Dear Parents and Carers

Spring has certainly ‘sprung’ this week. Enjoy the beautiful weather, the plants blooming and birds singing … BUT please also remember to slip, slop, slap. All students certainly require a hat each day for school.

Please extend our best wishes to all HSC students – both past BPS students and family members – as they begin their final exams today. All the best with this final round of assessment and for whatever path you choose beyond Year 12.

**PLEASE REMEMBER – SPRING FAIR is on Sunday 1st November from 10am - 2pm.**

**BPS achieving our Strategic Direction goals**

Our BPS School Plan has three Strategic Directions. These are in the general areas of Maths, Community Engagement and Quality Teaching.

We are pleased with the progress being made towards these strategic directions and just as the students are – we are certainly kicking goals! Thank you to our parents and carers for your support in achieving success for our students.

**Strategic Direction 2 – Why do we have a Community Engagement goal?**

Parents, school leaders and teachers need to work together in mutually supportive ways to ensure all students learn and achieve positive outcomes, develop a sense of self-worth, self-awareness and personal identity as well as manage their emotional, mental, cultural and physical wellbeing.

**What is the Community Engagement Goal?**

We aim for our school to be the centre of our community where families, agencies, clubs and groups work together with staff for students, as well as the good name of BPS.

The school focus on personalised learning and early identification in order to achieve the highest outcomes possible for students; engagement, wellbeing and learning.

Personal student information is translated into goals, which are ‘aimed for’ by school and family and achieved by collaboration and by using explicit feedback and support.

Increased community involvement is sought in order to help promote our culture of high expectations and improved attendance.

**Progress on this Goal**

Staff and families meet for regular PLP meetings and conversations that include 3 way planning and goal setting to build meaningful relationships and support student learning.

Our Learning Support Team provides ongoing and timely feedback on the support students are receiving through Student Action Plans.

The school attendance team ensures consistent monitoring and follow-up on attendance issues, uses the phone intervention program and promotes good attendance.

Our You Can Do It lessons include bullying definitions and information on anti-bullying strategies. We explicitly teach social skills as part of our Personal Development programs.

The school provides a free Kindergarten readiness program which is linked with our Early Intervention class.

**Community Engagement Officer (CEO)**

As part of our ongoing commitment to linking with our community, we have employed a part-time CEO to help us investigate ‘what’s out there!’ Mrs Leanne Speer is working with the staff and P&C to fulfil this role. Welcome Leanne. We are currently researching local clubs, agencies and organisations to ensure we haven’t neglected to work with someone who can help our BPS families. Watch this space.

**BPS Uniform Shop**

Plenty of NEW stock is on the shelves and the shop will be open this week on Monday afternoon from 2.30 -3.30pm and on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.30-9.30am. The students are looking fabulous in their Spring/Summer gear. Please call in to buy a new school hat if yours is missing.

**Please Complete Parent Survey - LAST CHANCE!**

The parent survey link closes this Friday 16th October. We encourage all BPS parents to provide us with feedback which we can use to refine our school processes. We would really appreciate as many families as possible to open the link (simply type it into the search on your computer or access it on our website or facebook page) and complete the very quick survey:


**Rides @ The Spring Fair**

Rides – yes, that's right – this year we will have rides (6 of them!) at the Spring Fair. A note with specific information about the rides and how to save money by pre-purchasing, was sent home last week.

Taking part in the pre-sale is of course optional but we wanted to offer affordable options for families so that the Spring Fair can be fun and accessible for everyone.

Ride-bands can be purchased from the office by enclosing CASH ONLY (apologies) in an envelope with child’s details. All payments will be collated and wristbands will be issued at the “Fair Office” on the day. Please place all envelopes into the usual payment slot at the front office.

The pre-purchase bands will be available right up until the Friday before the Fair – Friday 30th October.

**Spring Fair**

This Wednesday 14th October we will be holding the next meeting for Spring Fair organisation with the P&C fundraising team. All interested staff and parents who have ideas or can offer a hand to help plan and
Before School Supervision

Please note that there is no supervision for students arriving at school before 8.40am.

Tips for Parents

Reducing the Spread of Head Lice

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- Regularly check your children’s hair
- Teach older children to check their own hair
- Tie back and braid long hair
- Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.


School Contribution Fee

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 2015 is as follows:
- Student fee: $40.00
- Family fee (more than one student): $50.00

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P&C Uniform Shop

Mondays 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Wednesdays 8.30am - 9.30am
Fridays 8.30am - 9.30am

‘Like’ our Facebook page

Bomaderry Public School has a facebook page where we post lots of reminders, good news stories and share snaps and snippets from our school days/events! Don’t miss out on the updates and photos on your devices. Like our page today!
This term we have been learning how to write expositions to persuade our audience!

Students in our class have been writing a letter to Ms Hanbidge to try to persuade her to build something new in our playground, like a pool, a skate park or some new play equipment.

In our numeracy work we have been playing a Maths game using playing cards called ‘higher or lower’. Each day we have changed the rules to make the game more challenging. The game helps us to practice reading numbers.

At the end of last term, our class really enjoyed walking to Bomaderry Aquatic Centre for swimming lessons. Each day we packed our bags and walked to the pool with Miss Arnott and Mr Green. Then students got changed and Mr Green gave a talk about being safe in and around the water. Students then went with their swimming teachers and had their swimming lesson. It was a very tiring two weeks, but everyone really enjoyed the program. It was good to see so many students gain confidence and improve their swimming skills.

Our teacher, Miss Arnott, has expected us to complete Quality Work such as writing a recount about our holidays.

One of the stars of our class who has produced Quality Work is Ted because he used a range of spelling strategies to spell all words correctly in his recount.

This term we are also going to be doing some really interesting science experiments. Students are also looking forward to PE with Miss Wallace on Wednesdays.

Miss Arnott - Class Teacher

Please remember to notify the school of any changes to contact details.

If you, or any of your child's emergency contacts, have changed address or phone numbers, please ensure that you update these details with the school as soon as possible.
Aboriginal Otitis Media Program
Aboriginal Health Workers will be conducting the Otitis Media hearing checks at the school on Thursday 22nd October.
Thank you
A. Aldridge

Home Reading Levels
Bomaderry Public School rewards efforts with Home Reading. Our level 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 these levels in Home Reading:

LEVEL 1 - 10 BOOKS
Stage 3: Bree

LEVEL 2 - 50 BOOKS
Stage 1: Riley
Stage 3: Bree

LEVEL 3 - 50 BOOKS
Stage 1: Charlie
Stage 2: Robert

LEVEL 4 - 75 BOOKS
Early Stage 1: Liam, Aidan
Stage 2: Aiden
Stage 3: Taylah, Shantaria

LEVEL 5 - 100 BOOKS
Stage 1: Iya, Ted, Paige
Stage 2: Phoebe
Stage 3: Kyan

LEVEL 6 - 150 BOOKS
Stage 1: Jemima, Anna, Madison
Stage 2: Larna
Stage 3: Eline, Shaleigh

LEVEL 7 - 200 BOOKS
Stage 1: Brayden

SPECIAL MENTION - CONGRATULATIONS
Stage 2: Harper
Stage 3: Estelle, Jordan, Tara

Canteen News
This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special
♦ Small baked potato with ham & cheese + side salad
♦ Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
♦ Orchy

- Community News -

Nowra Athletics Club - Register Now
The summer track & field season has commenced.
When: Wednesday evenings - first event at 6pm
Where: Shoalhaven High School
All ages and abilities welcome.
Find us on Facebook or http://www.nowraathletics.org.au/

Nowra Family Support Service Inc.
Term 4 program now available - Groups, workshops and courses.
Phone: 4421 5499 Email: nowrafs@shoalhaven.net.au

Australian Gifted Support Centre
Offers a wide range of services to gifted children and adolescents, their parents or caregivers and their teachers. Regular support programs, courses and workshops, residential camps and teacher professional learning.
Upcoming camp: 23rd-25th October at Camp Wambaroo, Black Spring Rd, High Range NSW.
Details: www.australiangiftedsupport.com Ph:0408 436182
Email: lyndal@australiangiftedsupport.com

Skills To Save Lives - Shoalhaven River Festival
‘CPR Savvy’ is a 15 minute hands-on CPR workshop.
When: Saturday 24th October 12pm-7pm and Sunday 25th October 10am-3pm
Where: Skills To Save Lives at Shoalhaven River Festival.
If you cannot attend at this time, visit: www.skillstosavelives.com/CPRsavvyShoalhavenFestival.php
Details: Colleen Allan 0402 737 585

4Slam Basketball - Junior Skills Challenge: Ages 8-12
Includes 4 Point Shootout, Hot Shotz Shooting, Speed Dribbling, Pin Point Passing and The Vertical Jump Test.
When: 16th October from 5pm
Where: Shoalhaven Basketball Stadium
Cost: $7.00 per player
Details: www.4slam.com.au

Shoalhaven Heads SLSC - Open Day
CLUB OPEN DAY on 18th October at 10-12.30 pm
Includes water/beach safety and first aid demonstrations and information about what Surf Lifesaving is all about.
Join us for a sausage sizzle at our family friendly club on Macintosh St, Shoalhaven Heads.
Enquiries: secretary@headssurf.com.au
Visit website www.headssurf.com.au or Facebook

- COMING SCHOOL EVENTS -

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