Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am feeling very blessed, lately. I truly have the most wonderful job in the world. Seeing the progress our students make each day, enjoying their stories and smiles, and hearing news from parents, carers and teachers is a real privilege. I also have the opportunity to work with an amazing team of staff who contribute to the lives of many in our Bomaderry Community. Thank you.

Eisteddfod Stars
K-6L and K-6J have been busy impressing the judges at the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod. Last Friday they took part in the Special Education Classes Dance category. They performed the 'Heel and Toe Polka' and gained a very impressive 2nd place. Congratulations to these talented performers and to Mrs Armstrong and her team of wonderful staff who prepared and supported the dancers. I was even lucky enough to have a bit of 'heal and toe polka' improv in the foyer. Great fun! ‘Break a Leg’ again tomorrow, K-6L and K-6J, as you represent us in verse speaking.

NITBUSTERS
Great news! NITBUSTERS is a NSW Health initiative to reduce the prevalence of head lice in the community. This project was developed in consultation with the NSW P&C Association and Department of Education. I have done some more research into the process and discovered that it is a very simple procedure coordinated by school communities using fine-toothed nit combs and white hair conditioner to both screen for and treat head lice.

Unfortunately the complete elimination of head lice is not realistic; however, NITBUSTERS recommends that following the nitbusting day at school each child can keep a nit comb in the shower and be reminded to use it each time they wash their hair, even if their heads are not itchy. Simple.

The first step in organising our NITBUSTERS day is to secure a good number of community volunteers to help. Everything will be provided, instructions and protocols explained, clean combs for each child will be ready and all the volunteers have to do is turn up on the day ready to nitbust.

Please call the office to leave your name, or ask to speak to Ms Hanbidge for more information, if you can help. Please let us know which days of the week suit you best. When we have a bank of volunteers we will try to make it suit as many people as possible and then set a date and send home more information for everyone.

Quality Work
What a wonderful week of high quality work, happening in our school. Rebecca, Emily and Lilly from KH combined art and maths learning in their work samples created for Mrs Brown. These Kindergarten girls named, traced, coloured and counted 2D shapes.

Congratulations to Samira in 2G, who impressed Mr Green with her use of known maths facts including doubles, near doubles and friends of ten. Samira completed a challenging subtraction activity and could explain her strategies with detailed language.

Kate and Blake from 1R demonstrated the correct use of capital letters, spaces and neat writing on the lines when publishing their writing last week.

Students Kicking Goals
Congratualtions to Ethan in 3/4T who was all smiles when he came to tell me that he had achieved his goal of being awarded a pen licence.

National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)
Included in this week’s bulletin is an information sheet from Mrs Bridge and Mrs Kellett on the NCCD. Please read about this annual data collection. This is a simple process which involves our staff submitting information about how we support our students who require learning adjustments. Any queries, please contact Mrs Bridge or Mrs Kellett via the office on 4421 6577.

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. Parents will be required to attend some information sessions which will run during the student session times also. More information coming soon.

National Simultaneous Read
Last Wednesday morning the whole BPS community (including our closest neighbours!!) were treated to a very special shared reading experience. Each class watched a digital version of a picture book on their interactive whiteboards as I read the text over the sound system. Each room enjoyed “The Brothers Quibble” by Aaron Blabey which was also being read at many other schools all across Australia. Take the time to ask your child what the book was about – its an age-old, familiar storyline which I’m sure some of you will recognise!!

Markets @ BPS
The Local Bomaderry Rotary Club monthly markets now take place at Bomaderry Public School. They will now be held on the fourth Saturday of each month, running from 8am to 1pm. If you can help in the canteen, drop in a cake, or spend a while on the BBQ, please contact the school office and leave your details – we have a timesheet for volunteers to add their name in advance. The next market will be held on SATURDAY 27th JUNE.
Stage 3 – Debating and Public Speaking at BHS

Last Friday, some of our Stage 3 students attended a Debating Day at Bomaderry High School. Lara from 5/6H said the following: I found it to be very interesting. I believe that I learned many things about debating. There was one speaker that struggled with her debate but turned it into a comedy. So to sum it up, I loved it. It was funny.

JOKE OF THE WEEK:
What do you do if your toe falls off in the middle of the road?
Call a tow-truck!

Aim High, Achieve High
Ms Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

PSSA Basketball

On Friday 29th May, the boys’ and girls’ school basketball teams played their first PSSA game against Kangaroo Valley Public School. The girls’ team played first and put in a fantastic effort and it was great to see how much fun they had while playing the game. The boys’ game followed shortly after and the boys were very eager to play. They played well and worked together as a team. The whole game had me on the edge of the seat as it was basket for basket. In the last 30 seconds of the game, Kangaroo Valley made a fantastic shot which put them in the lead and gave them the win with the score being 30-28.

Unfortunately neither the boys’ or girls’ team will progress to the next round of PSSA but all students should be extremely proud of the sportsmanship and effort they displayed during training and on the day.

Thank you to the parents who came and supported their child/ren and also a huge thank you to Aunty Allison and Mr Scott Miller who helped with the scoring on the day.

Miss Krystel Wallace

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: Riley
Stage 5/6F: Alden, Myah
Stage 5/6H: Kyan, Jade

LEVEL 2 - 25 BOOKS
Early Stage 1: Trae, Elliot, Emily, Dom
Stage 1: Tyler
Stage 2: Mitchell, Joel, Lachlan
Stage 3: Jacob

LEVEL 3 - 50 BOOKS
Early Stage 1: Lindsay
Stage 1: Samira, Shyanne, Aurelia, Ngurowin, Keeley
Stage 2: Emily, Jacob, Zac, Akala, Leah, Byron, Samuel, Michael, Ebony, Kaleb
Stage 3: Ajay, Kyran, Gary, Alistair, Ben, Shantaria, Charmaine, Emilia

LEVEL 4 - 75 BOOKS
Stage 1: Ryan
Stage 2: Quinten, Jack, Madyline, Eline, Tony
Stage 3: Joshua, Chantelle

LEVEL 5 - 100 BOOKS
Stage 1: Brayden, Anna
Stage 3: Shaleigh, Nas

Supervise Media Use

It is very important for parents and carers to supervise children’s media use and ensure that the things they view are appropriate for their age and level of understanding. When children are repeatedly exposed to violent or inappropriate media images they can see these things as normal. Children often imitate the behaviour they see on TV or on the internet.
Bomaderry Public School
Athletics Carnival 2015

When: Thursday 18th June 2015

Where: School Oval

Who: Years 3-6

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!
Please contact Miss Krystel Wallace if you can help out on the day. Jobs include timekeeper, place judge and field event official for long jump, shot put and discus. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! No experience required!!!

Enquiries: Email krystel.wallace3@det.nsw.edu.au

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BIG BLUE AWARDS

KS Madylan, Kylinta, Dekoda
KH Liam, Megan, Kayde, Akaylah, Elliot, Bailey, Shanley
1R Will, Blake
2G Malakai
3/4T Dylan
4C Jack, Violet, Madyline
5/6H Lara, Carter, Kyan
5/6F Jasmine
K-6J Dom, Kye

GOLD AWARDS

2G Steven
2A Wendy
3H Abby

P&C Uniform Shop
Mondays 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Wednesdays 8.30am - 9.30am
Fridays 8.30am - 9.30am
3/4 Teal’s Trip to Wollongong

On Friday, 22nd of May 2015, 15 boys from 3/4 Teal travelled with Megan and Mrs Tunks to Wollongong by mini bus. We were going to watch a stage performance of Storm Boy at the IPAC.

Before we left, the roll was marked and then we got on the bus at 9.20am. We travelled for an hour and a half and then we jumped off the bus and quickly had something to eat under the shelter because it was pouring with rain.

At 10.55am, the usher moved us to our seats. We waited patiently for a few minutes and then suddenly the lights went out, lightning flashed and the thunder roared! We had been transported to the Coorong.

During the performance, we thought about how some things were different from the book. For example, Hide Away Tom and Fingerbone told lots of jokes during the play.

At the end of the show, Megan started to cry because Mr Percival died. Mr Percival wasn’t actually a real pelican, but a puppet that was operated by a puppeteer. When the show ended, the cast of Storm Boy came back onto the stage to answer some questions from the audience. We found the answers of the cast to be funny and interesting.

Next, we went to the foyer area and ate lunch. We talked about the show; what we liked and disliked. After that we waited outside for the bus and at 1.20pm we boarded the bus to go back to school. The trip home was much quicker than the trip there because we arrived back to school at 2.23pm.

We all really enjoyed going to a stage show. The 26–Storey Tree house will be showing at the IPAC on the 14th and 15th of August. Maybe we could convince Mrs Tunks to take us again. Perhaps we could catch the train next time.

- Building Confidence -

When parents and carers notice and acknowledge what children do to help, it shows children that their contributions are worthwhile. This gives them a sense of pride and encourages them to ‘do the right thing’. Help children to work out ways to stand up for what they believe in and let them know that you are proud of them when they do. This helps children to build confidence in their own strengths and values.

- Community News -

Rugby League Development Camp

Country Rugby League a will be holding a development camp in the July School Holidays for boys aged 12-16 to advance their skills and gain rugby league knowledge from professional coaches. Boys turning 12 this year are also eligible to participate. There will be appearances by St George Illawarra Dragons NRL players and a whole lot of fun to be had!

The participants will need to bring:
- 2 sheets
- pillow and sleeping bag
- 1 bath towel and toiletries
- 1 beach towel and swimmers
- Joggers and football boots
- 3 days of clothing
- Sun hat and sunscreen

Development camp details are as follows:
**Dates:** 1:30pm Monday 29th June - 2:00pm Wednesday 1st July
**Venue:** Berry Sports and Recreation Centre, 660 Coolangatta Road, Berry
**Age:** Boys aged 12-16 years old (turning 12 in 2015 is ok!)
**Cost:** $220 includes all meals, t-shirt, cap, football, water bottle and more!
**Contact:** Ange aotoole@crlnsw.com.au or 0410 807 437

Canteen News

This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special
- Spaghetti Bolognese
- Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
- Popcorn or Snack Pack

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.

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