Dear Parents and Caregivers

Reports and Parent Meetings

Term 2 comes to a close this Friday and it has certainly been a full, eventful and successful term. The icing on the learning-cake will be sending home Semester 1 student reports this week. We hope to have all of these printed and signed ready to send home on Wednesday. Please note – we will be conducting the second round of Personalised Learning Plan meetings early next term and we will most certainly discuss this report with each family. Please see your child’s teacher if you would like to make an appointment to discuss this report in a separate meeting before the PLPs begin.

Eisteddfod Stars

Last Saturday, our very entertaining ‘Monsters’ from K-6L and K-6J had the very big responsibility of being the opening act at the ‘Stars of the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod’ event at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. They did a fabulous verse speaking performance. Thank you to Mrs Armstrong and all staff and parents who supported this opportunity.

NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition @ BPS

Congratulations to Thomas, Rodney and Madilyne from 5/6F and Tiarni from 4C who did a wonderful job representing BPS at the NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge last week. Please read all about their successful day and look at the photos included in this week’s newsletter.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC week at BPS.

TODAY: Today we held our flag raising assembly and officially opened our art exhibition. Thank you to all community members who joined us and enjoyed the light luncheon provided by the staff. We would like to send a very big thank you to Burumin Art, a local Indigenous art company, who very generously donated two art prizes which were presented to Lily from 2G (K-2 award) and Abby from 3H (3-6 award) at today’s assembly. These awards were presented for enthusiasm in preparing artworks for NAIDOC week.

ARTWORKS: During the week. (Monday to Thursday) all families are welcome to visit the hall to view our exhibition and vote for the People’s Choice award. Make time to call in to our gallery space as every student in the school has work displayed.

MUFTI: On Thursday staff have organised around 30 activities for small peer groups of students to enjoy. It is a Doing Things Together Day and students can wear mufti clothes to school. Please wear the colours of the Aboriginal flag (Red, Black or Yellow) or your favourite footy team colours. Please also bring a gold coin donation.

RED DAY: Also on Thursday the Canteen will be holding a RED DAY Sausage Sizzle. Order forms were sent home last week. Orders and payment must be returned to the Canteen by Wednesday.

DISCO: On Friday, our last day of term, students are invited to attend a disco in the hall during school time. There will be a K-2 disco and a 3-6 disco. Glow products will be on sale. Students will be informed about the products available and their costs prior to the day.

Athletics Carnivals

Both of our athletics carnivals were met with wet weather last week. The Primary carnival has been postponed until the first Thursday following the holidays – July 16th. Thank you to Ms Wallace who has these carnivals organised and who was quick to look into the weather and cancel ahead of time.

P&C Meeting THIS THURSDAY

Please join us for this Thursday’s P&C meeting. There will be discussions about fundraising, markets, nitbusters, playground upgrades, canteen and uniform. Thursday 25th June at 4pm in the staffroom. See you there.

Rotary & BPS Markets THIS SATURDAY

Staff and parents are invited to come along this Saturday to support the fundraising at the Rotary markets held here at BPS. We will have the BBQ and canteen operating, so we always need sausage chefs and servers! Please leave your details at the office if you can help. We will also hold a White Elephant Stall selling lots of really good quality second hand goods – come along and snatch a bargain.

Pedestrian Safety

There have been ongoing reminders to ALL parents and carers to PLEASE refrain from using the traffic driveway gates. It is not safe. We are very afraid that students entering or leaving this gate, whether with parents or not, will be the victim of a traffic accident. Please DO NOT walk in the driveway gates. The safe, appropriate, walking gates are only a short walk further up the hill. Alternatively, make arrangements for your child to meet you at the bus shelter or front gate.

NITBUSTERS

We have set a date for our NITBUSTERS project: WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY and then a follow up day on THURSDAY 23rd JULY. Everything will be provided for the awesome parent volunteers and all they have to do now is turn up on the day ready to nitbust. Please call the office to leave your name, if you can also offer some help. Please let us know which of these two dates suit you best.

HeadStart Kindergarten-Readiness Program

Next term we will offer our free, Kindergarten readiness program for students enrolling in
Kindergarten 2016. Visit the office for an enrolment form. It will run on Thursdays and Fridays from Week 6 Term 3, until the end of Term 4.

Quality Work
Tyrell, Ethan, Dylan and Byron from 3/4T showed excellent presentation of their work last week after taking part in a Maths investigation. The boys learnt about angle types and their properties. They also found examples of each angle in the environment and could tell me about their attributes.

Jack, Bella and Natasha from 2A also produced high quality work last week. These students have been creating puppets with Mrs Brown. They shared their sock puppets with me and demonstrated their puppetry skills – excellent!

Tyrell from 3/4T visited me to share his excellent learning TWICE last week! Tyrell performed a drumming piece for me (and his class), which he had written the musical composition for, as well as edited it onto a spreadsheet on the computer. Impressive work, Tyrell!

Staff Training
BPS teachers have been working hard on re-designing our Numeracy teaching and assessment schedule to ensure alignment with the K-10 Numeracy continuum, Mathematics syllabus, assessment and reporting cycles and other best-practice documents. We firmly believe that the Numeracy teaching and learning at BPS is of a very high standard. Well done teachers!

JOKE OF THE WEEK,
Why was 6 afraid of 7?
Because 7 8 9!

Aim High, Achieve High – keep trying to reach your goals

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
Stage 2: Kane

LEVEL 2 - 25 BOOKS
Early Stage 1: Adam
Stage 1: Connah, Dakoda

LEVEL 3 - 50 BOOKS
Early Stage 1: Megan, Charlee, Evelyn, Alivia, Aidan, Shanley, Kayde, Jettson, Blake
Stage 1: Rocco, Tahmana
Stage 3: Talyah, Carter

LEVEL 4 - 75 BOOKS
Stage 1: Steven, Aleisha, Madison, Ryan, Shakayla, Bella
Stage 2: Connor
Stage 3: Calib

LEVEL 5 - 100 BOOKS
Stage 1: Caleb, Bridget, Kobi, Blake
Stage 2: Dylan
Stage 3: Chantelle

Library News
Many children have overdue books and the library would like all books returned for the holiday break please.
Of particular interest are ‘The Dork Diaries’ books. They are all overdue and the library would really appreciate having them back on the shelves. Year 5 and 6 girls take note!
During the holidays take a good look at home for any books that may have slipped behind a cupboard or under a bed.
Have a safe and happy holiday.

Keep Trying and ‘Having a Go’
Help children identify and develop their strengths by encouraging them to have a go at things and find activities they enjoy. Praise their efforts, celebrate their successes and encourage them to keep trying and learning.

Please remember that our newsletter is able to be viewed in colour on our school website: www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
2015 NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge

This last week saw a number of primary schools throughout our Region compete in the ‘2015 NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge’. The topic for this year was based on the theme for NAIDOC Week celebrations: ‘We all stand on Sacred Ground. Learn, Respect and Celebrate’. The challenge consisted of teams comprising of 2 students, one Indigenous student and one non-Indigenous student, who had to work together to prepare and deliver a 4 minute speech on the given topic.

Last Friday in our school hall, one team from Minnamurra PS and two teams from Bomaderry PS challenged each other. The Bomaderry teams were made up of Thomas and Rodney from 5/6F in one team, and Madilyne from 5/6F and Tiarni from 4C in the other team. Students had to present their speeches without a microphone and with only the use of palm cards to assist them. This is no easy feat! It was a very close competition. All the teachers, visiting students and families were ‘WOWED’ by the amazing job these students did in presenting their speeches. Thomas & Rodney were announced as winners of the day and will now compete in the Regional Finals during Term 3. The adjudicator was so impressed with all the speeches that she decided all teams will compete in the Regional Finals.

People often say that ‘hard work is rewarded’ and we were indeed shown an example of this happening. I would like to make special mention of how committed Thomas, Rodney, Madilyne & Tiarni have been in preparing their speeches. They have given up many lunch and recess times over the last few weeks, they have independently sought guidance from a number of teachers and they have willingly revised and practiced their speeches many times. I would also like to thank Ms Coleman, Mrs Ferrer, Ms Hanbidge, Mrs Bridge, Mr Heather and Aunty Al for all of their contributions and support. Well done Thomas, Rodney, Madilyne and Tiarni!! I am so proud of what you have accomplished. Thank you for letting me be a part of this wonderful experience.

Mrs Kellett

Impetigo (School Sores)

There have been confirmed cases of students with Impetigo (school sores) at the school.

Symptoms
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

Do I need to keep my child home?
Yes, until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I prevent spread?
Careful hand washing.

As impetigo can spread easily, if your child has any spots, sores or rashes, please consult a Doctor as antibiotic treatment may be required.

BIG BLUE AWARDS

KS  Alivia
KH  Kya, Lilly
1R  Will, Kobi, Jemima, Bridget, Charlie
2A  Iya, Caleb, Natasha
3H  Wil
4C  Kaleb
5/6H  Talyah
5/6F  Estelle
K-6J  Maverick, Dom, Nathan, Kye
K-6L  Levi

GOLD AWARDS

4C  Peggy

Payment Due

Stage 3 students going on the Mogo excursion are reminded that the next payment instalment is due by this Friday 26th June

Second-Hand Uniforms Wanted
If you have any Bomaderry Public School uniforms that are no longer required, please consider donating them to the school. Items can be left at the school office.
Thank you, Uniform Shop Staff
- Class 5/6F -

We have been learning about rainforests, in particular the Daintree and its animal life. As inspiration for our NAIDOC art work, we have looked at Creatures of the Rainforest, a book by the local Indigenous people of the country. Our art installation is a 3 dimensional rainforest with pictures of the native wildlife.

In our numeracy work we have been revising the different types of angles and learning how to use a protractor to measure and draw a variety of angles.

One of the activities we did recently was to survey the class for: numbers of residents, number of rooms and doors in our homes. We then used this data to create dot plots. We discovered we had a large range of residents in our families.

Our teacher, Mrs Ferrer, has expected us to complete Quality Work such as writing a narrative in our Just Write session this week. We were expected to include the correct structure; an introduction, a complication and a resolution, as well as descriptive language to make our work more interesting.

One of the stars of our class who has produced Quality Work is Madyline because her PowerPoint on the production of electricity from nuclear energy addressed all of the required criteria and was extremely informative.

Next term we will be exploring deserts and investigating animal and plant adaptations that enable survival in the harsh environment of the desert.

Mrs Ferrer - Class Teacher

Making Choices

To develop responsibility, children need practice in making choices that are appropriate for their age and experience level. You can help children build decision-making skills by encouraging them to explore options and helping them think through the reasons for their choices.

Student Travel Information

School Student Transport Scheme provides subsidised travel, for eligible school students, to and from their home address. It does not extend to activities such as school excursions, friends’ houses, sports and work experience, Saturday schools, pre-schools, before and after school care or child minding premises.

Should any children need to travel to any other location than their home address they must tender a fare. Parents are advised to contact their bus company to find out the correct fare for their particular travel needs.

Nowra Coaches: 4423 5244
Shoalbus: 4423 2122
Stuarts Coaches: 4421 0332
Kennedy’s: 4421 7596

Drive Safely

Please remember to obey all road rules and drive in a safe manner to ensure that all BPS students and community are safe and happy.

Please respect our neighbours by not blocking driveways and watch your speed in surrounding streets.

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a large amount of items in our Lost Property box. If you are missing any clothing, please come to the office and have a look! Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child’s name.

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.

Thank you to those families who have already paid their 2015 Contribution Fee.

Before School Supervision

Please note that there is no supervision for students arriving at school before 8.40am.
**P&C NEWS**
The next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 25th June at 4.00pm in the staffroom.  
ALL WELCOME!

**BPS School Athletics Carnival**
The School Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled for **Term 3 on Thursday 16th July 2015**. Students from Years 3-6 will be attending the School Athletics Carnival. Year 2 children who turn 8 this year are also invited to participate in the Primary Carnival. The carnival is a whole day event and will begin at 9:30am sharp. All students are encouraged to wear their house group colours, joggers and a school hat. We warmly invite you to come and support your child/ren on the day. Thank you in advance to the parents/carers who have volunteered their time to ensure the carnival runs smoothly. If there are any more parents who can assist on the day it would be greatly appreciated.

Miss Krystel Wallace

**REMINDER**
Please remember to notify the school of any changes to contact details.
If you, or any of your child’s emergency contacts, have changed address or phone numbers, please ensure that you update these details with the school as soon as possible.

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

**Canteen News**
This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special
- Beef Ravioli
- Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
- Super Dooper

**- Community News -**

**TAFE Outreach: Skills for Parents Program**
Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training is conducted as a partnership of Nowra Family Support Service and TAFE Illawarra Outreach Partnership. It is a nationally recognised Certificate II (Year 10 equivalent) and will include FREE CHILDCARE for children aged 0-5 (preschool).
For further information or to register your interest, please contact Sally Wallace, Relieving Outreach Coordinator with TAFE, on Ph: 4421 9849, Mobile: 0438 063 185, or email: sally.wallace@tafensw.edu.au
For any enquiries regarding the free childcare service, please contact Denise at Nowra Family Support Service on Ph: 4421 5499, or email: denise_nfss@shoalhaven.net.au

**Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra - Tuning In Music Classes**
Music classes for preschool children 2 to 5 yrs, and school children in Kindergarten to Year 1.
Where: Nowra School of Arts
Visit [www.syo.shoalhaven.net.au](http://www.syo.shoalhaven.net.au), Phone 0435 584 220 or email syorchestra.pmp@gmail.com

**Shoalhaven Hook in2 Hockey**
Calling all boys and girls aged 5 to 12yrs
Commencing Thurs 16th July to 17th Sept at Bernie Regan Sporting Complex North Nowra
$50 for 10 weeks
Please email melandtrent71@bigpond.com for registration details or more information

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