Dear Parents, Carers and Community

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day and National Say No To Bullying Day here at school. We worked together in mixed-age groups with our BPS buddies doing collaborative activities all around the school. Teachers organised group activities which fostered getting along, teamwork, consideration and loads of fun! The senior students led their ‘teams’ extremely well and special mention must be made to a number of outstanding leaders. These students took extra special care of the younger students in their groups, ensured everyone worked together and had a say, behaved beautifully and demonstrated all of the BPS Keys To Success. Congratulations Reuben, Charlie, Andrew, Jordan, Byron and Tanzania.

Payment Cut-off Dates
Please remember to take special note of due-by dates for payments for excursions and excursions. We include these dates because we require final numbers of attendees prior to an event. We cannot organise an outing on the morning it is taking place! We require payment and permission notes ahead of time so we can be sure to have transport, staff, pre-payments and other organisation completed. Please understand that on occasions we will need to say no to late payments and unfortunately this can cause disappointment. (Please note – the JollyBops Science Show payment date has now passed.)

Our school cross country carnival is fast approaching. It is a whole school event for ALL students K-6. Please return your child/ren’s permission notes and payments by this WEDNESDAY, 25th March.

Relay 4 Life
The Shoalhaven Relay For Life event at the Nowra Showground is coming up this Saturday 28th March. Don’t forget that BPS has a team and all are welcome to join us on the day. Come along and have a BBQ lunch at one of the stalls or walk a lap with us around the showground. We will be selling our ‘famous’ BOMMO BUGS on the day and running some great Guessing Competitions also – bring your gold coins. Thank you to Mrs Leanne Lonsdale for donating a beautiful candle prize for one of our competitions. Some of the money raised by our recent Walk-a-thon will be donated to the Cancer Council – please return all sponsorship forms as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets are also on sale in our front office for a short time. This mega-raffle is organised by Shoalhaven 2015 Relay for Life to raise further funds for Cancer Council NSW. Tickets are $3 each or two for $5. Prizes include: 1st Prize: AVIDA Shoalhaven Holiday package 7 days/6 nights for up to 4 people, valued at $4400. Donated by Country Motor Company. 2nd Prize: Lawn and garden care package, valued at $1500. Donated by Nowra 4WD & Outdoor Products 3rd & 4th Prizes: Melbourne Xmas Shopping tour 5 days/4 nights for 2 people, valued at $1390. Donated by Kennedys Tours. 5th Prize: Earrings valued at $600 donated by J’Adore Diamonds 6th Prize: Indulgence package valued at $390 donated by Ella Bache.

Quality Work
WOW!!! More of our clever BPS students demonstrated high quality work last week. Blake, Chloe and Eva from KS enjoyed a lesson with Mrs Brown where they created art responses to the story “We’re Going On A Bear Hunt”. They focused on descriptive language, painted scenes from the text and used creativity. Well done to these Kindergarten students. Charlie, Lachlan, Isaac, Jacob and Rhiley from 3/4T worked really hard on the computers in class last week. They were learning about forces and how things move. Using this knowledge they created a word document, pasted in a picture or diagram and published their information.

Keeley from 1R impressed Mrs Dumbrell with her draft and published writing. Keeley wrote a narrative which included an orientation, complication and resolution. She edited her work and used paragraphs. Maddie, David and Amelia from 2G also produced high quality work. Mr Green’s clever students wrote recounts using paragraphs, correct punctuation and letter formation as well as time sequencing words in their work.

Myah, Rodney, Thomas, Chantelle, Madilyne, Estelle and Zoe produced excellent persuasive texts in 5/6F. Mrs Ferrer has been expecting her students to use the correct persuasive paragraph structure when writing on a given topic. Last week they wrote about the very good reasons mobile phones should be banned from schools. They didn’t have to tell me twice!
Parents & Citizens meeting THIS Thursday
Bomaderry Public P&C group will meet THIS Thursday 26th March at 4pm in the staffroom. Please note the following dates on your calendars and make plans to come along to this week’s meeting or one of the following meetings during 2015: 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. 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.

TRAFFIC ISSUES
We had an unfortunate incident last week when a parent ignored the signage on the school driveway (which states - staff only) and entered the grounds. This vehicle collided with a staff owned vehicle parked inside the school. The registration of the offending vehicle was recorded and on this occasion it will be able to be followed up. These types of accidents can be avoided if everyone follows the signage, requests and road rules. Please do not drive into the school. Please do not park across our neighbour’s driveways when you are here to drop off or pick up BPS students. Partly obscuring driveways, even for a short time, is not acceptable. Our neighbours should not be inconvenienced because they live near our school. Thank you.

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.

REMINDERS:
Please send in all raffle tickets and Walk-a-thon sponsor forms as soon as possible. Raffle tickets SOLD and UNSOLD must be returned. Cross country notes and payments should be returned for ALL students – by Wednesday please.

Aim High Achieve High
Ms Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

Payments Due
All students are reminded that permission notes and payment for the Cross Country carnival are due by this Wednesday 25th March.

Also, please remember to bring photo envelopes to school this Friday 27th March for School Photo Day

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Parents and carers of current Year 6 students are reminded that the Expression of Interest forms for Year 7, 2016 are now OVERDUE. Please complete the form and return it to the office immediately.

Practise to be a Journalist
This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspapersnippet.asp

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

Bullying Knows No Bounds
When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she’d done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home

Please remember that our newsletter is able to be viewed in colour on our school website: www.bomaderry-p.schools.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: Holly, Debbie, Khie, Ryan
Stage 2: Rhiley, Alec, Samuel, Lara, Symon
Stage 3: Talyah, Jackson

**LEVEL 2 - 25 BOOKS**
Early Stage 1: Lindsay, Levi
Stage 1: Lily, Samira, Amber, Blake, Ted, Ryan, Jordan, Shyanne, Mia, Iya, Finn, Bridget, Will, Kate, Collin, Jessica, James, Mia
Stage 2: Byron, Amy, Robert, Ethan, Samuel, Ben, Tamika, Aylah, Danielle
Stage 3: Jackson, Ajay, Alden

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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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**Yellow Merit Awards**
Congratulations to the following students who received Yellow Merits at Week 8 Assembly.
The awards were for “Persistence”

- KS: Kyliinta, Aidan
- KH: Emily, Jackson
- 1R: Kobi, Aurelia
- 1D: Montana, Jordan
- 2A: Lauchlan, Naomi
- 2G: Ted, Kloe-Lee
- 3H: Abby, Connor
- 3/4T: Jacob, Symon
- 4C: Akala, Luke
- 5/6F: Charlotte, Jasmine
- 5/6H: Joshua, Shaleigh
- K-6J: Edie, Ngurrowin
- K-6L: Ivan
- K-6S: Ben, Joshua
- 3-6T: Mitchell, Alistair

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**School Photo Day**
Friday 27th March
Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:
- 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.
- Return your individual photo envelopes on photo day. Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE PHOTO ENVELOPE BACK TO SCHOOL UNTIL PHOTO DAY. ANY ENVELOPES RECEIVED PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY WILL BE RETURNED HOME.

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

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**Back by Popular Demand**
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

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**Safetytown website**
A road safety education program
This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit [https://www.safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)
Term 1 - Week 9

- Coming School Events -

23rd March 2015

Wed 25th Mar
- Cross-country permission notes and payment due

Thu 26th Mar
- Years 1-2 Grandparents Day
- P&C meeting 4pm in staffroom

Fri 27th Mar
- School Photo Day: Send Envelopes!

Sat 28th Mar
- Relay for Life, Nowra Showground

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

- School Holidays -

Tue 21st April
- Students return for Term 2

- Big Blue Awards -
K-6L  Ajay, Lindsay
KH   Shanley
KS   Blake, Dekoda, Skye, Chloe, Kylinta
1R   Ryan, Kobi
2A   Paige
3H   Connor, Emily
3-6T  Joel
4C   Tony, Akala, Kaleb
5/6H  Carter, Joshua, Kyan

- Gold Awards -
3H    Ben

- Canteen News -
This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special
- Pizza Muffin with salad
- Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
- Packet of JJ’s

- Community News -

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Mission Australia’s program provides a range of support for grandparents who have custody or fulltime care of their grandchildren.
Phone 4448 2000 or attend one of our meetings at Shoalhaven Family Daycare, 4/80 Park Road, East Nowra on Thursdays 10am-12pm.

Junior AFL
Bomaderry Tigers & Shoalhaven Auskick have started their intra 10’s (no travel).
Bomaderry Tigers at Artie Smith Oval every Thursday afternoon 4.30 – 5.30pm.
Shoalhaven Auskick at West St Oval every Saturday morning 9 – 10.30am.
All boys and girls between the ages of 8 & 10 are welcome to come & try or join, cheap registration!
Contact: John Dyball 4455 3824 or 0411 226 086

CatholicCare - Term 2 Program Now Available
The program includes ‘Keeping Kids in Mind’ post-separation parenting workshop, ‘Poppy Playgroup’ for mothers with mental health issues and their children 0-5 years and ‘Family & Relationship Counselling’ including grief, relationship difficulties, stress/anxiety or depression and changes in family situations.
Bookings: Phone 4421 8248

Kids Korner - Easter Vacation Care
Childcare available for children 5-15 years from 7am-6pm.
Full program on website www.childcarenowra.com.au
Phone: 4423 1346 or 4421 0700

Nowra Athletics Club
Our family friendly cross country season has started. 1km, 2km, 3km 4km and 8km races for all ages and abilities are available.
Details: www.nowraathletics.org.au

- Class 2 Green -
This term we have been exploring, recognising and appreciating the history of our local area. During computer time we have been researching the Nowra Bridge.
In our literacy work, we have been looking at recounts. One of the activities we did recently was to write our own recount about the last school holidays. There was a lot to talk about!
Our teacher, Mr Green, has expected us to complete quality work such as using the correct time sequencing words, writing in paragraphs and using the correct punctuation with neat letter formation.
Some of the stars of our class who have produced quality work are Amelia, David and Maddie because they listened to instructions and produced high quality work.
This term in science we are going to be learning about affects that pulling and pushing have on objects. This week we are going to be creating ramps. We will be investigating how the different slopes affect objects moving down them.
Mr Green - Class Teacher