Dear Parents and Carers

Happy, safe holidays and a very special festive season to all of our Bomaderry Public School family. Thank you for a fantastic 2015. Please enjoy our ‘Highlights of 2015’ page. We look forward to seeing you all (and visits from Year 6!) next year. School returns for students in Years 1-6 on Thursday 28th January. Students will return to their 2015 classrooms to meet and greet teachers until being placed in temporary groupings during the first day.

Please note – Kindergarten students have individual Best Start assessment times scheduled during the first week of school, and will not start in class until Wednesday 3rd February.

Achieving our GOALS

Our last batch of clever cookies for 2015 were: Chelsea, Eva, Skye, Jyi, Ivy, Alivia and Trae from KS achieved their literacy and numeracy goals. Kayde and Emily from KH can now read level 9 books. Kya from KH knows her numbers to 20.

Joke of the Week

Thank you to Kaylen from 2A who has shared this week’s joke.

What do monkeys sing at Christmas?
Jungle Bells

And now … this is our LAST bulletin for 2015. Thank you to each of our wonderful staff members for everything you have done this year – you are simply an amazingly dedicated bunch of people who have made so many positive differences in our students’ lives. Merry Christmas and enjoy your break.

School breaks up THIS WEDNESDAY 16th December. Stay safe.

Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

Big Blue Awards

1D  Eltica, James, Khie
2G  Seth
5/6H  Taylah
K-6S  Josh

Gold Awards

K-6S  Ben

Please note that the After School Basketball Program has now finished

Quality Work

David, Dylan, Maddy and Samira from 2G researched 3 questions on a topic and then published their findings into an e-book using iPads. Great work Year 2.

Canteen RED DAY

Well! What a big day we had last Friday – mufti Christmas clothes, Santa photos and a red day at the canteen. Congratulations and a very big thank you to all of the P&C, volunteers, family members and staff who supported the fundraising. Santa was very impressed with the beautiful children and the very good looking ladies in the office!

Library News

Please keep looking for overdue books and return them to the library as soon as possible. The library is currently getting ready for next year and we need the books back in the library.

Some children have VERY overdue books and we would really appreciate them back in the library.

Congratulations to K-6 Lilac and Kindergarten Hollywood for returning all their library books.

Thank you for your help.
Mrs Manktelow

Sport 2016

Thank you to Miss Wallace, Miss Arnott, Mr Green and all of the staff involved in Sport, PDHPE, Active After School, Swim Scheme, Leisure Sports and PSSA teams as well as everything else ‘sporty’ during 2015. Many parents had requested additional sporting opportunities at BPS this year and the PDHPE team certainly worked hard to offer a wide variety of activities to suit our students. Miss Wallace has kindly registered our school into a number of PSSA knockout competitions for 2016. Keep an eye out as the new school year starts so you can be part of the Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Football or Touch teams.
Our 4 wonderful leaders for 2015 have been Lara, Nas, Tara & Rodney. They have done a wonderful job representing our school throughout the year.

We welcomed 2 classes of students & new families to our school community at the beginning of 2015 and we are thrilled that this will increase to 3 classes in 2016.

ANZAC Day
A strong contingency of Bomaderry Public students and staff marched from Bomaderry RSL to Walsh Park and took part in the ANZAC service. Our school leaders demonstrated pride and composure carrying our banner and laying a wreath on behalf of us all. We were particularly proud to lead the town parade this year, the 100th anniversary of ANZAC day.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS
During NAIDOC week at BPS we held our flag raising assembly and officially opened our art exhibition. There was a big turn out of community members who joined us for the enjoyable celebration day. Burumin Art, a local Indigenous art company, generously donated art prizes, and our very talented Koori Dancers entertained the crowd. Also to celebrate NAIDOC week we had 4 students participate in a NAIDOC week public speaking competition. Thomas, Rodney, Madilyne and Tiarri did a wonderful job representing BPS at the challenge and continued on to participate in round 2 at Minnumurra Public School.

Mr Bob Aulesbrook, donated this amazing wooden bench, that he made, to our school. The bench is a wonderful addition to the playground near our support classes and community HUB room.

Spring Fair
The spring fair was a HUGE success. The combined effort from our staff, P&C, families, community and businesses made the day very special. We are particularly grateful that this event helped us raise over $12,000. Hundreds of people came through the gates to enjoy a sunny day out. The variety of activities and goodies was outstanding. Thank you again to everyone who helped & supported the day.

2015 was certainly very busy. We have a new school plan with 3 directions for the future. We are achieving many of the targets in the plan. Thank you to our community for the support they provide.
BPS Uniform Shop

Special Opening Hours:
  Term 1, Week 1:
  Wed 27th Jan (Staff Development Day)
  9am - 3pm
  Thursday 28th Jan - Friday 29th Jan
  9am - 12pm
  Term 1, Week 2:
  Monday 1st Feb - Friday 5th Feb
  9am - 12pm

Canteen Specials - Tomorrow Only
Tuesday 15th December (Closed Wednesday 16th)
The Canteen will have some specials available tomorrow only, including flavoured milk for $1.00

This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special
◆ Choice of spaghetti bolognese
  or chicken tenders
◆ Choice of popper or small water
◆ Choice of a packet of chips or a Mony

2016 Year 3
Student Bus Passes
All students entering Year 3 in 2016 who currently hold a bus pass, must complete a new application form for next year. These students will not automatically receive a bus pass at the commencement of 2016.
To be eligible for free bus travel, students in Year 3 onwards must live at least 1.6km (direct line) from school unless there are special circumstances.

Students in Year 2 this year who require a bus pass for 2016 should collect a new Application Form from the school office.

Stationery Packs - Special Offer
We have limited stock of our Stationery Packs available at the following discounted price:
  Kindergarten - was $14 now $9
  Year 1 - was $14 now $9
  Year 2 - was $16 now $10
  Year 3 & 4 - was $18 now $12
  Year 5 & 6 - was $27 now $18
These stationery packs are available from the office. Limited stock - Don’t miss out!

Canteen Credit Book
Please note that the Canteen will no longer be operating a credit book next year.

P&C FUNDRAISER
Enclosed with the Newsletter is a flyer regarding the purchase of school shoes from Mathers at Stockland Nowra. From now until 31 March 2016, present the barcode on the flyer, and the P&C will receive 5% of your purchase.

- Community News -
Aussie Hoops Basketball 2016 Registrations
Commences Monday 5th February 2016 at Shoalhaven Basketball Stadium.
Register now: www.aussiehoops.com.au Phone 4421 3800

Free Dental Care - NSW Government/Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
All children under 18 years old can have free general dental care in outpatient clinics. Waiting times are reducing so it’s a good time to register your family.
Phone: 1300 369 651

Go4Fun
Go4Fun is a free healthy lifestyle program that is offered across NSW to families of children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight.
Term 1, 2016 - Shoalhaven PCYC - Tuesdays 4-6pm
Register by phoning 1800 780 900 or www.go4fun.com.au

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Are You Leaving?
Please advise the school office on 4421 6577 as soon as possible if your children (not including Year 6 students) will not be returning to Bomaderry Public School in 2016.