Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back
Welcome back to school for 2016. I hope all our staff, students, parents and carers have had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the year ahead.

As we start the year we have high expectations of our students and staff and a commitment to deliver the excellent education that parents and the community rightly demand.

Our priorities here at BPS are to continually improve results for all students by ensuring high teacher quality and individual student support. We concentrate on learning and wellbeing and ensure that all of our school staff are supported to succeed in their roles.

BPS Priorities
This year we will continue to work towards achieving all of our school priorities, notably to raise the percentage of students working at their grade benchmarks and also achieving in the top two bands in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

Another priority is to increase the percentage of student attendance at our school to match the NSW state wide average. Congratulations on another improvement in attendance throughout 2015 – we only want to continue improving this again in 2016.

We know – and you know from your experience in schools – that students with strong literacy and numeracy skills stay at school longer and complete their HSC, setting them up for a pathway to further study or work.

I know the start of the school year is always busy, with students and teachers forming new classes and settling into their learning environments. This year we will welcome 3 classes of Kindergarten students – a first at BPS for many years.

Staff Changes
We also welcome a number of new teachers to our team and look forward to introducing families and students to them very soon.

Welcome Ms Yeates and Mr Trindall to our RFF (release) team. Ms Yeates will also be 1D’s teacher each Monday. Welcome also to Mr Duncan teaching 3/4D, Ms Calcraft who will teach 1C and Ms Sburlati on 5S.

Other staffing changes have taken place with some of our part time teachers now on class and some of our Assistant Principal team having time off class to lead projects and programs.

Parent Information Meetings — FOR YOUR CALENDARS
Opportunities to meet with your child/ren’s teacher/s are fast approaching. Separate notes from your child’s teacher will be provided about these also. Each class, along with Stage team (ie. other staff from the same year groupings) will hold Parent Information & Getting To Know You Meetings at the following times/dates:

Support Classes (K-6J, K-6L, K-6S and 3-6Y): TOMORROW – Tuesday February 2nd at 3.30pm

Stage 2 (Years 3 - 4): Monday February 8th at 4.00pm
Stage 3 (Years 5 - 6): Monday February 8th at 4.30pm
Stage 1 (Year 1 - 2): Tuesday February 9th at 3.30 or 5.00pm

Early Stage 1 (Kinder): Thursday February 11th at 3.30 or 5.00pm

PLEASE make time to attend these meetings – there are always lots of questions answered about class expectations, stationery supplies and requirements, homework, sport, excursions and more.

2016 Message
I am proud of our achievements at BPS and each year our school provides our community with much to celebrate. I look forward to a year of achievement and excellence.

Please read all of the messages, reminders and announcements in this week’s bulletin. It is full of ‘beginning of the year’ news.

Aim High, Achieve High
Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

Pancake Tuesday
Tuesday 9th February at Recess
Available from the Canteen
$2 per plate — please bring money on the day. First in, first served!

P&C News

2016 Kick Off Meeting
Please mark in your diaries Thursday 25 Feb, 2pm for an hour to join us for our first meeting for the year. It will be a great opportunity to meet and/or to understand where you may be able to add value without too large an imposition on your time. We have a proud working relationship with the school and need your help to keep this ongoing.

Uniform Shop
We are seeking volunteers to help coordinate with filling orders on designated uniform days. It will require a minimal time commitment and a “Bommo Bucks” voucher will be provided after completing a full session. Please contact Tracy 0437 771819.

Volunteers
If you would like to spend some time volunteering either in the canteen, uniform shop or one-off for an event and cannot attend a P&C meeting please contact Tracy on 0437 771819.

Thank you to all the Kindy parents for providing your details at orientation last year. We will be contacting you soon.

Thank you
Tracy Bailey - P&C President
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!

2016 Bus Passes

Most students who had bus passes last year do not need to apply for new passes - they will automatically be issued and distributed to students in the next few weeks. The only students who need to apply for a new bus pass are those who are in Year 3 this year. These students need to complete a new application form, available from the school office.

After School Activities for Kids in the Shoalhaven

Facebook has a page called “Shoalhaven After School Activities for Kids” which has links to a range of sports, clubs and organisations available in the local area. Many of these clubs have registration days in the near future. Information on the following is included on the site:

- **Rugby League**
- **Basketball**
- **PCYC (various activities)**
- **Netball**
- **Dancing**
- **Physie**
- **Art Classes**
- **Hockey**
- **Gymnastics**
- **Tennis**
- **Music/singing**
- **Swimming**
- **Martial Arts**
- **Baseball**
- **Milo Cricket**
- **Soccer**

Canteen News

This week’s $6.00 Lunch Special

- Choice of macaroni cheese, lasagne or spaghetti
- Choice of popper, small water or plain milk
- Packet of JJ’s.

- Community News -

**Aussie Hoops Basketball 2016 Registrations**

Commences Friday 5th February 2016 at Shoalhaven Basketball Stadium.


**Bomaderry Out of School Hours Care (BOOSSHC)**

Now taking enrolments for before and after school care.

Open from 6.30 - 8.30am for morning care and 3 - 6.30pm for afternoon care, operating from Bomaderry Public School. A healthy afternoon tea is available.

Enquiries 0422 321774 or 0414 239098.

**Bomaderry Junior Rugby League Football Club**

Registration Day will be held on Saturday 6th February at the Bomaderry Sporting Complex 10.00am - 1.00pm.


Details: Contact the Steve (President) on 0403 591014.

**Bomaderry Soccer Club Registration Days**

Fri 12th Feb 4-6pm; Sat 13th Feb 11am-1pm

Fri 26th Feb 4-6pm; Sat 27th Feb 11am-1pm

At Thurgate Oval (behind petrol station)

Details: visit [www.bomaderryfc.com](http://www.bomaderryfc.com)

**Nowra Players present ‘Camelot the Panto’ in March**

Held at the Players Theatre, Meroo Street, Bomaderry

Opening Night 5th March 8pm Medieval fancy dress/prizes Evening and matinee performances. Information and tickets available from Shoalhaven Visitors Information Centre 1300 662 808.

**Shoalhaven Netball Association**

2016 Netball Season Registrations are now OPEN with all clubs in our association.

5-7yrs / 8-10yrs / Juniors 11-17yrs/Seniors 18yrs and over

SAINTS: saintsnc.nsw.netball.com.au

REBELS: rebelsnc.nsw.netball.com.au

NTH NOWRA BOMADERRY: nnbnc.nsw.netball.com.au

LYREBIRD: lyrebirdnc.nsw.netball.com.au

JERVIS BAY: jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au

GEMS: gems.nsw.netball.com.au

ALBATROSS: albatrossnc.nsw.netball.com.au

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