Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Education Week 2015
All Department of Education schools will be celebrating ‘Education Week’ this week. This week’s whole school assembly will be an opportunity to present some special certificates for learning achievements. Please join us tomorrow at 12.30pm in the hall.

Coming soon is Literacy & Numeracy Week as well as Book Week, so BPS will hold a very special CELEBRATION DAY on Tuesday 11th August where we will ‘celebrate’ all things educational with our school community. Please add this date to your calendars and join us for open classrooms, cake stall, sausage sizzle, book stall and assembly.

Quality Work
Finn from 1D has demonstrated how hard he worked to revise his writing and use editing symbols to publish written work.

Holly, also from 1D is now using well-formed writing, using the writing lines and correct letter formation and size.

Leilani from K-6S created two excellent drawings of “heroes” last week during lessons with Mrs Brown on community workers. Her superhero was catwoman and her ‘real life hero’ was a nurse. Well done, Leilani.

Students Kicking GOALS
Every BPS student sets learning goals, which they work hard to achieve. These goals are ‘kicked’ with ongoing learning, encouragement and specific feedback from their teachers and SLSO’s.

Samira from 2G impressed me with her numeral identification. Samira had been working on recognizing and reading 4 digit numbers, and has now mastered 6 digit numbers.

Rodney and Shayleigh from 5/6F also visited me last week to share their numeracy goal achievements. Both of these Year 6 students have reached level 5 on the numeracy learning continuum.

Finn from 1D achieved his learning goal AND produced quality work last week. Congratulations Finn on your revision strategies when writing and using your have-a-go book to spell unfamiliar words.

Peggy from 4C was very thrilled to let me know that she had achieved her goal of reaching the Year 4 reading benchmark level. A fantastic goal to reach, Peggy.

PowerFM Breakfast this Thursday
Loz and Jack from PowerFM are bringing the School Breakfast program to BPS this Thursday morning! Please come to school early to enjoy breakfast, karaoke, zumba and more. From 7.30am onwards the PowerFM breakfast show will be broadcast from our COLA/Hall area. Everyone is welcome to come along to join in the fun. Set your alarms and get in to school early – don’t miss out. If you can’t make it, make sure to tune in to 94.9FM.

P&C Meeting – Spring Fair and Canteen Updates
Last Thursday was the BPS P&C meeting. The planning for the SPRING FAIR on 1st November is well underway. Our first request for the school community is to ask if all families could send in a small item to donate to the grocery hamper prizes for the GIANT RAFFLE. If families all donate something to place in large laundry hampers, winners will receive a fantastic collection of pantry items in time for the festive season – a great prize. Please send items in to school with your child, after checking that the expiry date falls after December 2015. Thank you. More Spring Fair news coming soon.

A budget conversation was held at the meeting regarding the running of our school canteen. We do not want to close the canteen on any school days, so a solution for cost cutting was to shorten the hours of operation. The canteen will open from 8.30am and close each day at 12.00pm, starting next week. Students will still be able to order their lunches every day and purchase snack items for recess. They can do this during the before-school and lunch opening times.

Parent/Teacher PLP Meetings
Teachers have already started contacting families to book in Semester 2 Personalised Learning Plan meetings. These meetings are such important opportunities for parents/carers to help our students set learning goals to aim for this term. Thank you for making an appointment as soon as possible with your child’s teacher.

Rotary & BPS Markets - HELP !!!
Another small group of keen parents and staff came along on Saturday to support the fundraising at the Rotary markets held here at BPS. We had the BBQ and canteen operating as well as a garage sale/white elephant stall.

Please leave your details at the office if you can help at the next market. We really need more parents to run the BBQ.

NITBUSTERS
Thank you to the six amazing mums who came along to help run our NITBUSTERS day last Wednesday. These lovely ladies made the students feel so comfortable that a few were caught with their eyes closed enjoying the pampering!!! All students were sensible about the program and very pleased to take home their combs and instructions.

We were able to check all students, with permission notes, on the Wednesday and did not need to run the second day on Thursday. Thank you also to the volunteers who were planning to make themselves available on Thursday.
The day was a great success, especially for Years Kindergarten to Year 2. 83% of students from Years K-2 returned their permission notes, were checked and treated if necessary – fantastic outcome. Only 35% of Years 3 to 6 students had permission to participate. The best news of the day is that 100% of students were provided with the necessary tools to continue nibusting at home.

**HeadStart Program NEWS**

THIS term we will offer our Kindergarten readiness program for students enrolling in Kindergarten 2016. Please note – the program enrolments have been filled, however we are taking additional names and details for a waiting list. Visit the office for an enrolment form - this is also your enrolment form for Kindergarten next year.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

How do you make ‘one’ vanish?
Add a ‘g’ to the beginning and it’s “gone”!

Aim High, Achieve High – Happy Education Week

Ms Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

---

**Crazy Camel Fundraiser**

Due to popular demand, BPS will once again be offering the Crazy Camel fundraising this year.

Phone covers, calendars etc, featuring your child’s artwork, will be available for purchase.

Your child’s artwork will be available for viewing on the school website from Friday 21st August.

Order forms are included with today’s newsletter.

Orders are due back to school by Wednesday 2nd September.

---

**Book Club**

Please return your Book Club orders to the office by **Wednesday 29th July with payment.** Please make cheques out to “Scholastic”. Thank you, Book Club Co-ordinator

---

**BIG BLUE AWARDS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Winners</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KH</td>
<td>Liam, Lilly, Adam</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KS</td>
<td>Aidan, Chelsea</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1R</td>
<td>Kobi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2A</td>
<td>Natasha, Ted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2G</td>
<td>Samira</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3H</td>
<td>Ben, Tamika</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4T</td>
<td>Lincoln</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4C</td>
<td>Violet, Jack, Eline, Bailey, Akala, Chad</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K-6J</td>
<td>Danyal</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**GOLD AWARDS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Winner</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1R</td>
<td>Jemima</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**Mogo Final Payment Overdue**

Stage 3 students going on the Mogo excursion are reminded that the final payment was due last week. **Please ensure that all payments are finalised by the end of this week.**

---

**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.

---

**P&C Uniform Shop**

**Mondays** 2.30pm - 3.30pm

**Wednesdays** 8.30am - 9.30am

**Fridays** 8.30am - 9.30am

---

No ‘Sporting Schools’ Program Until Further Notice

Please note that the Sporting Schools program is not operating after school until further notice.

---

Please remember that our newsletter is able to be viewed in colour on our school website: [www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)
SRC Reps
Semester 2, 2015

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as the SRC Representatives for their class for Semester 2, 2015. Badges will be presented at tomorrow’s assembly.

K Strawberry: Adam, Dakoda
K Hollywood: Kayde, Emily
1 Rainbow: Aurelia, Kobi
1 Daisy: Holly, Khie
2 Aqua: Logan, Madison
2 Green: Maddison, David
3 Honey: Wil, Leela
3/4 Teal: Lachlan, Daniel
4 Cherry: Tiarni, Bradley
5/6 Fuschia: Jasmine, Stirling
5/6 Heather: Tanzania, Carter
K-6 Jellybean: Jacob
K-6 Lilac: Ajay
K-6 Saffron: Ryan
3-6 Topaz: Mitchell, Sarah

Canteen News
This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special
- Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll
- Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
- Mony

Don’t forget to keep collecting your Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers!

Responsible Decision Making

Children as well as adults make decisions every day. Even young children regularly choose how they will behave, which toys or games they would like to play with, which books they would like to have read to them or which television shows they would like to watch. As they get older, children make bigger decisions that often involve their family, their friends and their schoolwork. The kinds of decisions children make affect their wellbeing, their relationships and their success.

What can get in the way of making good decisions? Having the skills for thinking through decisions makes a good decision more likely, but it doesn’t guarantee one. Other things can get in the way. For example, strong feelings can cloud clear thinking. So when a child is frightened, angry or overwhelmed by strong feelings the chances of making a good decision are reduced. Having skills for managing feelings can help children to calm down and make better decisions.

Attendance Matters

It is crucial that your child has regular attendance so they do not miss out on core learning whilst they are absent.

If your child misses 1 day per week of school (on average) from Kindergarten to Year 10 they will miss over 2 years of learning time!!!

If for some reason your child is absent, it is necessary for you to contact the school within 7 days to explain why they were absent.

You can contact the school by sending in a note with your child, faxing the school on 4423 1847, emailing the school bomaderry-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au, telephoning the school on 4421 6577 or visit the school in person.

If you expect your child will be absent, please contact the school prior to the absence as an exemption from school may apply.

- COMING SCHOOL EVENTS -

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tue 28th July</td>
<td>Assembly 12.30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 29th July</td>
<td>Book Club orders due at office</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- District Athletics - High Jump only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thu 30th July</td>
<td>Power FM Breakfast from 7.30am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 3rd Aug</td>
<td>District Athletics at Albion Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tue 11th Aug</td>
<td>Open Day Celebration</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>