Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 1. Our competitors swimming carnival has taken place today at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre. Well done to all of our swimmers. See the report included in this newsletter.

District Basketball Selection
Congratulations to Thomas from 6H who was successful in gaining a place in the District Basketball team following last week’s trials. Thomas plays basketball at the local Shoalhaven (Bomaderry) stadium and obviously this involvement in outside school sport is paying off! Well done, Thomas.

Quality Work
The year has started with high quality work in a number of classes. Last week Elliot from K-6J demonstrated his ability to identify paper cut-out shapes, find the shapes in the environment and name them in both contexts. Great job, Elliot.

Chloe from 1D also impressed me with her quality work last week. Chloe wrote about an “ordinary” day after reading the book 'Just Another Ordinary Day' by Rod Clement. Chloe identified her own spelling errors and used a ‘have-a-go’ book to edit and then publish her work. This is most certainly quality work for the beginning of Year 1.

Personalised Learning at BPS
Thank you so much to the teaching staff who have already begun the process of meeting with every BPS family. These personalised learning plan (PLP) meetings are extremely important in supporting each child’s learning through collaborative goal setting and ‘getting to know’ one another. Thank you to the families who have attended a PLP meeting already or who have one booked in very soon. Please contact your child/ren’s teacher/s to organise a time.

Emergency Evacuation Drill
This morning BPS participated in an emergency evacuation drill. All students and staff cooperated well with the practice. In these situations, we assemble on the far northern end of the school oval, where we have a full roll call and debrief.

We will be having further drills including lockdown, lockout and bomb threat drills over the coming Term.

BPS Canteen
Yummy, healthy, weekly special this week – have a look at the message in today’s newsletter…

Reminders: Our canteen is open EVERY recess. Delicious homemade goodies (both hot and cold, sweet and savoury) and fresh fruit choices. YUM. Prices from 20c.

Also – please be careful not to mix up any foreign currency in your canteen spending money. We have had a few NZ coins etc. Please check your souvenir coins are not making their way to school!

Koori Kids Wellbeing Program
We are very lucky to have been offered support through the South Coast Aboriginal Medical Service again in 2016. One program they are providing is the Koori Kids Wellbeing Program (KKWP). The program is an early intervention approach to Mental Health support and suicide prevention for Aboriginal children in the Shoalhaven region. The program is funded under the National Suicide Prevention Program and provides three levels of intervention:

- Intensive counselling and support for children with existing emotional wellbeing and behavioural issues, school truancy or underachievement, including a mix of individualised school, home and counselling interventions.
- Targeted programs for children who are at high risk of emotional and behavioural problems including parent education based around the Triple P program, and support and training for Aboriginal Education Assistants and caseworkers in contact with these families.
- Universal prevention programs based around ‘Mind Matters’ program for children attending preschools and primary schools in the Shoalhaven region, and community and agency education and training in childhood development.

If your child brought home a permission note for the program, please return it as soon as possible. The program will run here at school on Tuesday afternoons.

School Working Bee
Staff and parents, especially Mr Dave Muir our General Assistant, have been working hard to beautify our playground and learning spaces. BPS is a large site with many gardens, structures and lawns. We have limited person-hours and monetary resources to spend on school beautification and improvement. The school, along with the P&C, hope to spend some resource allocation money this year on playground upgrades, shade structures, vegetable gardens, playground equipment and gardening. With this in mind – WE NEED YOUR HELP! We hope to hold a working bee each term outside school hours when we can get a large ‘chunk’ of the work done in a collaborative, social afternoon environment followed by a BBQ and cold drinks.

Please let us know if you would be able to come along after school on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 3.10pm-5.00pm wearing ‘old’ clothes and comfy shoes?? Please leave your details with the ladies at the school office on 4421 6577, or our P&C president, Tracy on 0437 771 819. THANK YOU.

Behaviour and Learning Expectations
2016 has started with very settled classrooms. Students have started working hard in all key learning areas, made classroom expectations with their teachers, and have already started producing high quality learning and school work samples.

There have been a small number of playground incidents where students have not displayed BPS
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manner or the skills of getting along or resilience. Behaviour slips are written for inappropriate behaviour and are often followed by timeout from the playground, contact with parents and a Formal Caution letter if necessary.

All educational research tells us that behavioural disturbances at school affect student learning outcomes. BPS is focussed on ALL students achieving their best, therefore negative behaviours will be followed up and we ask that parents work closely with us in order to eliminate these from our BPS school experience. We love our school and want EVERY student to be happy and safe here.

Happy Kindergarten Students
Our new Kindergarten students have been enjoying the start to the year here at BPS. Here are some smiling faces having lots of fun at ‘big school’.

Aim high and achieve high this week.
Ms Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

P&C News

School Banking
School Banking is starting this week. Please post deposit books into the mail slot at the school office on Tuesday mornings each week. Banking information packs will be sent home during the next two weeks.

Cookie Dough Orders
Cookie Dough order forms will be sent home this week. All instructions and prize details will be provided. Please support this great fundraising opportunity.

Easter Raffle
Easter is early this year and falls before the end of Term 1. Continuing with tradition, the Easter Raffle prize draw will be held on the same day as the Hat Parade. The raffle ticket booklets will be sent home with the children within the next couple of weeks. Easter related items eg. chocolate eggs, are needed to help fill the prize baskets so please continue sending your donations in.

Volunteers
We are seeking volunteers to help coordinate with filling orders on uniform days. It will require a minimal time commitment and a ‘Bommo Bucks’ voucher will be provided after completing a full session. A reminder that ‘Bommo Bucks’ are given to volunteers on completion of a full session either in the canteen or uniform shop. These vouchers are valid only for the term of issue with the exception of those dated the last week of term.

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 771 819.

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:

- **Year 1** - was $14 now **$9** (Almost gone!)
- **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!

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House Captains & SRC
Congratulations to our 2016 House Captains who were elected by students last Friday. These students will be presented with their badges at this week’s assembly on tomorrow, Tuesday 16th February at 12.30pm.

**SWANS**
Captains: Shaleigh, Thomas
Vice Captains: Jasmine, Kayden

**KOOKABURRAS**
Captains: Estelle, Deacon
Vice Captains: Tanayah, Charlie

**EMUS**
Captains: Jordyn, Diaz
Vice Captains: Narteisha, Elvis

**MAGPIES**
Captains: Charmian, Calib
Vice Captains: Taylah, Andrew

Our 2016 SRC members will also receive their badges at tomorrow’s assembly.
**BPS Uniform Shop**

Please note time changes this week

- **Monday** 2.00pm - 3.30pm
- **Friday** 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Please note that new stock including school polo shirts have arrived.

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**Swimming Carnival Report**

This morning 14 students ranging from Year 2 to Year 6 competed in the School Swimming Carnival at Bomaderry Pool. Although the Carnival was small, the students excelled themselves with determination and self-confidence. Congratulations to all students for doing their best. Lots of Personal Bests!!!!!

Many thanks to Miss Arnott for organising such a successful Swimming Program in 2015. The hard work put in by everyone is starting to pay off. Don’t forget that Bomaderry Swim Club has a fabulous program to help develop carnival skills. You can get contact details from Bomaderry Pool.

Thank you to Aunty Allison, Miss Arnott and Mrs Brown for all their help in making sure the carnival ran smoothly.

The following students are off to the District Swimming Carnival. A note with further details will be handed out to these students shortly.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** This carnival will have the most event entries that Bomaderry Public School has seen in a long time.

- **Open Boys 100m Freestyle:** Calib
- **Open Girls 100m Freestyle:** Tiarni
- **12/13 years Boys 50m Breaststroke:** Calib
- **12/13 years Boys 50m Backstroke:** Calib, Thomas
- **12/13 years Girls 50m Backstroke:** Jasmine, Jade
- **12/13 years Girls 50m Butterfly:** Jade
- **12 years Girls 50m Freestyle:** Jasmine, Jade
- **12 years Boys 50m Freestyle:** Calib, Thomas
- **11 years Boys 50m Freestyle:** Robbie
- **11 years Girls 50m Backstroke:** Tiarni, Peggy
- **11 years Girls 50m Freestyle:** Tiarni, Peggy
- **9 years Girls 50m Freestyle:** Jessica, Paige
- **9 years Boys 50m Freestyle:** Brayden
- **8 years Girls 50m Freestyle:** Tanesha
- **Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke:** Paige
- **Junior Girls 50m Backstroke:** Jessica
- **Jnr Girl 4x50m Relay:** Tiarni, Peggy, Jessica, Paige

*Mrs Tunks*

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**P&C NEWS**

The next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 25th February at 2.00pm in the staffroom.

**ALL WELCOME!**

Please remember that our newsletter is able to be viewed in colour on our school website:

www.bomaderry-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**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*

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**Free Dental Service**

FREE Public Child Dental Service available children up to 18 years. Services available at Wollongong, Port Kembla, Warilla, Kiama, Nowra and Ulladulla.

Call 1300 369 651 to make an appointment.

**Shoalhaven Auskick**

Our season commences on Sat 12th March from 9.00am to 10.30am at West St Oval Nowra. Auskick is ideal for Boys and Girls from 4 - 12 years.

Online registrations: http://www aflauskick.com.au

Contact Jodi Evans 0437 625 003

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