



# the BONNELLS BAY Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all.

Congratulations to our wonderful P & C for the Car Boot Sale initiative last Saturday. The weather was hot but the community came and participated in the event. The hard work done by the P & C has meant more money has been raised for our school. I hope we will have another Car Boot Sale next year as Saturday was fun. Thank you to all those hard workers who made the day so successful.

### Gala Cricket

Well done to our boys for their cricket success last week. The boys really enjoyed the match against Morisset and came away with a win. Mr Pratt reports the boys displayed great sportsmanship and skills in their match. Well done boys!

### Seasons for Growth

Last week Mrs Trigg was trained in a new program we are planning to begin at Bonnells Bay. The program is called Seasons for Growth and targets children who have experienced change, loss and grief in their lives. This is a fantastic educational program that works with these children in small groups and has proven to be very successful in helping children through difficult times. We plan to have another teacher trained in 2012 to help run the program.

### School Facilities Standards Review

You can now have your say on the classrooms of the future by participating in an online survey as part of a comprehensive review of the School Facilities Standards. The standards, developed during the 1970's, outline how school facilities are designed and built. The review will consider changes in the way education is delivered, technological advances and increased community expectations. Your ideas will be used to assist in creating design standards that will inform the development or refurbishment of schools that are appropriate for the future. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is open until November 28, [www.surveymonkey.com/sfsparent](http://www.surveymonkey.com/sfsparent)

### Short Film Competition

Bicycle NSW is calling all budding film makers to submit a three-minute video to promote bike riding as a sustainable, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport and recreation. The film does not have to have dialogue and is free for all schools and students under 16. The prizes are \$1000, \$500 and \$250. Entries close 3 February 2012. For more information and to register: <http://bicyclensw.org.au/content/calling-all-budding-film-makers>

### Staff Numbers for 2012

Congratulations to Mrs Oswald who has accepted a transfer for 2012. Unfortunately our Kinder numbers for next year are such that Mrs Oswald will not be replaced. That means our staff will be reduced to 13 teachers. This will mean class groups will need to be reorganised for 2012.

### Class Organisation 2012

We are presently in the process of developing class structures and classes for 2012. As for this year our student numbers dictate that there will be a number of multi-stage classes. Despite many people's perceptions, multi-age or composite classes are not a disadvantage; in fact their formulation can often better meet the needs of those students placed in them. The most important factor is how they are constructed and how they are taught. The structure of our multi-age classes over the past three years has been very successful in meeting our student's needs. When developing classes and class structures we make the following considerations:

- Academic progress of the student
- The maturity and social/emotional development level of the student
- How class structure opportunities can maximise group learning needs
- Social and friendship groups – we endeavour to have at least one friend in each group
- Student behaviour
- Students with special needs
- Specific parent concerns

Our aim is to get the best possible educational outcome for all students. While parent's requests are considered, parents need to understand that we may not always be able to meet these requests, particularly in relation to placement with a specific teacher or in a multi-age class. If parents have any specific requests could you please contact me as soon as possible as it is difficult to make changes once classes have been formed.

Have a great week,  
**Mark Stiller,**  
Principal,  
Term 4, Week 7

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### November

- 24<sup>th</sup> Sports Dress-up Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Disco! see P&C News



### December

- 9<sup>th</sup> PRAISE assemblies – details soon
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Presentation Assembly – see below
- 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Farewell
- 13<sup>th</sup> K, Yr 1 & Yr 2 End of Year Party – (\$15)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 End of Year Party – (\$18)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Stage 2 End of Year Party – (\$12)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Last day for pupils Term 4

### January 2012

- 30<sup>th</sup> First day back for Years 1 – 6
- 30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Best Start program for Kindy

### February

- 6<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten start in classroom

## NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

4P's Community Partnership Page

Year 6 only – note from Morisset High School

## CANTEEN ROSTER



28/11	Pat V
29/11	Allison Y, Kerry C
30/11	Richelle T, Wendy P
1/12	Rebecca K, Tobi L
25/11	Michelle M, Helen F



## END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES DATES AND COSTS

### ANNUAL SCHOOL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Our annual presentation assembly is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at Toronto Workers Club Auditorium, commencing at 10:30am. Students will travel by bus to Toronto. Bus fare is \$5 per student or \$10 per family with three or more siblings at school.

Permission notes will be sent home in late November.

### EARLY STAGE 1 & STAGE 1 END OF YEAR PARTY

Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be going to Lake Cinema, Boolaroo and Speers Point Park for their end of year 'party day'. Tuesday 13 December 2011 has been set aside for the outing. The cost of the excursion will be \$15. More information and a permission note will be sent home in late November.

### STAGE 3 END OF YEAR PARTY

Stage 3 will be holding their party day Ice Skating at Warners Bay on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of this excursion will be \$18.

### STAGE 2 END OF YEAR PARTY

Stage 2 will be going to Morisset Pool on 15<sup>th</sup> December for their activities. The cost will be \$12. Stage 2 children have been asked to return their YELLOW permission note by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### PERMISSION NOTES AND FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SENT HOME LATER THIS MONTH.

Please keep checking your child's bag for notes

## LIBRARY NEWS



Congratulations again on a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. We raised over \$1,000 in book commission for our library, well done!

Borrowing has finished for the term. I would appreciate it if all books are returned to the library at your next library lesson. If you have lost a book please see me for the replacement cost.

Happy Reading, Mrs Tate ☺



## KINDERGARTEN 2012



If you know of anyone in our school community who has not yet enrolled their pre-school child into our 2012 Kindergarten cohort, please ask them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

# P & C NEWS

## Car Boot Sale

A massive thank you to everyone involved in the car boot sale on Saturday. Whether you donated a scrumptious cake, manned a stall or just attended and bought a snow cone or picked up a bargain. Every single one of you made a difference.

We hope that all stall holders made a little bit of Christmas money and we thank them immensely as without them, we wouldn't have had an event. With 21 stallholders, the school received \$420 in booking fees, all of which will be put directly back into supporting our children's education. Most said they would return if another was held and we had a few customers say they wished they had booked a stall too.

We all suffered a little from the extreme heat that hit us mid morning. Some stall holders wilted in the heat and packed up early and the BBQ patronage died, but on the up side the snow cone man did a roaring trade and he donated 20% of his profits back to the school (\$100!). The jumping castle also donated \$50 of their profit.

The chemical spill that shut down Morisset also appeared to affect attendance at our event, but it was unforeseeable and out of our control.

We will use the valuable feedback received by all involved to make our centenary celebrations next year a bigger success.

Thanks again.

## Disco

The Christmas Disco will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**K-2** 5:30-6:45pm

**Yr 3-6** 7-8:30pm

Costs will remain \$6 for entry, glow stick, drinks and chips included.

The BBQ will be cooking again to help busy families with a feed on the night. We are going to trial hot dogs as well this disco, if you would like to try something different.



## KIDS ON WHEELS



Scooters are increasingly popular for all ages.

There are a variety of styles available suitable for a wide range of ages. Most injuries to children using scooters are from falls. As with the purchase of bicycles, ensure the scooter suits the child's size and ability. Scooters with large wheels are much more stable for smaller children. Some come equipped with two wheels at the back for added stability. Scooters may be ridden on the footpath by children under 12, unless specifically prohibited by a sign.

Helmets should always be worn, along with other safety equipment such as knee pads and elbow pads.

Road authorities advise that children on wheeled toys should be accompanied by an adult until 9 or 10 years of age depending on the child's individual development.

Visit [www.kidsafensw.org](http://www.kidsafensw.org) for lots of information about child safety.

**CHANGE OF DETAILS** – If you have recently changed your address or **telephone** numbers please inform the office. This is especially important if we need to contact you in an emergency.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SOUTHLAKE JANUARY 2012 VACATION CARE



143 Dora Street Morisset NSW 2264

We have an extensive range of Vacation Care activities available for the holidays

including cooking, riding, circus workshop, clay creations, sports days, park excursions, kite making, disco, road safety and lots of interesting things to keep children busy.

Telephone 4973 7005 or email [slosh@morissetmpc.org](mailto:slosh@morissetmpc.org) or on the web at [www.morissetmpc.org](http://www.morissetmpc.org) Fax 024970 5388. Hours 7:30am-6pm – for more information.

### ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S MEETINGS



Weekly meetings are being held in the Community Room at Bonnells Bay Public school every Tuesday from 10:30am.. All mums of Aboriginal children are welcome. Child care is also provided. Phone Daniella on 0466 784 930

### INDIGENOUS PARENTS AND CARERS

Attention all Indigenous Parents and Carers. We are going to create an Indigenous camp site, a traditional gunyah and fire site. Please help us help to teach our Culture: 10:30am every Tuesday at our school. Thanks Daniella 0466 784 930.



### SHI-GAN TAE KWON-DO

Traditional

TAE KWON-DO Incorporating

Boxing Kick Boxing Grappling Submission Fighting Pressure Points

#### BENEFITS

Self Respect – Fitness – Flexibility – Strength- Stamina and the art of Self Defence

Bonnells Bay Primary School Hall

Fishery Point Road

Tuesday & Thursday 6pm – 7pm

Master Instructor Glen Corbett

0249 551 238 or 0437 493 336

[www.shigantaekwondo.com](http://www.shigantaekwondo.com)

FIRST Month FREE Plus a FREE uniform upon enrolment

### TAFE NSW

CERTIFICATE II SKILLS FOR WORK AND TRAINING

CEEW - **Women's Access Program.**

Designed for women who have been out of the workforce and/or education for some time and are looking for a new career direction.

CEEW is designed to develop self confidence and new skills, to help women move towards a new job or further study. Study in a supportive learning environment

*Develop new skills in:*

- Computing – Word processing, Spreadsheets, Internet, email
- Career Development • English and Communication • Maths • Green Science
- Work Placement Skills • Aboriginal Studies

There is no administration charge for this course

**WILL RUN 4 DAYS/WEEK USUALLY BETWEEN SCHOOL HOURS**

*For further information*

*Attend the information/Enrolment Session: 10:00 am Tuesday 31/01/2012 D1.16 Glendale campus, TAFENSW*

*Contact Christine Cone on 4979 1628 or [christine.cone@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:christine.cone@tafensw.edu.au)*

*If office unattended please leave your name and phone number and Chris will return your call*

DO IT ALL ..... JOIN THE SCOUTS!

Scouts is for boys and girls from the age of 6!

You can take part in:

Abseiling, hiking, camping, bike riding, swimming, earning badges, cooking, knotting and orienteering.

The list is endless!

**Joey** 6-8 years Wed 6:30pm - 7:30pm

**Cubs** 8-11 years Thurs 6:30pm - 8pm

**Scouts** 11-14 years Tues 7pm-9pm

**Venturers** 14-18 years Mon 7pm - 9:30pm

Come down on the appropriate nights or call Rick on 49735104 for more information.

Scout hall is on corner of Bridge and Awaba Streets Morisset (go past the High School)

