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the BONNELLS BAY Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all.

Another busy week has passed with teachers completing end of year reports and children working frantically to finish curriculum areas. The school year ends for children on Friday 16th, we will be flat out completing tasks up till that time.

We are in the process of looking at class groups for 2012 and have decided to begin a trial aimed at improving our academic results in the future. Our welfare and behaviour is now excellent so is it time we acted to position the school so our academic results better reflect the potential.

2012 will see a revolution in how we teach our stage 2 children. We are trialling a different approach to individualising the instruction in Literacy and Numeracy. Children will be benchmarked with a battery of tests to determine their instructional levels in Literacy and Numeracy before the end of 2011. They will be formed into Home Base roll classes but they will then split off into classes that will be formed to extend more advanced students and classes that will cater for students whose skills are at different levels for Reading, Writing and Spelling. These literacy classes will run for the first uninterrupted 2 hour session of the day. Numeracy classes will run for the 1 hour session after lunch. Children will then return to their base class for the other Key Learning Areas for the remainder of the day. All children will be benchmarked at the end of each term and the literacy and numeracy classes adjusted to cater for individual development. This will group children of similar attainment levels but also maintain social contact with peers in the base classes.

There seems to be a lot of movement on the surface but we are establishing classes in close physical proximity and teachers will be tasked to teach at the different levels from extension to the remediation to help in this regard. I would see the Literacy groups and the Numeracy groups being very similar so there would not be too much movement and disruption. We are looking to include some year 2 students who will be in the 2/3 composite class. This is an exciting concept and one that will see year 2, 3 and 4 students extended to work at their instructional levels beyond their current grade. What do you think of the concept? I am looking to extend the concept through the school once we have quantitative data to support the expected spike in improved results.

School Disco

Tonight we will be having our final disco for the year. The Christmas disco will be lots of fun for everyone. The P & C will be cooking a barbeque and JD Andy will be amazing as usual. The times for the disco are as follows:

K-2 5:30-6:45pm

Yr 3-6 7-8:30pm

It's time to celebrate the wonderful behaviour awards gained by our children in 2012. Children will soon enjoy end of year celebrations that acknowledge their achievements in the PRAISE program. Well done to the record number of children who have achieved bronze, silver, gold or emerald.

We are very proud of you.

Have a great week,
Mark Stiller,
Principal,
Term 4, Week 8

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 30th Christmas Disco! TONIGHT

December

- 5th Think U Know videoconference
- 7th Premier's Reading Challenge award assembly
- 9th PRAISE assemblies – details soon
- 12th Annual Presentation Assembly – see below
- 12th Year 6 Farewell
- 13th K, Yr 1 & Yr 2 End of Year Party – (\$15)
- 14th Stage 3 End of Year Party – (\$18)
- 15th Stage 2 End of Year Party – (\$12)
- 16th Last day for pupils Term 4

January 2012

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

February

- 6th Kindergarten start in classroom

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

6I's Community Partnership Page

Presentation Day Permission – whole school

End of Year Celebrations Permission – all Stages

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at the Assembly

KN	Mackenzie, Cooper, Allissa and Jude
KL	William, Heather, Leah and Jake
K/1G	Makayla, Braidyn, Nikisha and Amber
1B	Bodhi, Briony, Chelsea and Joshua
1S	Mikala, Imogen, Gabrielle and Connor
2T	Jay, Tegan, Kiah and Hayden
2R	Sophie, Coaimhe, Kynan and Faith
3E	Alexander, Meg, Nathan and Scott
3/4R	Caitlin, Andrew, Kiara and Hannah
4P	Connor, Britney, Emma and Milly
4/5B	Angus, Emily, Julie and Byron
5S	Bronte, Ryan, Rowena and Briar
6KW	Jarrod, Olivia, Brittney and Loclyn
6I	Amie, Kyoka, Rachel and Hayley

CANTEEN ROSTER



5/12	Michelle M, Sharron W
6/12	Sue K, Erin T
7/12	Natalie M, Dawn D.
8/12	Rebecca K, Tobi L
9/12	Michelle M, Helen F

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



Thank you to everyone that has supported our uniform shop this year. It has been a huge year, with a lot of changes!

Our last trading day for this year will be Friday 9th December 3-3:45pm.

We will not be opening during the last week of term.

We will resume trading **first week** back at school in 2012 and we will open Monday- Thursday before school and 3-3:45pm on a Friday afternoon.

From the **second week** of school we will be open at our normal trading times – Monday & Tuesday 9am-10am and Friday afternoon 3-3:45pm

A huge thanks from the P&C committee to all our new uniform shop volunteers. It's great to see so many new faces and working as a team has reduced the workload for all. Great job guys.



END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL SCHOOL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Our annual presentation assembly is on Monday 12th 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 have been sent home this newsletter. **Permission notes and money to be returned to the office by 2pm Thursday 8th December.**

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. **Permission notes and money to be returned to the office by 3pm Thursday 8th December.**

STAGE 3 END OF YEAR PARTY

Stage 3 will be holding their party day Ice Skating at Warners Bay on Wednesday 14th December. The cost of this excursion will be \$18. **Permission notes and money to be returned to the office by Friday 9th December.**

STAGE 2 END OF YEAR PARTY

Stage 2 will be going to Morisset Pool on 15th December for their activities. The cost will be \$12. **Permission notes and money to be returned to the office by Friday 9th December.**

PERMISSION NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH THIS NEWLETTER.

Please check your child's bag for these notes

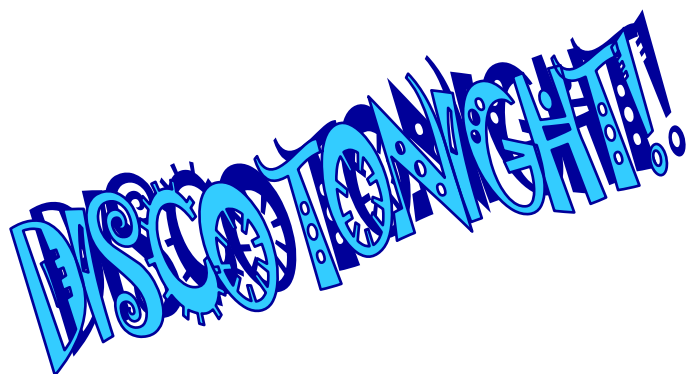
LIBRARY NEWS



We will be having a special assembly on Wednesday 7th December at 9:45 to hand out the Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates for 2011. We had a record: 132 students completed the challenge this year. A great effort! Looking forward to seeing them receive their certificates. Please come along if you are able.

Please return any overdue library books to the library as soon as possible.

Happy Reading, Mrs Tate ☺



THINK U KNOW



This program is about **KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE** and has been developed by the Australian Federal Police and Microsoft Australia. This is a **FREE** presentation/videoconference, for adults and teachers. Community members and friends are welcome. This program will be presented at school on Monday 5th December at 4pm in the tiered learning area (next to the library). The session runs for approximately 1 hour. ***It is never too late to prepare yourself for the online world***

MORNING PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION



Please be aware that our staff supervision roster begins at 9am.

Children should not be dropped off at school before 9am as there is no playground teacher available and safety and security cannot be guaranteed. However, there is available in the area a Before and After School Care service which operates from 6:30am to 9:30am and drops the children at the school every morning

with a pick up in the afternoon back to the centre at 143 Dora Street Morisset up until 6pm every school day. They can be contacted on 49 737005

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

DISCO TONIGHT

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.

BBQ on sale from 5pm

BBQ sausage rolls or hotdogs \$2

Raffle tickets also on sale, so bring an extra \$1 for a ticket.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be holding our annual Christmas raffle again this year.



Tickets will be on sale before the *disco* on Wednesday 30th November and before the *presentation assembly* at Toronto workers club on Monday 12th December. Winners will be drawn at the presentation assembly.

Tickets will be \$1 each.

PRIZES: 1st Prize- large Christmas food hamper (in a washing basket)

2nd Prize-smaller essentials Christmas hamper.

CALENDARS

Thank you to all families that purchased calendars this year. The artwork produced by the students was brilliant and we're sure they're going to make fantastic Christmas presents.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ACTION SKATE



Get the whole family to the park, path or rink this summer with Quality Gear from Action-Skate!

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Bay Tots Playgroup
Presents

Murphy's Puppets
"The Pram Show"



Wed 7th December, 1.30pm
FREE ENTRY
Southlakes Community Centre
275 Fishery Point Road, Bonnells Bay
Enquiries 4973 7000

Please join us next week for this **FREE Showcase Event**...bring your children, tell your friends, your family and your neighbours.

Come and find out more information about **Bay Tots**, a new Community Playgroup starting Wednesday's in Term 1 2012 proudly developed and brought to you by Southlake Neighbourhood Centre.

The Showcase Event will include The Pram Puppet Show, Arts and Crafts Activities, Music and Afternoon Tea.

Please give us a call on 49735125 or 49 737000 for more information. We hope to see you there