Dear Parents and Caregivers

Students are kicking GOALS
Each student and each teacher at BPS set personal goals during the school year and work hard to achieve them. Teachers each have a Professional Development Plan with specific learning goals. Students have Personalised Learning Plans, also with specific learning goals.

When we achieve these goals, it is crucial to share the achievement and celebrate the efforts and learning. Last week eight hard working students achieved one of their goals and showed immense pride when demonstrating their new skills and knowledge. Congratulations to:

Bradley, 4C who has improved his listening skills and reduced his fussing in group learning time
Peggy, 4C for improved spelling, achieving 5 weeks of 20/20.

Shakayla, Kobi and Aleisha, 2A who can read 4-digit numbers
Bella, 2A who has achieved the reading level she has been aiming towards
Logan, 2A who can read 2-digit numbers

Thomas and Ted, 2A who can now read 3 and 4-digit numbers

These were all really great specific learning goals. I can’t wait to see what these persistent learners achieve next!

HeadStart Kindergarten-Readiness Program
Next term we will offer our free, Kindergarten readiness program for students enrolling in Kindergarten 2016. Please spread the word in our community so that all families hear about the program and visit the office for an enrolment form.

Final details about the program are yet to be finalised but we do know that it will run on Thursdays and Fridays from Week 6 Term 3, until the end of Term 4. Parents will be required to attend some information sessions which will run during the student session times also. More information coming soon.

Markets @ BPS
The local Bomaderry Rotary Club have relocated their monthly markets from the park near the swimming pool to Bomaderry Public School. After much negotiation with the council and Department of Education, the markets will get up and running again this Saturday. They will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month, running from 8am to approximately 1pm.

Coming along to the markets will support BPS. Our P&C will have food and drinks for sale each month and all monies raised will go towards resources for our school.

If you can help in the canteen, drop in a cake or two for sale, or spend a while on the BBQ, please call one of our P&C committee on 0423 362 604 or 0474 805 510. Alternatively, please contact the school office on 4421 6577 and leave your details.

Leaders Excursion to GRIP Conference
Last week our school leaders attended a Leadership excursion. A report of their day is included in today’s newsletter.

Quality Work
Each week, a number of very excited students make their way to my office to share some learning or some work they have produced. It is my absolute favourite part of each day as I see the pride and happiness in each student. They are particularly happy when they can discuss the learning that has taken place and know that others are proud of their achievements also.

Last week Skye, Kayde, Dakoda and Alivia from KH and KS proudly read their writing to me. They have mastered the use of capital letters, spaces and fullstops.

Maddie from 2G wrote an exceptional recount about the Stage 1 excursion to Booderee. Maddie used paragraphs, time connectives and editing skills to produce her published work.

Dylan, also from 2G wrote an excellent description of a character. He included paragraphs and adjectives, typed his published work and inserted a picture.

Jordan, Braith, Sam and Madilyne from 4C created well-placed, collaged artworks demonstrating negative and positive space.

NAPLAN
Congratulations to all Year 3 and 5 students who participated in the NAPLAN assessments last week. We were thrilled with the attendance of our students – not one assessment was missed due to absenteeism. This assessment is just one form of data collection our teachers use each year to report on student achievement and observe group trends across our school. We were extremely happy that each of our students did their best and showed resilience and confidence. Well done Years 3 and 5.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Shelley Kellett, who spent much of her week supervising assessments and ensuring all students had the opportunity to do their catch-up tests.

“What’s On?” – Interest Groups
Do you 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.

Mrs Brown runs a very engaging and popular Djembe Drumming session each week. Students have to get to her classroom quickly to get one of the coveted 20 drums on offer. Mrs Brown is particularly pleased with the efforts of Casey and Andrew from 5/6F who show leadership in the group.

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.

Aim High, Achieve High
Ms Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

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**
Early Stage 1: Chelsea, Kayde, Scotte, Kylinta, Trae, Reiby, Lilly, Jackson
Stage 1: Summer, Laura, Jasmine
Stage 2: Scott, Lincoln

**LEVEL 2 - 25 BOOKS**
Early Stage 1: Russ, Jetson, Aidan P, Aidan L, Lilly, Liam, Charlee
Stage 1: Kkie, Indra, Caroline, Logan, William, Kiara, Tanesa, Roco, Tyler, Phoebe, Tannarah, Holly
Stage 2: Karly, Braydon, Grace, Caleb
Stage 3: Daniel, Jasmine

**LEVEL 3 - 50 BOOKS**
Early Stage 1: Levi
Stage 1: Finn, Paige, Wendy, Bella, Steven, Jemima, Aleisha, Madison, Iya, Dyan, Lil, Bridget, Kobi, Ted, Ryan, Nathan, Jessica
Stage 2: Violet, Connor, Max, Grace, Ben, Larna, Cameron, Emily, Victoria, Ethan
Stage 3: Lara

**LEVEL 4 - 75 BOOKS**
Stage 1: Anna, Natasha, Brayden
Stage 2: Phoebe, Amy
Stage 3: Myah, Shayleigh

**LEVEL 5 - 100 BOOKS**
Stage 1: Myah

Please remember that our newsletter is able to be viewed in colour on our school website: www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Mastering Spelling**
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.


**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.

**Is your child making friends at school?**
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:


**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 28th May at 4.00pm in the staffroom.
ALL WELCOME!
SPORTING Schools

Sporting Schools is a new initiative provided by the Australian Sports Commission. Sporting Schools aims to help children develop a lifelong interest in sport, gain a healthier mind and body, have fun and learn sport activities and games in a safe environment. These sessions will be supervised by teachers and will be run at school with a similar procedure to Active After School Care and After School Sport. Please ensure a prompt pick up at home time.

We are still in the process of sourcing a coach for the K-2 sessions and the 3-6 sessions will be run by Matt O’Brien from the Play NRL Sporting Schools program with the sport being Rugby League.

K-2 session Tuesday 3:10-4:30pm
3-6 session Thursday 3:10-4:30pm

Sporting Schools will begin this week on Tuesday 19th of May and Thursday 21st of May and the last session for Term 2 will finish in Week 10. Permission notes have been given out to all classes and students. Please hand in these notes to the office prior to the first session of Sporting Schools. Thanks for your continued support and patience with this new initiative.

Miss Krystel Wallace

Author Visit

Prior to the NAPLAN Tests, Stage 2 and Stage 3 were lucky enough to have a visit from Allison Tait, author of the ‘Mapmaker Chronicles’. She shared her inspiration for writing and also gave students hints on how to make their own writing more interesting. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and listened to every word. Allison generously donated 2 signed books to our library. For more information on the books, check out themapmakerchronicles.com

We would like to thank the Shoalhaven City Arts Board for making this visit possible and of course a huge thank you to Allison!

Infants Choir

Our Infants Choir will be performing at the Eisteddfod at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 20th May. We will be holding a rehearsal at school on Tuesday 19th May at recess (1.40pm). Parents of choir students are invited to come along to the rehearsal to listen to their beautiful voices.

Mrs Armstrong

Teaching Social Skills

Teach children social skills such as listening to others, taking turns, making friends and resolving conflict. Emphasise skills for cooperative and respectful relationships and acknowledge children’s efforts to use them.

P&C News - Market Day

This Saturday 23rd May, the Bomaderry Rotary Club are holding their markets on our school grounds from 8am. We require volunteers to assist with the BBQ on the day and donations of cakes and cupcakes.

Please contact the office on 4421 6577 if you are able to help.

Any assistance would be very much appreciated.

Setting Limits

Set limits on inappropriate behaviour so that children understand that having feelings is okay, but acting inappropriately is not. You might say, “I know you’re upset that your friend couldn’t make it over, but that does not make it okay to yell at me.”

Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 22nd May

Bomaderry Public School have organised four designated walking routes for Walk Safely to School Day this Friday. Please read the information enclosed with today’s newsletter.

REMINDER

Please remember to notify the school of any changes to contact details. If you have changed your address or phone number, please ensure that you update these details with the school as soon as possible.
Leadership Conference
On Friday, our four School Leaders attended a leadership conference at the University of Wollongong. The conference, run by GRIP Leadership, focused on developing leadership skills such as integrity, generosity, resilience and standing up and making the most of opportunities.
Tara: “It taught us that leadership is more than just wearing a badge and that you don’t necessarily need to have a badge to be a leader.”
Lara: “It was great fun, the presenters were really funny and all of the things they said were really helpful.”
The boys were left speechless and spent the trip home thinking about all of the different ways they could put their new skills into action!

Canteen News
The canteen will be holding a Red Day on Thursday 28th May. Order forms are included with today's newsletter. Please return your order form to the canteen by Tuesday 26th May.
We would also appreciate volunteers to assist on the day. Please contact Regina in the canteen on 4421 4620 if you are able to help.
This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special
- Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll
- Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
- Mony

BIG BLUE AWARDS
KS Chole, Aiden, Skye, Alivia
KH Shanley, Russ
1R Amber, Ryan, Bridget, Blake, Kobi, Kate
3H Klaudia, Ben, Emily, Jessica
3/4T Jacob, Billy, Byron, Tiarni
4C Kaleb, Dylan
5/6H Rylie
3-6T Ben, Jacob, Aaron
K-6J Rocco
K-6L Levi, Ivan, Lindsay, Ajay

GOLD AWARDS
1R Keleeta
4C Eline

School Photos
School Photos were sent home last week, on Thursday 14th May.
If your child was absent or did not receive their photo pack, please contact the office.

Stewart House Donation Drive
Thank you to families who made a donation to the 2015 Stewart House Donation Drive.
Your donation supports the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.
We have now mailed the donations and envelopes to Stewart House in time for the prize draw on 22 May. Thank you for your support.

Payment Due
Stage 3 students going on the Mogo excursion are reminded that the next payment instalment is due by this Friday 22nd May.

- Community News -
Soup Kitchen
A group of ladies from the St Michael's Parish in Nowra have started a soup kitchen for homeless people in the Shoalhaven.
Meals will be served every Friday from around 12pm at the Nowra Showground meeting rooms.
Food has kindly been donated by various businesses around Nowra and a retired chef has offered his skills in making up the meals.

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