Dear Parents and Caregivers
Welcome to a damp start to Week 6. With this wet weather sneaking up on us, please ensure that your child has the correct school jacket as part of their uniform. Any wet weather rain jacket is acceptable for keeping dry, or an umbrella of course!
There have been a lot of out-of-uniform jumpers and hoodies sneaking in. Please keep these for weekends and chase our wonderful uniform shop ladies to purchase a school jacket as soon as possible. The uniform shop this week is open on Monday 2-3pm and Friday 2.20-3.20pm. Orders can also be left at the office. Thank you.

Sad News for our BPS Community
Tomorrow a number of staff members will attend a memorial service for Mrs Annette Morris. Mrs Morris lost her battle with cancer last week. She was a long serving, fondly remembered teacher here at our school. Many of our parents and community members, as well as our Year 6 students will remember Mrs Morris and her dedication to education here at Bomaderry Public.
When our current Year 6 students were in Kindergarten, Mrs Morris enjoyed her last year of teaching and spent many long hours chatting with me about the difficult decision to retire! She felt that the school was such an important part of her life, she found it very hard to part ways.
Staff members will attend the service tomorrow on behalf of our school community and pay tribute to a very special lady, colleague, teacher and community member.

Active After School
The BPS After School Activities are now in full swing. Thank you to Ms Jenny Arnott and her team for this excellent organisation. We currently have 80 students enjoying Tuesday afternoon Basketball activities at the local basketball stadium and 50 students taking part in swimming lessons each Friday at the Bomaderry indoor pool.
BPS students are very lucky to have these opportunities. We know that being connected with these local sports venues and clubs is beneficial for students and families alike. Thank you to Shoalhaven Basketball Club and Shoalhaven City Council for their collaboration. Fingers crossed some of our students will continue to participate at these venues after the program finishes.

EASTER News and Activities
Our annual Infants Easter Hat parade will take place on MONDAY 21st March. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 take part in the parade in the Infants assembly area. We hope you are planning your hat masterpieces at home. There have certainly been some crazy, cute, small, large, colourful, funny and creative ones at past parades.
There is a separate information flyer from our P&C included with this week’s bulletin. Please read it to find out about the Easter raffle – we need some yummy donations – remember lots of little donations add up to a great hamper prize.

Attendance – CONGRATULATIONS BPS
We have talked with all BPS families about the importance of school attendance many times. I think we forget to celebrate our amazing community achievements in this area, so, today I would like to share some impressive news with you all.
Over the past 5 years, here at BPS, we have ensured that attendance has been given a very high profile. We have had a teacher in charge of this area, thank you Ms Arnott. We have employed staff to implement the Phone Intervention Program, awarded 100% attenders, followed up on all students after absences, worked with the region’s Home School Liaison Officers, and kept very detailed data on all of our student’s daily attendance.
The spotlight and support we have provided has resulted in some impressive results. This improvement has been noticed across our region. Staff from the Department of Education, have sent staff from other schools here to BPS to “find out how we have done it”.
Enjoy this graph. It celebrates our collective hard work (home and school working together) and shows an amazing upward growth in attendance percentages and a trend which shows that we are equalling all schools across NSW (which we did in 2015). Congratulations.

Quality Work
The volume of high quality work coming to my office has ‘hotted’ up! I am so thrilled to report the work of these amazing BPS students:
Shaleigh, Charmian, Zoe and Taylah from 6H worked hard in their geometry lessons last week with Mr Heather. They labelled 2D shape diagrams with as much detail and geometric information as possible – this included information on angles, sides, symmetry and more!
Josephine and Jacob from KW are our very first Kindergarten quality workers for
Traffic Issues

Please note that the bottom driveway into the school is for the use of staff only. Community members should not pull into the driveway or drive into the staff car park for drop-off or pick-up times.

The only exception to this rule is for taxis transporting children on the Assisted Travel scheme.

For safety reasons, this bottom gate is not for pedestrian use. The front gate entrance near the administration building is to be used instead.

When parking or collecting students out the front of the school, please keep our neighbour’s driveways clear at all times and refrain from using them to pull in or to do U-turns.

Please follow all of these parking guidelines to ensure all BPS students and community are safe and happy.

Thank you.

Coffee Van

The Java Life coffee van is now coming to Bomaderry Public School 5 days a week before school.

Library News

Could the library please have any spare plastic shopping bags that you have at home? They come in handy for a quick fix library bag or to put Book Club orders in to take home. Thank you.

Please talk about a safe place for your child’s library book when it is kept at home for the week. This ensures that it is easily found and kept in good condition.

The children are enjoying the new library books and borrowing is off to a good start this year.

Book Club orders are due to the office on Wednesday 9th March.

Thank you for your help ☺

Mrs Manktelow

Stationery Packs - Special Offer

We have limited stock of our Stationery Packs available at the following discounted price:

- 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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2016. These clever students wrote sentences starting with ‘I like’, included spaces and a full stop. Ms Wallace is so happy with the start to 2016 in Kinder Watermelon.

Edie from K-6J impressed everyone at her weekly swimming lessons at Meadows Swim School. Edie’s confidence has grown so much, she is listening carefully to the swim instructor, and can now jump in and swim to the edge of the pool. Mrs Barry and Mrs Hewitt are sooo proud of Edie.

Violet and Dylan from 5S sketched amazing detailed ‘eye’ artworks which included great shading techniques and a colour ‘pop’. Fantastic job Ms Sburlati.

Continue to Aim high and achieve high this week – and keep up the fantastic attendance. Over the past 2 weeks, the following classes have actually had 100% attendance – 1D, 5S, KH, K-6S, 3-6Y, K-6L, 5F and 6H. Keep up the great work.

Ms Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

P&C News

P&C General Meeting

It was a pleasure to see so many new faces who chose to join our P&C meeting last week! Thank you for your input and willingness to participate in activities for the P&C, it is much appreciated by the P&C and the school.

Here at the P&C we are working on a schedule of events and goals for the year and will share with you when available so keep an eye on this space. Thanks again to all our new comers and our regulars for a very positive and productive meeting.

Cookie Dough - Final Week for Orders

Please note that orders are to be placed no later than this Thursday 3rd March.

Telephone Messages

Our very busy front office staff are receiving an increasing amount of phone requests during the day from parents wishing to have a message relayed to their children. Would parents and caregivers please plan ahead and let your children know in the morning before they go to school what the arrangements are for going home in the afternoon.

We respectfully request that you only phone for a message to be passed on when it is urgent. Thank you.
School Clean Up Day
This year marks the 25th anniversary of school participation in the Clean Up Australia Day events. BPS will again be doing its bit this Friday by cleaning up and helping to beautify our school grounds. All classes will be allocated an area in the school to target for about 15 minutes. The Year 6 Environment Team will be out taking photos and providing support. They will then carry out an audit and report back to the Clean Up Australia Day Organisation on the event.

Prize Draw for School Contribution Fee Payments
We will be holding a Prize Draw for families who pay their school contribution fees prior to Monday 21st March 2016.
Prizes include vouchers for:
- Flipout
- McDonalds
- Martial Arts
- Autobarn
- Ulladulla Funland
Lots of fun in the holidays!

Each year NSW Department of Education Public Schools seek a contribution fee from each family to be paid to the school to help fund resources for students. The fees are used for things such as student awards, classroom supplies and books. The fee is a one-off payment each year.
The School Contribution Fee for 2016 is as follows:
♦ One student fee: $40.00
♦ Family fee (more than one student): $50.00
Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS or cheque at the office.
Your contribution is much appreciated by the students who benefit directly from the additional resources.
Thank you to those families who have already paid their 2016 Contribution Fee.

District Swimming
Congratulations to all of our students who attended the District Swimming Carnival last Thursday!
Pictured: Jordyn, Jasmine, Brayden, Jade, Tiarri, Thomas, Peggy, Robert, Jessica and Paige

Attention: Koori Parents
The free Indigenous Tennis Day on Thursday 31st March from 10am-2pm is a community event. Therefore parents will need to transport and supervise their children on the day. Sorry for any inconvenience.
A. Aldridge - Aboriginal Education Officer

No Change at School Office
Please note that no cash is kept on the school premises. Therefore when paying for excursions etc, we are not able to give change on the day. Change of $5.00 or less can be returned home via the student with the receipt. Larger amounts of change can be collected from the office at a later date by a parent.

BPS Uniform Shop
Please note upcoming dates and times:
- Monday 29 Feb 2.00pm - 3.00pm
- Friday 4 March 2.20pm - 3.20pm
- Monday 7 March 8.30am - 9.30am
Orders can be left at the office
Please note that the following prices have changed in the Uniform Shop.
- Polo Shirts $21.00
- Jackets $36.00
- Hats $8.50
New order forms are available from the office.

Book Club
Please return your Book Club orders to the Office by Wednesday 9th March with payment.
Please make your cheques out to “Scholastic”.
Thank you, Book Club Co-ordinator
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COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Thu 1st Mar - Assembly 12.30pm
Thu 3rd Mar - Stage 2 Excursion: Booderee N.P.
              - Cookie Dough orders due at office
Wed 9th Mar - Book Club orders due at office
Fri 18th Mar - Doing Things Together Day
Mon 21st Mar - Easter Hat Parade
              - Contribution Fee Prize Draw closes
Fri 25th Mar - Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon 28th Mar - Easter Monday Public Holiday
Fri 1st April - School Photos
Fri 8th April - Last day of Term 1
Wed 27th April - Students return for Term 2

**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: Kya, Liam, Charlee, Jetttson, Russ, Reibey, Maverick, Nathan
Stage 2: Natasha, Cheyanne, Dylan, Lily, Emily, Cooper, Caleb, Wendy, Abby, Leela, Samira, Amelia, Benjamin, Paige, Jessica, Michael, Victoria, Isaac, Keely
Stage 3: Ben, Andrew, Diaz, Brooklyn, Riley, Charming, Jordyn, Quinten, Jacob, Madylene

**BIG BLUE AWARDS**
1C Chelsea
2G Finn
3/4C Larna, Brayden, Jessica
6H Madilyne, Andrew, Jade
K-6J Ngurrowin, Danyal
K-6L Robert
3-6Y Sarah

**GOLD AWARDS**
1D Aiden
2G Finn
K-6L Levi

**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.

**Canteen News**
This week’s $6.00 Lunch Special
♦ Nachos
♦ Choice of popper, small water or plain milk
♦ Vanilla Rice Pudding

- 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

**SaverPlus**
Join SaverPlus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including school uniforms, text books, computers, excursions, sports equipment and uniforms, lessons, music tuition and instrument hire.
You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pension Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.
Contact: Lindi, Saver Plus Coordinator | The Smith Family
Ph 4283 2245, 0427 439 234 or 1300 610 355 or email Lindi.Jamieson-Brown@thesmithfamily.com.au

**Ageing and Disability Lifestyle Options EXPO**
Shoalhaven Disability Forum has combined with the HACC Forum.
When: Monday 4th April, 10am-2pm
Where: Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

**Shoalhaven Women’s Wellness Festival**
Where: Greys Beach, Nth Nowra -next to Nowra Golf Club
When: Friday 18th March, 1-6pm.
Includes cultural dance performances, free food, information stalls and market stalls, plus give-a-ways. Women, their families and friends are welcome (yes guys too!). Contact Krissy or Carley at Waminda for more information on 4421 7400.

**Waterpolo and Flipperball Try It Out Night**
Where: Nowra Pool
When: Thursday 3rd of March from 7pm
Cost: $5.00 plus pool entry.