Dear Parents, Carers and Community

Thank you

It is thank-you’s all around this week as we wrap up another wonderful term at BPS. Thank you to each and every parent and community member who supported the election barbecue and canteen on Saturday. I look forward to hearing the outcome from this fundraiser – by the sound of things, there were “thousands” of voters pouring through the gates so hopefully they all supported our stall.

Relay For Life

Thank you also to all of the members of “Bomaderry Public School Relay Team”: Mrs Solley, Ms DeFazio, Mrs Brown, Mrs Bridge, Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Anderson & Travis, Mrs Ferrer & Tom, Mrs Dumbrell, Mrs Kellett, Mrs Meredith & Riley, Mrs Martin, Mrs Rumble & Tara and one of our wonderful BPS grandmothers, Mrs Radonich. All of these team members also involved their families in their efforts and many of them came along on Saturday to support our team as we walked, jogged (Ms Dumbrell, Travis and Tom only I think!), talked, sold ‘Bommo Bugs’, cheered on survivors and carers and spent time together raising money (approximately $2,500.00) and awareness for the Cancer Council. It was especially lovely to have Mrs Solley with us as she is going through chemotherapy at the moment, fighting this very tricky disease. Go Mrs Solley.

Grandparents Day

My third big thank you goes out to all of the Year 1 and 2 students, teachers and grandparents – what a lovely, lovely, lovely morning last Thursday as our Stage 1 grandparents came along to share stories from the past, help us do art and craft and enjoy a fabulous morning tea in the sunshine on our front lawns. Many grandparents thanked the school and teachers for hosting such a successful day and some of them travelled long distances to come along. What a positive example of our community working together for education.

Quality Work

Loads of clever BPS students completed high quality work last week.

Daniel, Ben, Leilani and Brayden from K-6S exhibited excellent handwriting skills by using the lines in their books, correctly forming letters and having some fun using marshmallows to make their ‘spaces’!

Jacob, Isaac, Jesse and Ethan from 3-4T shared their groovy ‘pop art’ with me. These works were inspired by Andy Warhol. These boys used interesting colour combinations and item placement.

Samira from 2G created an amazing ‘seahorse’ collage last week. Samira was working in the art studio and created an excellent sea-coloured background effect as well as great use of multi-media.

Riley and Leilani from K-6S (yes, that is twice in one week for Leilani!) worked really hard with Ms Wallace last week in PD lessons. They created an anti-bullying poster including words and pictures to spread the message and used the creative space on their poster very well.

End of Term Events

BUSY will be an understatement when describing the next few days! Tomorrow is the ‘JollyBops’ Science Show. Wednesday is our annual whole school cross country carnival and Thursday in the K-2 Easter Hat parade. In between all of this we will be continuing our usual lessons and wrapping up Term 1. Well done BPS teachers – I know you are always busy and doing everything you can to make the learning of our students the highest quality possible. Enjoy your holiday.

Thank you to all families who have worked closely with us during this term. We look forward to seeing you all again after the break. Have a safe and happy Easter and school holiday. Keep up the home-reading! We will see all students back at school on Tuesday 28th of April.

Dionne Hanbidge
Principal
Term 1 - Week 10
30th March 2015

BIG BLUE AWARDS
K-6J  Ryan, Ngurowin, Nathan
1D   Montana, Jolie, Finn, Jordan
1R   Bridget
2A   Natasha, Iya, Jack
2G   Samira, Anna, Seth
3H   Victoria, Tamika
3/4T  Byron
4C   Braith, Tiarni, Jack, Jai
5/6H  Shaleigh, Tara

GOLD AWARDS
1R   Oscar

Payments Due
Stage 3 students are reminded that the first instalment payment of $60.00 for the Mogo excursion is due by this Thursday 2nd April.

Walk-a-thon
There are still a lot of Walk-a-thon sponsorship forms outstanding.
ALL forms need to be returned this week please.

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 1: Charlie, Zaralee
Stage 2: Paige, Jai, Leela, Kaleb, Emily, Aaron, Jai, Jordan, Tiarni, Bradley, Chad, Aiden
Stage 3: Troy, Charlie, Kyan, Shantaria, Brock

LEVEL 2 - 25 BOOKS
Stage 1: Jemima, Jordan, Kobi, Jolie, Oscar, Keeley, Aurelia
Stage 2: Emily N, Kaleb, Jai, Emily P, Aaron, Grace, Jordan, Tiarni, Bradley, Chad, Aiden, Leela, Jessica
Stage 3: Kyan, Nartesiha, Talyah, Emelia, Lara, Shantaria

LEVEL 3 - 50 BOOKS
Stage 2: Harper, Peggy
Stage 3: Shayliegh, Tara, Joshua, Rodney, Nas

-Big Blue Awards-

Our class has been learning how to write interesting and engaging narratives. One of the activities we did recently was writing our own fairytale after listening to the story ‘The Paper Bag Princess’.

Our teacher, Miss Arnott, expected us to complete quality work by ensuring we had an orientation that introduced the characters and setting, a problem that the character had to face and an ending that told the audience how the problem was solved. One of the stars of our class was Madison who wrote a very interesting narrative about a brave dolphin who rescued a Queen and King who got lost at sea after a fishing trip.

The highlight of our term was having some very special visitors to our classroom last week to help us learn about the past. Thank you to our grandparents who came along and answered all of our questions. We particularly enjoyed looking at money from the past.

Miss Arnott - Class Teacher

Library News
This is the last week of term and a great opportunity to make sure all library books are returned. Please take a look at home and bring them back to the library.
Have a safe holiday break.
**Term 1 - Week 10**

**COMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

**Tue 31st Mar**
- 'Jollybop' performance at school

**Wed 1st April**
- BPS Cross Country Carnival

**Thu 2nd April**
- Easter Hat Parade 10am for K-2
- First payment instalment due for Mogo excursion
- Last Day of Term 1

**Fri 3rd April**
- Students return for Term 2

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**P& downhill country Carnival**

The whole school Cross Country Carnival is on this Wednesday 1st April 2015 at ‘Willandra’ (Browns Mountain Rd, Cambewarra).

Students will depart from school by bus at 9:30am.

Please ensure students pack a hat, nutritious lunch, snack and water for this day.

Thank you to all staff, parents and carers for your wonderful efforts with payments and chasing up permission notes.

Parents, carers and families are encouraged to come on the day to support your child/ren. It will be a fun day!

**Miss Krystel Wallace**

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**P&C Uniform Shop**

**Mondays** 2.30pm - 3.30pm

**Wednesdays** 8.30am - 9.30am

**Fridays** 8.30am - 9.30am

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**- Community News -**

**Bomaderry Soccer Club**

Bomaderry Soccer Club are needing players for under 10, under 12 boys and under 12 girls.

Info: Stacey 0422 866 063 or bomaderryfc@yahoo.com.au

**Shoalhaven Football School Holiday Clinic**

Shoalhaven Football School Holiday Clinics will be held for children aged 5-13 years at the following venues:

- Shoalhaven Heads 7th & 8th April, 9am-12pm
- Culburra 9th & 10th April, 9am-12pm
- South Nowra 16th & 17th April, 9am-12pm

Cost for each clinic is $70.00

For more information email mjonno1@bigpond.com.au

**Robo Camp**

Students aged 7+ learn to design, build and program LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robots.

Hosted by the University of Wollongong (Shoalhaven Campus). Cost from $130.00 Details: www.projectb.net.au

Bookings essential. Email: coach@projectb.net.au

**Nowra Family Support Service Inc.**

Groups, workshops and courses for Term 2 now available:

- ‘Keeping Kids in Mind’ - for parents experiencing conflict after separation.
- ‘Triple P’ - Positive Parenting Program
- ‘Seasons for Change’ - understanding change, loss & grief
- ‘Supported Playgroup’ & ‘Family Day’ fundraising event.

Details: Ph 4421 5499 / Email nowrafs@shoalhaven.net.au

**National Parks & Wildlife Service ‘Discovery’ program**

School holiday environmental education program including walks, talks and tours.

Program details: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Bookings are essential. Phone 4887 7270

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**Canteen News**

*The school canteen will not be open this Wednesday 1st April due to the cross-country carnival.*

This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special

- Zucchini Slice with salad
- Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
- Orchy

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**P&C News**

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Election Day BBQ and canteen here at school on Saturday.

Your hard work and cooking raised $1018.65! Some of these funds will be used towards purchasing more Home Readers for the Infants department.

Thank you to the Bomaderry community for your continued support.

We also had a fantastic turn-out at the last P&C meeting. Thank you to all those who attended.

We had lots of discussion and lots of exciting things will be happening at BPS next term.

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