Dear Parents and Carers

**Book Character Parade + Assembly TOMORROW**

Don't forget to get your dress-ups out tonight and match them to a book character for tomorrow's parade. If the wet weather continues, we will hold the event in the school hall from 10am. If the sun sneaks out, we will be in the Primary quad near the flagpole. See you there.

**Parent Survey**

From August 17 until October 16, a parent survey link will be open which allows all BPS parents to provide us with feedback which we can use to refine our school processes. We would really appreciate it if as many families as possible could open the link (simply type it into the search on your computer or access it on our website or facebook page) and complete the very quick survey:


**P&C AGM - THIS Thursday**

THIS Thursday, August 27th, is the date for the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the P&C. The meeting will start at 4pm in the staffroom and we encourage as many parents and community to attend as possible. The P&C committee positions will be voted in. Please consider filling one of the 12 available places. It would be ideal if we had a team of 12 people take on these positions and work together to offer all of the events and fundraising we currently enjoy.

Please consider taking on a role as: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Canteen Treasurer, Fundraising committee members (need at least 3), Uniform shop coordinator, Canteen committee members (we need at least 3). If you are not interested in taking on a position, that is perfectly fine, we would really like to still have you involved at meetings. We will be discussing upcoming fundraising events such as the Spring Fair, raffle, markets and Father’s Day Stall. See you there.

**Quality Work**

There was an impressive stream of quality ‘workers’ coming to my office last week. These students worked hard to meet the criteria explained by their teachers and very proudly told me about the activity and their achievements.

Chloe and Tobi from KS are using spaces and capital letters in their writing. They are also “getting ready for Year 1” by writing on the lines!

Seth from 2G is also using capital letters in his writing. He is also mastering fullstops, spelling strategies and using the word wall to locate words to use in his work.

Maverick, Edie and Nathan from K-6J added the name of an animal to their work last week to create a letter to the zoo. They wrote their name and drew a matched illustration also.

**Achieving Goals**

At our PLP meetings, and throughout the year, our students set learning goals. Striving to achieve these goals is something we reward at BPS, and we love showing off these achievements in the bulletin.

Last week, Bailey from 4C achieved his Maths goal of knowing the 3 times and 4 times tables facts. Congratulations Bailey.

**Father’s Day Stalls**

Our P&C organised a fantastic Mother’s Day Stall earlier this year, and now it is the ‘dad’s’ turn! The P&C will once again offer goodies for sale here at school. The stall will take place on Thursday September 3rd with a follow-up stall on Friday September 4th if any students were away. Gifts will range from 50c-$5.00 approximately. If you can send in a small, appropriate gift for sale, this would help make the stall a success. We do not want anyone to miss out. Please send gift donations to the office or to your child’s teacher before the day. Thank you.

**Spring Fair**

Donations for our Spring Fair (Sunday November 1st) have started arriving at school which means we can organise the giant raffle and planning which side-show type events we can offer. Thank you to all families who have already sent along donations or prizes.

Some things you might like to help with include: sending along grocery items for the lovely hamper prizes – these can be sent to the office or to your child’s teacher.

**Second hand book donations** would be greatly appreciated as we will once again have our Super-Dooper Book Stall. These can be delivered to school at any time.

Please also consider potting a few plants for sale at our Plant Stall. Any plants can be sent in; large, small, cuttings, seedlings, pot plants, indoor or outdoor.

One last request – if you have preserves of any kind: jam, lemon butter, sauces, honey, pickles, chutney - or even empty jars we can fill – these will sell very well at our fair. Please send a jar or two into the office. Thank you!

**Geography and History – HSIE News**

Please find an information sheet enclosed with today’s bulletin. You will notice that the Key Learning Areas of History and Geography are mentioned but not HSIE (Human Society & It's Environment). History and Geography will cover all of the learning outcomes which were once taught in HSIE. This will bring the subjects closer in line with the curriculum covered in Years 7-10. More information can be found on the info sheet.

BPS staff are working hard to incorporate the new Geography, History and Science curriculum into
integrated, engaging teaching units for our students. We are looking forward to teaching this new content and building the learning skills of our students.

HeadStart
Last Thursday we welcomed many of our newest BPS students and families to the school. The HeadStart program kicked off with a fabulous day of learning and a ‘welcome’ barbecue in the afternoon. Thank you to all of our families, staff and students for coming along and enjoying some time getting to know each other. Welcome to our school. We are looking forward to getting to know you all much more as the year progresses and seeing you all get ready for Kindergarten 2016.

Book Fair - THIS WEEK
Remember to visit our Book Fair in the Library this week. Books can be purchased before and after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am-9am and 3.10pm-4pm.

Life Education Starts Soon
A REMINDER that payment is due this week! Happy Harold will be here on Tues 1st, Wed 2nd, Mon 7th, Tues 8th and Wed 9th September.

Pencil Cases/Stationery Packs ON SALE
Stationery packs are currently ON SALE at the office at a very reduced price. Student pencil case supplies at school are running low and need replenishing. At the beginning of the year, many families purchased the packs, which was very helpful and students have been organised with supplies. The prices have now been reduced by one third to allow you to make a ‘top up’ purchase. There are limited supplies:
- Kindergarten packs available at $9.00
- Year 1 packs available at $9.00
- Year 2 packs available at $10.00
- Year 3/4 packs available at $12.00
- Year 5/6 packs available at $18.00
Please call in at the office to ‘shop for supplies’ or send in a note and payment with your child.

Joke of the Week:
What is a teacher’s favourite ‘nation’?
Expla-nation!
Have another fabulous BPS week everyone. Remember – Aim high to achieve high.
Ms Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

Stage 3 Excursion to Mogo
On Wednesday morning it was an early start for Stage 3 to head off to experience life on the Australian goldfields in the 1850’s. We started with a tour of the Old Mogo Mining Town: a walk through an underground mine; a visit to the police station and barber shop (also the place where medical help was sought). We then saw the blacksmith and wood-turner at work before going to seek our fortune gold-panning. The water was freezing but all students worked through the pain and everyone left with their own pieces of gold.
Highlights of the trip were: building gunyahs; cooking damper and a bush dance; as well as the visit to the Zoo before heading home.
A big thanks to Mr Heather and Mrs Brown for a great excursion.
Mrs Ferrer

Crazy Camel Fundraiser
Artwork is now available for viewing on the school website.
Phone covers, calendars etc, featuring your child’s artwork, are available for purchase.
Orders are due back to school by next week Wednesday 2nd September.

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 27th August at 4.00pm in the staffroom.
ALL WELCOME!
Payments Due
K-3 students are reminded that payment for the Bravehearts ‘Ditto Show’ is due by this Friday 28th August.
All students are reminded that payment for Life Education is also due by this Friday 28th August.
Year 2 - 6 students participating in the Swim Scheme are reminded that final payment is due next Monday 31st August.
Students participating in the Debating & Public Speaking Workshop at Vincentia High School are reminded that payment is due next Tuesday 1st September.

Jump Rope for Heart 2015 Thursday 17th September
Wow, what a great week. I have been working with lots of classes in developing their skipping skills and some of the tricks are amazing. Many of our students have been getting in some practice during their lunch and recess breaks as well which is great to see.
“Jump Off Day” is fast approaching so keep up the great work Bomaderry PS.

Stationery Packs - Special Offer
We have limited stock of our Stationery Packs available at the following discounted price:
- Kindergarten - was $14 now $9
- Year 1 - was $14 now $9
- Year 2 - was $16 now $10
- Year 3 & 4 - was $18 now $12
- Year 5 & 6 - was $27 now $18
These stationery packs are available from the office. Limited stock - Don’t miss out!

Library News
Book Fair This Week
Starts TODAY 24th August
Sale of Book Fair books:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Before School 8.30am - 9am
After School 3.10pm - 4pm
on the above days only

Book Club is due back at the school office by Wednesday 26th August.

Book Week display is now in the library...
“Books Light Up Our World”

Please keep looking for overdue books and returning them to the library. Your help is much appreciated.

BIG BLUE AWARDS
KS Charlee
KH Megan, Shanley
1R Bridget, Amber
2G Kiara, Steven
2A Caleb, Ted
4C Bailey, Zachary
3/4T Dylan, Rhiley, Byron, Jacob, Ethan, Billy, Scott
3-6T Alistair, Grace

GOLD AWARDS
KH Kayde
3H Leela
4C Kaleb, Bailey

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

Siteworks is Bundanon's annual spring festival and this year the theme is 'The Feral Amongst Us'. There will be feral talks, feral walks and feral interventions by artists all over the Riversdale property. Camping will be available, allowing you to experience the nocturnal world under a spring full moon. There will be children’s art workshops and activities through the day and into the evening, dinner under the stars, a bar and late night music and video installations.

When: Saturday 26 September, 2015 from midday.

Entrance: FREE

Camping: $10 per person

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**Smith’s Hill High School EXPO Night**

When: Wednesday 7th October from 6pm-8.30pm
Where: Smith’s Hill High School, Gipps St, Wollongong

SHHS is a public selective coeducational high school for gifted and talented students.

Applications for Yr 7, 2017 close on 16th November 2015.

Phone: 4229 4266

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**Host Families Needed for Exchange Students in 2016**

An opportunity for students to experience another culture, make new friends and improve their language studies at home. From January 2016 exchange students from Argentina, Bolivia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden and the USA will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months.

Contact: Student Exchange Australia : Ph 9997 0700

www.studentexchange.org.au

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**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 2 - 25 BOOKS**

*Early Stage 1*: Kya

*Stage 1*: Casey, Keleeta

**LEVEL 3 - 50 BOOKS**

*Early Stage 1*: Scottie

*Stage 1*: Tanesha

*Stage 2*: Danielle, Riley, Karly

**LEVEL 4 - 75 BOOKS**

*Early Stage 1*: Chloe, Jettson, Emily, Hayley, Levi, Skye, Russ

*Stage 1*: Paige, Tahmanah

*Stage 2*: Talea, Byron, Leela

**LEVEL 5 - 100 BOOKS**

*Early Stage 1*: Aiden, Akaylah, Kayde

*Stage 1*: Steven, Olivia, Isabella, Maverick, James, Lily

*Stage 2*: Alec, Connor

*Stage 3*: Jai

**LEVEL 6 - 150 BOOKS**

*Stage 2*: Cheyanne

*Stage 3*: Nas

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**Canteen News**

**Price Increase**

Due to a price increase from suppliers we have increased the price on the following items:

- Mooves now $2.00
- JJ's now $1.00
- Piranhas now $1.00

**New Items Available in Canteen**

- Sao with cheese or vegemite 20c
- Fruity Trifle $1.50
- Garlic Bread 60c
- Frozen Fruit Juice Cup 60c
- Lunch Pack (Popper, Chips + piece of fruit) $2.50

**This week’s $5.00 Lunch Special**

- Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll
- Choice of popper, plain milk or small water
- Mony

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