Dear Parents and Caregivers

Evacuation Drill Update
Last Friday we held an additional safety drill here at school. Over recent months you may have heard that many schools across NSW and beyond have had phone-scares including bomb threats and other reasons for evacuation. Thankfully, these have all been 'scares' but of course are treated each and every time with the utmost seriousness.

We held our first off-site evacuation practice to ensure we are prepared for all situations. All classes, staff, and visitors were evacuated to the overflow carpark on Karowa Street. The drill was successful. Thank you to all staff for their excellent supervision, speed and care. In the case of a real threat, staff would follow all necessary precautions including contact with Emergency services, Police and our Department’s Safety Unit. After an event like this, parents would be notified of the event initially, via our facebook page. Please ‘like’ and share our page so that you can have this line of communication for emergencies as well as everyday news.

Sporting Schools – THANK YOU Manildra Group
Wow – some amazing news... Manildra Group in Bomaderry supports the local community and directly employs about 300 staff at the Shoalhaven starch and ethanol plant. Manildra Group established a Foundation to support important causes in the communities in which they operate - "Making a long-term positive difference is important to us, which is why we’re proud of our partnerships with trusted organisations who, like us, want what’s best for our communities. We have dedicated significant time and resources to see these partnerships strengthened and share their commitment to their causes." (Manildra Foundation)

Bomaderry Public School is lucky and privileged to be one of the local organisations who receive support from Manildra Foundation. They have recently donated a whopping $8,000 to our 2016 Sporting Schools program. Thank you Manildra Group. Thank you AGAIN to Ms Jenny Arnott and her team who have successfully secured this funding and in turn have organised an amazing choice of activities for Term 2. The notes for these new choices are included with todays newsletter – please return well before the end of this term to secure a place.

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 Term 2 partners: Bomaderry Bowling Club, Shoalhaven Auskick and Your Talent Team in Bomaderry Plaza for their collaboration. We really hope that some of our students will continue to participate at these venues after the programs finish.

PRIZES, VOUCHERS to be won
Have you paid your child/family student contribution fees for 2016? If you have, your name has been entered into a draw to win one of 8 prizes. Anyone who would like a chance to win, should pay their annual fee of $40.00 for one student or $50.00 for a family before Monday 21st March to be in the draw. You could win a voucher for: Flipout, McDonalds, Martial Arts, Autobarn, Ulladulla Funland

Uniform Reminder
It is lovely warm weather at the moment, but on cooler days, please ensure that your child has the correct school jacket as part of their uniform. 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 is open this Friday 8.30-9.30am, or orders can be left at the office.

EASTER News and Activities
Our annual infants Easter Hat parade will take place on THURSDAY 24th 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.

Tickets for the Easter raffle continue to be on sale (Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Friday afternoons) at the front of the school. Huge thanks to Mrs Cowey from our P&C for helping with these ticket sales. We still need some yummy donations for the Easter hamper raffle prizes – remember lots of little donations add up to a great hamper prize. THANK YOU for all of the generous deliveries already – and especially to Mr Mitchell who has made amazing rustic, wooden boxes for each hamper.

Clean Up Australia
Last Friday, we held our annual Clean Up Australia Day and it was a huge success. The students were very enthusiastic in helping make our school environmentally pleasing. A huge thanks goes out to the students and teachers who participated in the Green Mufti. With their generous donations, we were able to raise $185.00 towards new equipment for Garden Club. We appreciate all your help on the day.

Environment Group
This year, the Environmental Team will be aiming to raise awareness in the importance of ‘garden-to-table’. Children who are more actively involved in food choices are more likely to be interested in the food they eat. Garden Club goers have already been amazing helpers in weeding and mulching the school gardens and very soon planting.

Students have already made a great start with their lunches. If you would like further information or recipe ideas for healthy packed meals, please visit: http://healthy-kids.com.au/parents/recipes/

ANZAC Event
All students are invited to attend the unveiling of a WWII memorial at Walsh Park, Bomaderry on Sunday 13th March at 10am. Bomaderry Public School will be represented by school leaders, however all students are welcome.

Continue to Aim High and Achieve High this week – and keep up the fantastic attendance and brilliant blue uniforms!

Ms Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

7th March 2016
Yellow Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received Yellow Merits at Week 6 Assembly. The awards were for “Confidence”

KC  Blake, Ryder
KH  Kaylee, Whyatt
KW  Laylah, Sam
1C  Lilly, Liam
1D  Aiden, Emily
2A  Summer, Tannarah
2G  James, Mia
3/4B Layla, Natasha
3/4C Jessica, Ben
3/4D Kaitlyn, Reide
5F  Jack, Olivia
5S  Chad, Violet
6H  Andrew, Shaleigh
K-6J  Elliot
K-6L  Boa-Rowan
K-6S  Daniel, Grace
3-6Y  Kyran, Jack

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 and 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.

Cookie Dough Orders - Thank You
Thank you to all BPS families who supported our recent P&C fundraiser by ordering Cookie Dough.

Family Information Updates
Please remember to let the school know of any changes to family information. This includes any changes to phone numbers, address or emergency contact numbers. Please advise the office of any changes as soon as possible.

BPS Uniform Shop
Please note upcoming dates and times:
Friday 11 March  8.30am - 9.30am
Monday 14 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.
### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but........

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How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child?

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### Every Day Counts

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!
**Term 1 - Week 7**

**7th March 2016**

**Change of Date**

Please note that there has been a change of date for the Easter Hat Parade and Easter raffle. It will now be held on Thursday 24th March at 9.30am.

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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 1 - 10 BOOKS**

*Early Stage 1:* Jett, Tyreece, Josephine, Morgan, Daniel, Lillian, Reane, Xavier, Brianna, Whyatt, Ciara, Lachlan, Caiden, Tanil, Jordy, Blake, Skye, Jayden, Rinoa, Noah, Jack, Blake, Harry

*Stage 1:* Eva, Lindsay, Levi, Ryan, Scarlett, Isabella, Shanley, Lilly, Jordan, Jerimia, Eltica, Debbie, Keeley, Oscar, Finn, James, Will, Blake, Emily, Dekoda, Megan, Aiden B, Skye, Aiden P, Hayley, Evelyn, Adam, Ngarrowin, Ryan, Rocco, Kye, Jacob, Boa, Mia, Chloe, Kayde, Alivia, Edie, Elliot, Dominic

*Stage 2:* Indra, Aylah, Connor, Ted, Braydon, Wil

*Stage 3:* Ethan, Robert, Harper, Peggy, Kaleb, Ebony, Tiani, Jack, Charlie, Caleb, Eline, Emily, Violet, Jayden, Tony, Leah, Codie, Thomas

**LEVEL 2 - 25 BOOKS**

*Stage 1:* Aiden L

*Stage 2:* Larna, Brayden, Phoebe

*Stage 3:* Jacob

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**BIG BLUE AWARDS**

1C  Charlee  
1D  Aidan, Megan  
2A  Bridget  
2G  Khie  
K-6J  Edie

**GOLD AWARDS**

2G  Khie

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**Canteen News**

This week’s $6.00 Lunch Special

- Hawaiian Sub
- Choice of popper, small water or plain milk
- Fresh piece of fruit

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**Library News**

Thank you for the plastic bags. Please feel free to bring any spares that you have and drop them into the library anytime.

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. There have been lost and damaged books lately 😞

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

Thank you for your help 😊

Mrs Manktelow

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**- Community News -**

**Bombaderry Out Of School Hours Care (BOOSHC)**

Now taking bookings for April vacation care and Pupil Free Day. Very exciting program for the two weeks. Open 6.30am-6.30pm during the holidays. Afternoon tea is supplied every day. Please provide your children with a healthy lunch and morning tea and a drink bottle. All activities and excursions are at no cost to the families. We cater for all children in the Shoalhaven area. For bookings 0422 321 774 or 0414 239 098.

**Bombaderry Aquatic Centre Learn to Swim and Survive**

Lessons for all skills groups and ages, from babies through to elite squad training.

Intensive swim lessons available during April holidays. Five day program $69.00 per person.

Booking essential: Phone 4429 5600

**NSW Fisheries Kids Fishing Workshops**

Fun fishing workshops for 8-14 years olds are run by NSW Fisheries at Greenwell Point in the school holidays. They run for 4 hours with practical fishing lessons and fishing. Cost is $40 per child includes a rod, reel and shirt to keep.

Bookings are essential Call Stephen on 0438 245 190 or email stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au

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