

the BONNELLS BAY Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 7

Tonight is our final whole school disco for 2012. These events are always great fun and DJ Andy is a firm favourite with all the children. The P&C will be cooking a BBQ commencing at 5pm. The times for the disco are as follows: Infants 5:30pm to 6:45pm and Primary 7pm to 8:30pm. Please be prompt to pick up children at the conclusion of the disco as it is a late night for the teachers who pack up the hall and then travel home.

Hall Upgrade

I am really happy to announce our hall will be repaired and upgraded in 2013. A new paint job inside and out and repairs to the door and furniture will do wonders to the building. Unfortunately the floor area will not be done at this stage but we count ourselves lucky to have this work done. It is planned to have the work done in the second week of the holidays at the end of Term 1, 2013.

"Go Blue for Diabetes"

Friday is the day we "Go Blue for Diabetes". We will be out of uniform with the blue theme to help raise some money for the Diabetes Cure cause. Please help out by allowing children to dress in blue for the day. A gold coin donation to come out of uniform will be passed on to Diabetes Australia to help with research into finding a cure.

Cake Stall

On Friday we will be holding a cake stall to support a small school in the Cook Islands that Mrs Trigg's outriggering club supports. This is a very small school that has 77 children and is in need of support. Please help out and allow children to bring some money to buy a cake on Friday.

Garden Grant for 2013

I am really happy to announce that we have secured a grant for \$2,950 from Lake Macquarie Council to begin our school garden project next year. We are hopeful of securing further funding from outside sources to help build the security fence to house the gardens and install the watering system needed to maintain the project. My sincere thanks to Luke Smith for his work on this project and to Melissa Bailey for her assistance. This will be a fabulous extension to our school and will give our environmental education focus planned for 2013 a real kick along.

Aboriginal bush Tucker Garden

Our Aboriginal Bush Tucker area on the corner of Fishery Point Road and Morisset Park Road will be expanded due to a Grant from Lake Macquarie Council. We now have \$2,049 to purchase extra bush tucker plants to add to the area. Our Aboriginal womens' group will assist in choosing, planting and caring for the new plants with the assistance of the children. Our General Assistant, Robert Reid, is now making new plant guards to help protect the plants. This is a great addition to our Aboriginal Group and will assist them in learning how to propagate, grow and care for bush tucker plants.

Emma Pollitt Goes to Nationals

We would like to send Emma Pollitt our belated best wishes for her trip to the gymnastics national in Melbourne. We are all really proud of you and wish you all the best.

The end of the year is fast approaching and this is an exciting time at school. I must say that we are all really proud of the behaviour at school and also really committed to maintain this high standard for the next 3 weeks.

Have a great week and see you at the disco tonight.
Mark Stiller, Principal Term 4, Week 7

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 21st** MHS GATS Challenge
21st Christmas Disco
22nd Bookclub Closes
23rd 'Go Blue for Diabetes'
23rd Cake Stall
27th P&C & AGM 6pm
30th Last day for Early Stage 1 End of Year Celebrations payments
30th Last day for Stage 1 End of Year Celebrations payments
30th Last day for Stage 3 End of Year Celebrations payments

December

- 5th** **9:30am** Last day for Presentation Day payments
5th Yr 6 MHS Orientation
7th Last day for Stage 2 Celebrations Payment
10th Presentation Day Toronto Workers Club 10:30am
10th Yr 6 Farewell
12th Early Stage 1 End of Year Celebrations
12th Stage 1 End of Year Celebrations
12th Stage 2 End of Year Celebrations
12th Stage 3 End of Year Celebrations
19th Last Day Term 4

2013

January

- 29th** Staff return
30th Students return for Term 1

February

- 4th** 2013 Kindergarten students start school

CANTEEN ROSTER

26/11	Helen F
27/11	Volunteers Needed
28/11	Kerry C
29/11	Kim M
30/11	Michelle M

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

Community Partnership Page
Early Stage 1 End of Year Celebration Notes
Stage 1 End of Year Celebration Notes
Stage 3 End of Year Celebration Notes
Presentation Day Notes

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

It isn't too late to pay the 2012 Voluntary School Contribution of \$30 per child or \$60 per family. Every family who pays the contribution will receive a complimentary 2012 Year Book. Thank you to those families who have already paid. Funds go directly to student's learning requirements.

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub closes tomorrow Thursday 22nd November.

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Key Area: Confidence



KL	Bailey	KG	Aiden
1S	Brayden	1B	Leah
1/2C	Chelsea	2E	Piper
2J	Hermonie	3T	Nathan
3/4A	Savanna	4P	Michael
4/5R	Caitlin	5B	Sam
5/6W	Jac	6I	Ryan

LIBRARY NEWS TERM 4 WEEK 7

Wow, what a wonderful and successful day we had last Wednesday for our Book Fair and Parade. Thank you to all the people who put in such a great effort with costumes and to those who made purchases at our fair. The school received \$900 worth of books as our commission, it was an awesome effort.

This will be our last week of borrowing from the library. It will give us plenty of time to get all books returned and back on the shelves. Shelving is one of the many time consuming tasks in the library, but it is nice to have shelves that are in good order when you are searching for books!

When overdue notices are sent out, it is not possible to check the shelves for each of those books first. If you believe your books have already been returned please contact the library and we will check the shelves or classroom to help locate the book. Sometimes books are missed when being returned through the computer system, so it doesn't hurt to ask.

Happy Reading
Mrs Tate

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



Thank you to all the families who have donated food for our Christmas Food Drive. We will be taking donations of non-perishable and in date food items until Friday 7th December.

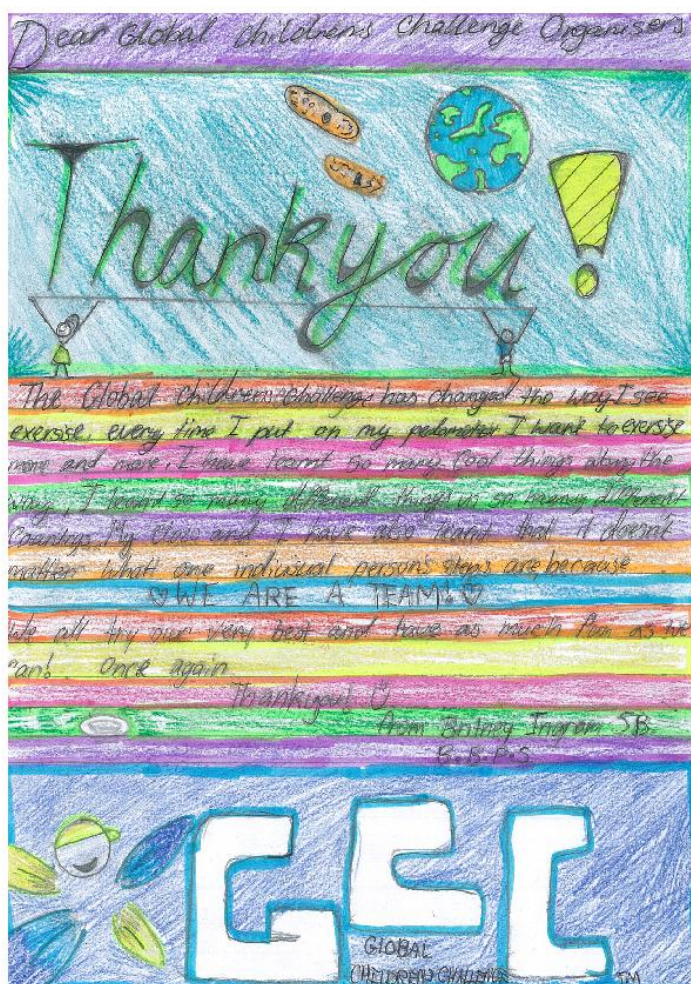
FUNDRAISING CAKE STALL



Bring your money in this Friday 23rd November, 3T and 3/4A will be running a cake stall to raise funds for Rutaki School, a small school in the Cook Islands. Mrs Trigg is participating in the Vaka Eira Outrigger Canoeing Event in the Cook Islands. This event will see teams from around the world competing against each other. Her team is sponsoring the Rutaki School and will be visiting the school while in the Cook Islands. Thank you for your support.

GLOBAL CHILDREN'S CHALLENGE

This semester 3T, 3/4A, 5/6W and 5B have participated in the Global children's Challenge. They wore pedometers for 50 days and recorded their steps, then travelled around the world visiting many interesting countries. Some children participated in a thank you letter writing competition, Britney from 5B was lucky enough to be a runner up. Quote from Global Challenge Organisers "We loved Brittney's entry which highlighted the fun and enjoyment of the Challenge as well as showing gratitude to the organisations that through the Global corporate Challenge make the children's challenge possible."



KINDERGARTEN END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Kindergarten students will be going to Tin Lids on Wednesday 12th December for their End of Year Celebrations, at a cost of \$15. Permission notes and money are to be returned to the school office by Friday 30th November.

STAGE 1 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Stage 1 students will be going to the Lake Cinema Boolaroo on Wednesday 12th December for their End of Year Celebrations, at a cost of \$15. Permission notes and money are to be returned to the school office by Friday 30th November.

STAGE 2 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday 12th December, Stage 2 students will be having a day full of fun and excitement with the main activity involving going bowling, for their End of Year Celebrations at a cost of \$17. Permission notes and money are to be returned to the school office by Friday 7th December. If possible payment by 30th November would be appreciated.

STAGE 3 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday 12th December Stage 3 students will be going to Warners Bay Ice Skating Rink to hold their End of Year Celebrations at a cost of \$20. Permission notes and money are to be returned to the school office by Friday 30th November.

2012 PRESENTATION DAY

Our annual Presentation Day for all students will be held on Monday 10th December at the Toronto Workers Club at 10:30am, at a cost of \$5 per student or \$10 per family. Permission notes and money is to be paid to the school office by 9:30am Wednesday 5th December.



School Disco

When: *Tonight*, Wednesday 21 November, 2012

Times: K- 2 Junior disco is 5:30 – 6:45pm

3 – 6 disco is 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$6 per student and that includes a drink, packet of chips and a glow stick!

Also: The P&C will also be holding a BBQ at the disco, so forget about cooking dinner tonight.

We will also be selling tickets for our **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** for \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5

GO BLUE 4 DIABETES – THIS FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2012!!!

Wear **BLUE** on Friday 23 November and donate a gold coin, to raise funds for diabetes research.

CELEBRATING OUR 100TH YEAR

SCHOOL BANKING

If you want to claim banking rewards can you please return tokens and the order slip to the school by tomorrow, Thursday 22nd November, Week 7, so they can be ordered and received before the end of term. Please note that handballs are no longer available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SHAUN BROWN'S CRICKET COACHING

Newcastle Cricket Camp will be held on 21st & 22nd January for children aged 5 years old – 16 years old. For a free brochure call 1800 351415 or for more information visit www.cricketcoaching.com.au.