Dear Parents and Carers

Relay for Life
All of the efforts of the BPS Relay For Life team ended with the participation in the Shoalhaven Relay on Saturday and Sunday. A number of parents, students, past students, staff and community members came along to the Nowra Showground to support the school team and the event. Altogether we had 27 team members who walked ....., over 1,400 laps of the showground. That is almost 700km.

We had the opportunity to celebrate with survivors who have won their battle with cancer, remembered those who have lost their battle, and collected information and raise funds to help our community to fight back. We were very proud of the Bomaderry community who, via this mighty team, raised over $6,000.00 – this was the 6th highest amount raised from over 120 teams! Congratulations Bomaderry – your generosity will really make a difference to others.

Kyle Anderson was one of the BPS past students who took part in our team. He met up with some fancy dressed participants during the relay.

The BPS school flag flew proudly over our school tent during the Shoalhaven Relay for Life event.

School Cross Country
A huge school team went off to the Cross Country carnival this morning to participate in our annual running event at ‘Wilandra’. The sun is out and running shoes and hats are on, so I’m sure it will be a successful event. Thank you to all families who had notes and monies returned for organisation purposes. Photos coming in next term’s newsletters.

ANZAC Day
ANZAC Day will be celebrated across Australia during the upcoming school holidays. The Bomaderry RSL will once again host a dawn service and community march on April 25th. We encourage Bomaderry Public School students and their families to once again take 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 12.00pm in the Primary quadrangle. Please note: we previously advertised another time – 12pm is correct!

School Holidays
Friday will be our last school day for Term 1. It has been a very positive term to begin our 2013 school year. Some highlights:
- The Parramatta Eels NRL team visited us
- Parents have joined with teachers for class information evenings and PLP meetings
- We celebrated ‘Harmony Day’ with a Doing Things Together Day
- Students participated in a Walk-a-Thon to raise charity funds for the Cancer Council
- Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 went to the Easter Show
- Students took part in the National Day of action against bullying
- Year 3 and Year 4 visited the Wollongong Science Centre
- SL, ST and SB travelled to the Nan Tien Temple for an excursion

And all of this happened alongside our usual busy schedule of lessons, learning and laughing!

We wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable time with children at home for the two weeks. I also wish staff a well-earned holiday with family and friends. Also, a special bon voyage to Ms De Fazio who is flying off on a mammoth overseas adventure very soon. Ms De Fazio will be on leave for the duration of Term 2. We wish her all the very best on her travels. Ms Harris will be having 5/6DB on Mondays and Tuesdays during Term 2.

Don’t forget the ANZAC march on April 25th. Students return to school on Wednesday May 1st. That is easy to remember – the first day of school is also the first day of May!

Aim High to Achieve High.
Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

Canteen Mini Red Day
Friday 12th April

This Friday the Canteen will be having a Mini Red Day.

A Meal Deal will be available for $5.50. This includes a Cheese Burger, Popper and Bag of Chips.

An order form has been sent home today. All orders must be returned to the Canteen by Thursday 11th April.

There will also be cakes, biscuits, jelly lolly cups, TNT’s, yogurt frogs and other treats for sale on the day.
School Banking is coming to Bomaderry Public School!

Pat the Dog is coming to our school on Tuesday 7th May, 2013 to talk to us about the exciting Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. Through the program, primary school kids can bank at school, giving them hands-on banking experience in a fun and interactive environment.

The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool items.

Pat the Dog will be excited to see you all next term.

School Banking day will be every Wednesday and will be collected by your child’s teacher.

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one by seeing Melinda from School Banking on Wednesday 8th May from 8.20am. She will be situated near the bus shelter and will provide you with a school banking starter pack.

Important information: Terms and conditions issued by Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 for Youthsaver Account are available from the Bank and should be considered before making any decision about the Youthsaver Account.

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are required to help paint the canteen during the school holidays. If anyone can help for a day, an hour or more, please contact Simone at the canteen for more information.

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.

BIG BLUE AWARDS

KC Logan
1G Talea, Karly
3/4W Alex, Thomas
ST Joshua

Reminder: Tomorrow Night
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

Tues 9 April 2013, 6.00pm at Illaroo Road Public School
A Year 5 Opportunity ‘C’ class will be formed in 2014 for gifted & talented students who are in Year 4 in 2013.
Information: Bob Lowe, deputy principal, on 4421 0422

Yellow Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Yellow Merits at Week 10 Assembly.
The awards were for “Persistence”

K Scarlett Tyler, Aleisha
K Turquoise Mia, Natasha
K Cherry Maddisen, Logan
1 Gold Paige, Reide
1/2 Honey Caleb, Victoria
2 Silver Akala, Charlotte
2 Hot Pink Bradley, Luke
3 Aqua Thomas, Kayden
3/4 Watermelon Tanzania, Kayden
5/6 Heather Aisha, Luke
5/6 Fuschia Cameron, Jemma
5/6 Dark Blue Jayden, Angel
S Bubblegum Leilani
S Lilac Brock
S Rainbow Jerrone, Aaron
S Tangerine Ryan, Jason

-YELLOW MERIT AWARDS-