Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 1. And what a wonderful week it is shaping up to be... so many smiling Monday morning faces and even a visit to my office from some Year 6 girls with their Quality Work (details in next week’s newsletter). Enjoy the sunshine, everyone – with a school hat of course!

Good Luck BPS Swimmers

Congratulations once again to all of our competitive swimmers at BPS. Good luck to our representatives at the District swimming carnival on Thursday.

Personalised Learning at BPS

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. You may receive a follow-up phone call very soon when the teachers have some additional time provided to conduct the final few PLPs for their class.

Release From Face-to-Face Teaching (RFF)

Each week, teaching staff are allocated time for planning, assessment, training and meetings – usually around 2 hours for full-time teachers. During this time, other teachers cover their classes and follow a planned teaching sequence, often on a particular Key Learning Area (subject).

This year at BPS, all of our specialised RFF teachers are covering aspects of the Creative Arts (CAPA) syllabus. Mrs Tunks is leading this team and has worked with them in planning exciting CAPA lessons incorporating lots of different perspectives (including Technology and Aboriginal Education). Last week Mrs Tunks was caught having too much CAPA fun in 1D – please enjoy the photos of these 1D artists!

Thank you and CONGRATULATIONS to our newly ‘badged’ Student Leaders

Last week at our whole school assembly we congratulated all of the new Student representatives for each class on the Student Representative Council (SRC), our Library Monitors and our Sports House Captains and Vice-Captains. Well done to all of these students. Wear your badge with pride and be the best BPS representative you can be.

At this same assembly, I was very humbled to be presented with a very special bunch of flowers. 2015 was my 20th year working for the Department of Education as a teacher. I received a certificate marking this milestone at a recent Principal meeting and some of my colleagues heard the news! It was indeed a special moment to be presented with the flowers at our school. After all, being part of the teaching profession is all about students and their families. I have enjoyed working in three rewarding school communities over my 20+ years and I feel especially proud representing Bomaderry Public as the Principal. Thank you.

BPS Canteen Reminder

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

Aim high and achieve high this week.

Ms Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

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**BPS Uniform Shop**

Please note upcoming dates and times:

- **Tuesday 23 Feb** 8.30am - 9.30am
- **Friday 26 Feb** 2.30pm - 3.30pm
- **Monday 29 Feb** 2.00pm - 3.30pm
- **Friday 4 March** 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Orders can be left at the office

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**Technology Enrichment Group**

A TECHNOLOGY ENRICHMENT GROUP commenced at BPS this week. The staff have selected some students from Year 1 - Year 6. The group will meet for one hour a week.

The group will be doing a variety of tasks that will extend their passion for computers and technology. Some of the tasks will involve:
- Basic coding
- Basic programming
- Creating online apps and games

In particular we will do the “hour of code” which is a worldwide online program. It allows the students to work on a technology project and learn coding skills.

We will mainly be using this website: [https://www.tynker.com/hour-of-code/](https://www.tynker.com/hour-of-code/)

This course will provide technical skills for the 21st Century and will also be a whole lot of fun!

Mr Matthew Devlin
Teacher/I.T. Coordinator

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**P&C MEETING**

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

ALL WELCOME!
**Sporting Schools**
Basketball Clinics begin THIS WEEK on Tuesday 23rd February. Students will meet supervising teachers after school and walk to the Basketball Stadium on Tuesday afternoons at 3.15pm (commence sessions at 3.30pm). Students need to be picked up NO LATER THAN 4.30pm from inside the Basketball Stadium. Students from Years 1-6 who have returned their permission note will be able to attend. Please see Miss Arnott for further information.

**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 1: Kylianta, Akaylah, Aiden, Shanley, Lilly
Stage 2: Jack, Anthony, Maddie, Madison, Brayden, Phoebe, Larna, Grace

**BIG BLUE AWARDS**
1D Alivia
1C Aiden, Russ
2A Summer, Kobi
3/4D Lateisha
5F Ethan, Jack
5S Eline
K-6L Levi, Indra, Ryan
K-6S Braydon, Ben, Daniel

**GOLD AWARDS**
3/4D Aleisha
5F Ethan
5S Dylan
K-6S Daniel

**Canteen News**
This week’s $6.00 Lunch Special
- 2 Pizza Muffins
- Choice of popper, small water or plain milk
- Jelly and fresh fruit cup

**P&C News**
**School Banking**
School Banking is off to a great start with a reminder that the bank books are to be posted at the office on Tuesday. You will need to have an account opened for your child prior being able to use this facility so visit the branch with ID to open the account. If you have queries please call Vanessa on 0407 628 093.

**Cookie Dough**
Information and order forms are accompanying the newsletter today. Please return orders with exact money to the canteen no later than the 3rd March. Note that money change will not be provided at the canteen or at the front office. Orders will be placed immediately after collection in order to allow time for delivery prior to the Easter break. Pickup date for the goods will be advised.

**Easter Raffle**
Please continue to send in Easter related items for the raffles.

**Volunteers**
A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered in the uniform shop and canteen. It is much appreciated. If you wish to help out please call Tracy 0437 771 819.

**- Community News -**

**Bomaderry High School Open Night**
All parents, carers and students from Years 5 and 6 are welcome to attend the BHS Open Night. When: Wednesday 2nd March at 5.45pm Where: Bomaderry High School Details: Phone Jo Parsons on 4421 0699

**Free Noah’s Training for Parents and Carers**
How to advocate for your child: Develop skills on how to be the best voice for your child and support their success. When: Wednesdays 10am-12 noon until 30th March Where: Noah’s Shoalhaven, Shoalhaven Campus, University of Wollongong Sessions include: Identifying needs and goals, developing a plan; best language and written communications, effective management of meetings (eg school), National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), types of services, supporting your child’s success and educating professionals, family and friends, play and food and nutrition.
Further information: Contact Debra on 0412 556 486 or email djefferis@noahsark.nsw.edu.au

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