken Pox**

Please note that there has been a confirmed case of Chicken Pox within the school.  
**Time from exposure to illness:**  
10 to 21 days, usually 14 to 16 days  
**Symptoms:**  
Slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.  
**Do I need to keep my child home:**  
Yes, for 5 days from the onset of the rash and until the blisters have dried.

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**COMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

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- Learning Club 3.15-4.30pm  
- Active After School Communities |
| Wed 20th Mar | AFL Clinics Years 3-6  
- Book Club orders due at office |
| Thu 21st Mar | Harmony Day - Doing Things Together Day  
- BPS Walk-a-thon  
- Active After School Communities |
| Fri 22nd Mar | Stage 2 Science Centre excursion  
- National Ride 2 School Day |
| Tue 26th Mar | Learning Club 3.15-4.30pm  
- Active After School Communities |
| Wed 27th Mar | AFL Clinics Years 3-6 |
| Thu 28th Mar | Easter Show excursion Years K-2  
- Active After School Communities  
- P&C Meeting 4pm in staffroom |
| Fri 29th Mar | GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Mon 1st April | EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**  
**- Week Beginning Tues 19th March 2013 -**

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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.