Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week our Bomaderry rugby league and touch football teams participated in the annual Rod Wishart gala day. Thank you to Mr Heather for organising a very successful day out and to Mrs Desley Stewart and Mr Peter Johnson for coaching our teams. Please enjoy Mr Heather’s full report in today’s bulletin.

Achieving Our Learning Goals
Every child at Bomaderry Public has set specific learning goals which they individually strive to achieve. The achievement of these goals, are celebrated by the student in class and at home as well as publicly via our bulletin.

I am extremely pleased to announce that two students in 2A have already achieved their numeracy goal of being able to count forwards and backwards by 10s, on and off the decade. Congratulations Kobi and Scarlett. They are our first goal achievers for 2016 and they will now set another goal to ‘aim high’ towards.

PLPs (Personalised Learning Plans)
PLP meetings are where many of our learning goals are decided upon. By attending these meetings, parents are assured that they are involved in their child’s goal setting, understand the numeracy and literacy being taught in class and get to know our teaching staff.

After some recent data collection, we have found that less than 40 students out of our 340 total are still to have their PLP meeting with a parent or carer. This means we have almost reached 90% completion rate. Our aim is to have 100% of PLPs with parent input. Please contact your child’s teacher, Aunty Allison Aldridge or Mrs Gemma Tunks, if you would like to make an appointment.

Quality Work
Congratulations to Khie from 2G. Khie produced his best writing last week, working hard with Ms Yeates in K-6L. He remembered spaces between words, punctuation marks and writing perfectly on the guidelines in his book. Keep up the great work, Khie.

Boa and Ivan from K-6L created a 3D model of local buildings and placed them on an aerial map of a town. Both of the boys explained the learning from their lesson and could tell me the features of a town plan and the uses of specific buildings.

School Playground Features
As you walk around our school environment, you will notice a lot of new work being done – gardens trimmed, new installations and an amazing new hopscotch goanna! Thank you to Mrs Desley Stewart for her hard work painting our new creature. The students love it!

ANTI-BULLYING and HARMONY DAYS
This Friday is National Day of Action Against Bullying, and Harmony Day will be celebrated next Monday, 21st March. Harmony Day is an opportunity to think about how we can celebrate and showcase the vibrant diversity of the NSW public education system.
Our students are at the heart of what we do. We educate students from a rich variety of backgrounds and value their diversity across gender, culture, ethnicity, sexuality, disability and socioeconomic background.
Schools and workplaces that embrace diversity, foster mutual respect and enhance the self-esteem and wellbeing of their students and staff. With this in mind, we are holding one of our special Doing Things Together Days this Friday. Students work together in mixed age peer groups to enjoy a wide range of activities which promote getting along, acceptance and making new friends.

Sporting Schools - After School Sports
The PE team have organised an amazing choice of activities for Term 2. The notes for these new choices have already been sent home – please return well before the end of this term to secure a place. Spare notes can be collected at the front office.

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 - 1 week left to be in the draw!
Have you paid your 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
We have wet weather forecast over the next days, so please send along rain jackets or umbrellas with your child’s name on them. Also, please ensure that your child has the correct school hat as part of their uniform. Please meet with our wonderful uniform shop ladies to purchase a school jacket as soon as possible. The uniform shop is open this week on Thursday 17th March from 2.30-3.30pm, or orders can be left at the office.

One more uniform request – please be sure your child has a broad-brimmed school hat every day at school. Caps are not permitted at school as they are not sunsafe or part of our uniform. Thank you.

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. They can be as creative and individual as you like!
Tickets for the Easter raffle continue to be on sale (Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Friday afternoons) at the front of the school. We still need small donations for the Easter hamper raffle prizes. THANK YOU for all of the generous deliveries already, and a very special THANK YOU to Mrs Michelle Rowe for the wonderful donation from Centaur packaging – Michelle has provided us with all of the ‘wood wool’ for lining our Easter baskets. They are looking fantastic – don’t miss out on a ticket.

Aim high to achieve high

Ms Dionne Hanbidge - Principal

P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 31st March at 3.15pm in the staffroom.
ALL WELCOME!

Year 6/7 Transition to High School
Please note that the Expression of Interest forms for Year 7 enrolment to High School in 2017 were sent home last week. Parents and carers with students currently in Year 6 are required to complete this form and return it to the office by the end of this week, Friday 18th March.

School Photo Day
Friday 1st April

Envelopes will be coming home TODAY.
Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:
• Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
• Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the school office upon request. Online ordering is NOT available for Sibling Photo Packs.
• If paying by cash, PLEASE ENCLOSE CORRECT MONEY as no change is given.
• Ensure your child’s individual photo envelopes are in their bag on photo day. Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE PHOTO ENVELOPE BACK TO SCHOOL UNTIL PHOTO DAY. ANY ENVELOPES RECEIVED PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY WILL BE RETURNED HOME.

Bomaderry War Memorial Event
Yesterday, on 13th March, three of the school leaders attended an unveiling of a new plaque in Walsh Park, Bomaderry. On the plaque are the names of 91 local soldiers who fought in World War II. Some people laid down wreaths to show their respect to the soldiers who put their lives on the line. Other figures of authority attended this event, including Mr Gareth Ward MP and Mrs Ann Sudmalis MP.
It was a very important day for some families and a significant addition to this town.
Our school leaders were very proud to represent BPS by attending the unveiling and meeting with some of our local community.
Thomas, Jasmine and Estelle

Parent Online Payments
Bomaderry Public School is investigating the option of Parent Online Payments. This would mean there will be a link on our school website which will take you to the secure Westpac online payment page where you can make payments for items over $20. Please note only Visa or Mastercard credit or debit cards can be used.

To indicate how likely you would be to use the online payment option, please tick ONE box on the enclosed slip and return to the school office by Thursday 24th March 2016.
**Doing Things Together Day**

To recognise and celebrate National Harmony Day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, BPS will have a ‘Doing Things Together Day’ on Friday 18th March. This wonderful event, organised by staff members and the SRC, will involve students in mixed age groups participating in activities based around the themes of getting along and working together. **Students are asked to wear bright colours and bring a gold coin donation to help raise money to go towards our school beautification projects.**

**Easter Guessing Competition**

$1.00 per guess

Available to purchase outside the canteen during lunch and recess, or at the office before school.

Winner will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade

**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.

**NRL Gala Day – Great Success!**

It was a fantastic day for the students who participated in the NRL Gala Day last Friday, hosted by the St George Illawarra Dragons. We are very proud of our Girls League Tag and the Boys Division A and B teams. Every player gave their best and demonstrated great skills and fair play. Huge thanks to Peter Johnston for coaching the Boys A side and Aunty Desley Stewart for coaching the Girls League Tag side. Thank you also to Aunty Allison for all her help and to all the parents and community members who came to support our players.

*Mr Heather*

**Library News**

There are quite a lot of children with overdue library books which is disappointing. Can you please make an effort to help your child look for the book and return it to the library.

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.

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

Thank you for your help.

*Mrs Manktelow*
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: Nicholas, Amelia-Rose, Taylah, Gabriel, Mia, Charlotte, Jacob, Aidan, Ashton, Shakyra, Amaka, Sophie, Aiden, Tabetha, Lachlan, Asher, Tiana, Rania, Logan, Ryder, William, Sam

Stage 1: Cassandra, Charlie, Zaralee, Caroline, Chelsea, Blake, Bridget, Jessica, Tannarah, Summer, Darwyn, Tahmana, Montana, Isabella, Kyliinta, Tobi, Riley, Kate, Jolie, Aurelia, Kobi, Riba

Stage 2: Steven, Jordan, Lateisha, David, Max, Aleisha, Danielle, Danyal, Alec

Stage 3: Chester, Ivan, Braith, Olivia, Taya, Kyan, Jordan, Estelle, Shaleigh, Myah, Rubylee, Bree, Jasmine, Stirling, Daniel

**LEVEL 2 - 25 BOOKS**
Stage 1: Scarlett, Isabella, Jordan, Jemima, Akaylah, Liam, Kayde, Evelyn, Emily, Will, Finn

Stage 2: Madison, Amelia, Cooper, Maddie, Caleb, Dylan, Grace

Stage 3: Jordan, Quinten, Caleb, Eline, Peggy, Violet, Charlie

BIG BLUE AWARDS

KH Whyatt, Caiden, Jett
1C Shanley, Kyliinta, Lilly
2A Isabella, Jordan, Jemima
2G Mia, Olivia
3/4C Abby
5F Maddy, Jacob
5S Violet
6H Thomas
K-6L Lindsay, Boa

BPS Uniform Shop
Please note opening time for this week:
Thursday 17 March 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Orders can also be left at the office

Before School Supervision
Please note that there is no supervision for students arriving at school before 8.40am.

Canteen News
This week’s $6.00 Lunch Special
♦ Mexican burger (chicken breast patty, lettuce, tomato, cheese & salsa)
♦ Choice of popper, small water or plain milk
♦ Custard Cup

- Community News -

**Bomaderry Football Club (Soccer)**
Vacancies available for under 7s and Youth (Boys 12-14) Please contact Karen for more information 0418 440 021

**Illaroo Football Club (Soccer)**
Seeking players for both Under 12 and Under 14 Girls Competitions for 2016. Games are held Saturday mornings with training one night through the week. Season commences 2 April 2016. Contact Susan Courtney at illaroofc@yahoo.com.au

**Bunnings Easter Family Fun Night**
When: Thursday 17th March from 6-8pm
Easter DIY workshop, visit from the Easter Bunny, easter egg hunt, activities for the whole family, light refreshments Bookings recommended.

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