Dear Parents / Carers

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and safe weekend. We now have another short school week before starting into Week 11 next week which will be our final week for Term 1 and our final newsletter. School concludes for the term on Friday April 12th and students return on Wednesday May 1st.

NUT FREE
Please note that students should not bring nuts or products containing nuts (eg. Nutella, peanut butter) to school. Allergies are common in children and nut allergies can be extremely dangerous. We are pleased that parents and students are making healthy choices for snacks but schools are nut-free environments. Thank you for following up on this very important request.

Relay for Life

What an amazing achievement – our school community showed its generosity and support for a very worthy cause, once again. The annual BPS Walk-A-Thon was held recently and all sponsorship monies have been collected. We are proud to announce that the total almost reached a very worthwhile $2,000. This hefty sum will be added to the BPS Relay For Life fundraising efforts. An overall sum of approximately $6,000 will be donated to the Cancer Council.

All of the efforts of the Relay For Life team will culminate in the actual relay this weekend. All community members are welcome to attend the Nowra Showground on Saturday to support the relay, visit our BPS team site and other sites at the grounds. Come along and see how the Shoalhaven supports the Cancer Council and all of the sufferers, survivors, families and friends dealing with the disease.

Infants Easter Show Excursion

If you told someone you were taking 90 children, aged 5, 6 and 7 to the Sydney Royal Easter Show, they would wonder if you had gone a little silly! But that is exactly what the Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 staff did last Thursday.

It was an early start and a very long, hot day but that didn't stop everyone from having an amazing time. The excursion focussed around the agricultural elements of the show and it certainly didn't disappoint. Students got up close and personal with snakes, wallabies, cows, goats, sheep, chickens, geese, ducklings, horses, pigs and donkeys! They attended a milking shed show where everyone had a turn at milking a real cow and turning milk into butter. They saw pigs race and dive into swimming pools, horses performing in the equestrian arena and they even ground wheat and oats and made pastry!

Congratulations to all of the students who behaved so well on such a full day of experiences; and to Mrs Tunks and all of the staff for their mammoth organisation, supervision and enthusiasm.

Quality Work

Grace from SR shared her high quality work with me after impressing Mrs Bridge. Grace created a short story and illustrated it using Aboriginal symbols.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day will roll around again during the upcoming school holidays. The Bomaderry RSL will once again host a dawn service and community march on April 25th. It is hoped that Bomaderry Public School students and their families will consider taking part in the march behind the school banner, proudly wearing full school uniform. BPS has traditionally had a strong number of participants leading the march through our suburb. All school leaders and class representatives should try to attend to represent their school, wearing their leadership badges. Please arrange to be opposite the Bomaderry RSL Club to form our group before 9am on April 25th. The march will commence at 9.15am.

After the school holidays, we will commemorate ANZAC day here at school (exactly one week after ANZAC Day) with a school ceremony. All parents, carers and community members are very welcome to attend on Thursday May 2nd at 10.00am in the Primary quadrangle.

Excursion Payments

I mentioned in the newsletter last week - 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 coordinating 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. These WILL be followed up on – so please be patient with teachers and office staff if you are informed that you have missed the payment period. To avoid this 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.

Reading
“Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything.” – Tomie de Paola

Thank you to Mrs Sharon Martin who places so much emphasis on the Home Reading program at BPS. Mrs Martin works as a School Learning Support Officer and has taken on the administration of our reading reward system. Her passion and dedication has already resulted in increased reading levels for students. Thank you again to Mrs Martin and to all parents who are supporting this important daily practice.

Have a fantastic week. Aim High to Achieve High.

Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

Reminder!
School Photo Day this week
Friday 5th April

Please take time to read the 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.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders accepted.
- Children are to bring their photo envelope on Photo Day - this Friday 5th April to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer.

P&C NEWS
The next P&C meeting will be on this Thursday 4th April at 4.00pm in the staff room.
ALL WELCOME!

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.

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

Mrs Brown and our Relay team.

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: Eddie, Ryan, Ashley, Reuben, Troy, Shayliegh

Level 2 - 25 books: Myah, Jayden, Shaleigh

Level 3 - 50 books: Amelia

Illawarra Performing Arts Company (ISER) Performing Ensemble

The ISER Performing Ensemble will be visiting BPS on Monday 8th April from 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 to be paid on the day.

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.

A flyer is included with this newsletter.

Mrs Armstrong
**BIG BLUE AWARDS**

SL  Brock  
KC  Dale  
1G  Rhiley  
1/2H  Benjamin  
2H  Jacob, Zac  
2S  Charlotte, Akala, Bailey, Harper  
3A  Kyan, Taylah, Estelle  
3/4W  Caleb, Rodney, Troy  
5/6H  Jaidin  
5/6DB  Peter  
5/6F  Cameron, Joshua

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Zone Rugby League Trials**

Last Tuesday, Joseph, Brayden, Cameron, Jake, Alden and Brad attended the Zone Rugby League Trials at Kiama. Congratulations to Jake for making it through to Regional. He will play at Batemans Bay on Friday 3rd May. Well done to all the boys for giving their best efforts. Thank you to the parents involved in transporting boys to the venue.

**Cross Country**

Don't forget our School Cross Country Carnival next Monday 8th April at Willandra. Please note that there will be no opportunity for students to order lunch from the school canteen or from the venue. Students will need to bring their own packed lunch, water bottle, hat and a jumper as it can become quite cold out on the course. Come along and cheer on our students!

**Community News**

**Opportunity ‘C’ Class for 2014**

Parents of gifted and talented children currently in Year 4 are invited to attend an Information Evening on Tues 9th April at 6pm at Illaroo Road Public School. 
Details: Bob Lowe, Deputy Principal, on 4421 0422

**Nowra Blues JAFc**

“Come and try” session for children aged 10 - 16 years on Thurs 4th & 11th April from 5-6pm at West St Oval, Nowra. Vacancies for new or past players to join under 12’s, 14’s and 16’s teams. No experience required. Girls up to the age of 14 can also play. Details or to register call Tony 0421 570 965 or Cindy 0407 934 390

**Family Fun Day - Fundraiser**

Sat 13th April - Bomaderry Bowling Club - from 10am Tickets: $5 per person or $10 per family. 100% of funds raised will go towards the "Save Shoalhaven's Neuro Nurse Fund". Features: Face painting, balloon animals, kids activities, raffles, jumping castle, lucky dips and games, live music all day (including BPS's very own Stephanie Perry). Details: SSNNF on 02 4422 2211 or visit: www.ssnnf.com

**- Class 2S -**

2 Silver have been learning writing techniques that are used to enhance descriptions and heighten readers’ interest. These include similes, prepositional phrases and adjectives. Students are working towards writing a descriptive information report about a cultural event they have been learning about in their unit of work *Understanding Us.*

*Understanding Us* explores student identity, culture and celebrations. Recently, students created a paper mache piñata which is essentially a container filled with treats. We learnt about their long, rich history and how they were used in ceremonies and celebrations around the world. We were surprised to discover they are not a Mexican invention, as commonly believed, but Chinese! Our teacher Miss Sandstrom has expected us to complete quality work such as create a dance sequence depicting the actions of a particular celebration. Students were expected to create a 4-8 beat movement sequence which included stationary and loco motor movements, as well as changing levels. Some ideas included the opening of a gift, going on an Easter egg hunt and the practice of beating a piñata. One of the stars in our class who has produced Quality Work is Aaron because he showed coordination, excellent technique and rhythm and consistently exuded enthusiasm in each performance.

This term we are also focusing on solving written mathematical problems. We are learning to identify key information provided in the question and rephrase the question out aloud to help support our understanding. We then use our mathematical skills to solve the problem and are expected to write the answer in a complete sentence in our maths book.

*Miss Sandstrom - Class Teacher*

**Stewart House Donations**

Please ensure that all Stewart House Donation envelopes are returned to the office by the end of this term please. All donations over $2 are entered in the draw for a chance to win a $4000 holiday. Your support is appreciated.

**-COMING SCHOOL EVENTS-**

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