Dear Parents, Carers and Community

Only 2 more bulletins after this one and the Easter holiday break will be upon us! There seems to be so much planned before the break, I wonder if we will fit it in! The Shoalhaven Relay For Life event at the Nowra Showground is coming up on Saturday 28th March. Don’t forget that BPS has a team and all are welcome to register and join us on the day. Some of the money raised by our recent Walk-a-thon will be donated to the Cancer Council also – please return all sponsorship forms as soon as possible.

Quality Work
So many clever students demonstrated high quality work last week. Teachers explain the explicit criteria for students at the beginning of their lessons to support learning, enabling students to know exactly what to work towards during the lesson. The following students met the learning criteria during their learning last week.

Jayden and Jacob from 3/4T created high quality ‘op art’ artworks using alternating colours and neat presentation.
Phoebe, Tamika and Paige from 3H also impressed me with their visual artworks which included the use of contrasting colours and consideration of shape placement and position.
Alistair and Aaron from 3-6T worked very hard on their bookwork and presentation during Literacy last week. The boys researched accurate dictionary definitions and then demonstrated excellent layout of their written work.

Rodney and Alden from 5/6F wrote persuasive texts on a topic very close to my heart: ‘Books are better than TV’! Both boys presented good arguments and used the correct text structure with one idea per paragraph and correct spelling.

Parents & Citizens meeting NEXT Thursday
Bomaderry Public P&C group will meet next Thursday 26th March at 4pm in the staffroom. Thank you to each of the attendees who came along last time. Having a group of willing parents has meant we have a raffle up and running, fundraisers in the planning and school improvement projects happening. Please note the following dates on your calendars and make plans to come along to one of the meetings during 2015: 26th March, 28th May, 25th June, 23rd July, 27th August, 22nd October and 26th November.

Easter Hat Parade and Raffle
Don’t forget Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2nd April at 10am. All students in Kindergarten -Year 2 are invited to create an Easter hat, and some can also be made here at school if necessary.

Thank you to the P&C who have organised a raffle of ‘Easter goodies’ and another big thank you to families who donated treats and other items for the prizes also. They look fantastic. These prizes will be drawn at the Easter raffle whilst our community are here enjoying the wondrous creations!

Please send in all raffle tickets as soon as possible. Raffle tickets SOLD and UNSOLD must be returned.

NAPLAN – National Assessment of Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3 and 5
The annual NAPLAN assessments are coming early in Term 2. If you have a child in Year 3 or 5 please be sure to mark these dates down. It is important that all students are at school on those days and ON TIME – Tuesday 12th May (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday 13th May (Reading) and Thursday 14th May (Numeracy). Friday the 15th May is the final day to complete catch-up assessments.

STATE Swimming for Ryan
Congratulations to Ryan (K-6 Saffron) who is now off to the state swimming carnival in Sydney. Ryan will compete in the AWD 50 metre backstroke and AWD 50 metre freestyle events. Good Luck Ryan, we are all very proud of you.

Congratulations Jai
Well done to Jai from 3-6T on winning a Highly Commended Certificate in Interrelate’s 2015 ‘Say No to Bullying’ poster competition. This was a wonderful achievement from over 6000 entries across the state. Jai and his parents have been invited to a special awards ceremony with His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor of New South Wales this Friday. Congratulations Jai!

NO HAT – PLAY IN THE SHADE
Please remember it is NO HAT, PLAY IN THE SHADE. Hats are for sale here at school for only $7.50. Please chase one up for your child/ren if they do not have one.

REMINDEERS:
Please send in all raffle tickets and Walk-a-thon sponsor forms as soon as possible. Raffle tickets SOLD and UNSOLD must be returned.

Aim High Achieve High
Ms Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

Please remember that our newsletter is able to be viewed in colour on our school website: www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Harmony Day and National Day Of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Our school has been registered to participate in two important events this week. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. National Day Of Action Against Bullying and Violence is an opportunity for schools to say ‘Bullying - No Way!’ and to strengthen our existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Throughout the week, students will participate in class activities about these two events. On Thursday, students will participate in our first Doing Things Together Day for the year. They will take part in ‘teambuilding’ activities in small K-6 groups whilst demonstrating and practising one of our keys to success – getting along. Each group will be allocated a colour and students are asked to dress in that colour on the day.

School Cross Country Carnival

Students in all classes will be going on an excursion to “Willandra” (Browns Mountain Rd, Cambewarra) for the whole school Cross Country carnival on Wednesday 1st April 2015 (Week 10). This excursion is compulsory and has been planned to supplement the following work being done in the classroom: PDHPE. Please see your class teacher or Miss Wallace if there are any issues or enquiries about the day. Payment and note must be returned to the office on or before Wednesday 25th March 2015. 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

Facts about Fractions

If you've forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what's left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets. Details: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf

Impetigo (School Sores)

There has been a confirmed case of a student with Impetigo (school sores) at the school. As impetigo can spread easily, if your child has any spots, sores or rashes, please consult a Doctor as antibiotic treatment may be required.

Amazing Art

Autumn's the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar. Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/
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: Aurelia, Mathew, Montana, Cassandra, Tannarah, Rocco, Danyal, Jacob, Maverick, Nathan, Aisha
Stage 2: Eline, Cameron, Lateisha, Reide, Sarah, Coddee
Stage 3: Carter, Rylie, Jai, Alistair, Ben, Kyran

**LEVEL 2 - 25 BOOKS**
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**School Photo Day**
Friday 27th March

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- 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.
- Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the school office upon request. **Online ordering is NOT available for Sibling Photo Packs.**
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
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If for some reason your child is absent, it is necessary for you to contact the school within 7 days to explain why they were absent.

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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
Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS or cheque at the office.
Your contribution is much appreciated by the students who benefit directly from the additional resources.

Year 6/7 Transition to High School
Last week, all students in Year 6 were handed the Expression of Interest forms for Year 7 enrolment to High School in 2016.
Parents and carers of these students are required to complete this form and return it to the office by this Friday 20th March.

Book Club
Please return your Book Club orders to the office by Wednesday 18th March with payment. Please make cheques out to “Scholastic”.
Thank you, Book Club Co-ordinator

P&C Uniform Shop
Mondays 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Wednesdays 8.30am - 9.30am
Fridays 8.30am - 9.30am

P&C NEWS
The next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 26th March at 4.00pm in the staffroom.
ALL WELCOME!

Canteen News
This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special
♦ Creamy Chicken Pasta
♦ Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
♦ Mony

- Community News -
NSW Fisheries Kids Fishing Workshops for 8-14yr olds
Learn about safe, sustainable fishing as well as getting great fishing gear to take home.
Where: Greenwell Point
When: 8th April
Bookings are essential. Limited places available.
Info and registration: Stephen 4220 8484 or the website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries

Go4Fun
FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier! Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7 to 13 years who are above their ideal weight. The program runs one afternoon per week over the school term and aims to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence. Program highlights include active games, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes, a supermarket tour, plus much more! The Term 2 program will be held at Bomaderry Public School on Wednesdays from 4pm to 6pm starting 29th April.
Details: 1800 780 900, SMS 0409 745 645 or visit www.go4fun.com.au.

Bomaderry After School Hours Care
Bomaderry after school hours care our now taking enrolments for the April school holidays which start Tuesday 7th April. We offer a jam packed exciting programme with fully qualified staff.
Register: Maree 0422 321 774 from 6.30am – 6.30pm

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