Dear Parents, Carers and Community

We have certainly met with some wild, woolly, Winter weather .... Please send along a school jacket each day as it is so unpredictable and some areas of the school can be particularly chilly. Thank you.

Mothers Day Stall
Our fabulous fundraising P&C mums ran a great stall last week so that BPS students had a little something to thank their mums and grandmothers for ‘everything’. Thank you so much to each of our volunteers and also to the beautiful teaching staff who made sure cards were made and no one missed out.

Stage 1 Excursion to Booderee
Our Year 1 and 2 students got up close and personal with the flora and fauna of Booderee National Park last Thursday. We have included a report and photos from the excursion with today’s newsletter.

Quality Work
Mrs Brown has been teaching Kindergarten about ‘metamorphosis’ and over the past two weeks I have seen her dressed up as a caterpillar and then a butterfly!!!

Last week, when teaching KH, dressed as a butterfly, she was impressed with Kayde, Akaylah and Shanley’s work on the butterfly lifecycle. These three clever learners produced a lifecycle and named the stages.

Tyler, Bridget and Aurelia from 1R also produced high quality work last week. They showed Ms Dumbrell that they could use correct letter formation, pencil grip and stay on the guidelines whilst learning their foundation writing skills.

I enjoyed a wonderful visit from K-6J and Mrs Armstrong on Friday. Nathan, Rocco, Jacob, Edie and Ngurowin all shared their literary response work with me. They each matched animal pictures with their ‘noises’ and drew the farmer who told all the animals to “shoosh”.

Deacon, Kyan, Tara and Lara from 5/6H visited my office with iPads in hand last week. Mr Heather was using the iPads in his lessons to assess the student’s understanding of persuasive devices, correct structure and language of expositions texts. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the video presentations the students produced. Fabulous stuff!

NAPLAN - For Years 3 and 5
This week the annual NAPLAN assessments will take place for students in Years 3 and 5. It is important that all students are at school and ON TIME.

Tuesday 12th May: Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 13th May: Reading
Thursday 14th May: Numeracy
Catch-up assessments will be completed on Friday 15th May.

“What’s On?” – Interest Groups
You may not know about all of the engaging programs running during lunch and recess breaks at BPS? A large number of our teachers and School Learning Support Officers offer activities and workshops at set times throughout the week. Students are beginning to read the ‘What's On’ Timetable posters and select the things which engage them.

I have had the pleasure of teaching drawing skills three times per week and would like to make special mention of Bree in 5/6H and Eline in 4C who demonstrated excellent observation and sketching skills last week when we collected leaves and flowers and attempted to sketch them in detail. Well done, girls.

School Shoes
Please be sure to consider safety as well as comfort and our school uniform when purchasing shoes for school. We currently have some students wearing slip-on shoes which do not provide warmth, support or comply with school uniform. Black leather school shoes or sports shoes are preferred. Thank you.

I hope all of the mothers and significant women in the lives of our BPS students enjoyed a lovely day yesterday.

Aim High, Achieve High
Ms Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

District Cross Country

Students who were placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in their age group at the school cross country have been issued a permission note for the new date on Friday 15th May 2015. If payment has already been made prior, only the new permission note will need to be filled out and signed and handed to the office before Wednesday 13th May. If your child/ren is unable to participate, please see Miss Wallace or Miss Arnott prior to the day so the reserves will have a chance to participate.

Miss Krystel Wallace
Stage 1 Booderee National Park Excursion

On Thursday 7th of May, Stage 1 students were fortunate enough to visit Booderee National Park. The excursion linked in well with their Term 1, HSIE unit on local environments and was a great way to begin their next unit on “Natural and Built Environments”.

Throughout the day, students visited the Botanical Gardens where the local Aboriginal people provided a guided tour of the gardens. They shared their knowledge of how a natural environment can fulfil the needs of Aboriginal people. Students were shown and tried a number of different bush tucker plants and trees which have various uses from medicines to sweet treats. Students created and used a snake whistle from a Paroo Lilly plant and to everyone’s surprise, including the teachers, managed to attract a small eyed snake.

After a great hands on experience at the gardens, we then travelled to Caves Beach where students explored the elements of a beach environment. Students were lucky enough to have a guided tour of a small cave on the edge of the beach.

- K-6 Saffron -

In HSIE we have been learning about landforms, mapping skills and Australia’s Aboriginal Dreaming.

In PDHPE we have been learning about healthy lifestyle choices.

In SciTech we have been doing a plant growth experiment.

In Maths we have been learning about addition and measurement.

In Literacy we have been learning about story scaffolding.

Students have been using a variety of strategies, including knowledge of sight words and letter-sound correspondences to spell familiar words.

One of the activities we did recently was to take observations every two days on our class plants’ growth, changes etc., and hypothesise what changes will occur in the next 2 1/2 weeks.

Our teacher, Mr Newton, has expected us to complete quality work such as neat handwriting and displaying very accurate measuring skills in preparation for our big maths investigation. We have also been working hard on our literary focus book ‘The Gruffalo’.

One of the stars of our class who has produced Quality Work is Riley because of his hard work in our maths and PDHPE sessions. Riley has continued to try his hardest and work diligently. Riley has also endeavoured to help his peers whenever he can. Well done Riley!

This term we are also going to be doing a Mathematics investigation named ‘Ramp Champ’. By adjusting various elements of each students’ ramps we will find out who can make their toy car travel the furthest!

Mr Newton - Class Teacher
Term 2 - Week 4

**BIG BLUE AWARDS**

- KH  Rebecca, Aiden, Saxon
- KS  Charlee
- 2G  Maddie, Shyanne
- 3H  Abby, Karly, Max
- 3/4T  Symon
- 4C  Zachary
- 5/6H  Tara

**GOLD AWARDS**

- K-6L  Brock
- 4C  Tony

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**Payment Due**

Students in Class 3/4T going on the ‘Storm Boy’ excursion are reminded that payment and permission notes are **due by this Friday 15th May**.

Students who have qualified for District Cross Country are reminded that new permission notes need to be completed and returned to the office by this Wednesday 13th May.

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**Social Values**

Talk with children about the social values and attitudes they encounter in everyday situations and on TV. Teaching children to question and think about social values helps them to clear about their own values and strengthens their ability to resist pressure from peers, advertising and other media. Teaching children about values supports their social development.

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**Canteen News**

Any parents or carers wishing to volunteer a few hours a week, fortnight or month will be more than welcome. Come and see Regina in the canteen any time. We really appreciate your help and the children love seeing their parents working at school. It is a great way to meet your children’s friends!

**This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special**

- Mini Quiche & salad
- Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
- Popcorn

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**Community News**

- **Under The Influence** Free Workshop
  - When: Tuesday 16th June from 9.30am-11.30am
  - Where: Showground Meeting Rooms, West St, Nowra
  - Almost 1 in 8 deaths and 1 in 5 hospitalisations of people aged under 25 is due to alcohol.

  These workshops aims to provide parents with:
  - Increased understanding of factors that impact on consumption (and non-consumption!) by young people.
  - Strategies to assist in protecting young people against factors that encourage alcohol misuse.
  - Opportunities to contribute to a community that can support our young people to grow and develop in an environment which actively supports reducing alcohol related harm.

  A $2 donation at the door would be appreciated. Bookings essential. Limited places available.
  Ph: 4254 2794 / Donna.forknall@sesiabs.health.nsw.gov.au

- CareSouth - You Can Make a Difference

CareSouth supports vulnerable children and their families across Southern and Western NSW through a range of programs including Foster Care, Family Choices and Aunties & Uncles.
Contact: 1300 554 260 or caresouth.org.au

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**- COMING SCHOOL EVENTS -**

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| Tue 12th May | - NAPLAN Language Convention & Writing  
- Assembly 12.30pm |
| Wed 13th May | - NAPLAN Reading  
- Revised permission notes for District Cross Country due at office |
| Thu 14th May | - NAPLAN Maths |
| Fri 15th May | - District Cross Country ‘Willandra’  
- ‘Storm Boy’ payment due at office  
- Catch-up NAPLAN day |