



the BONNELLS BAY Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 7.

Last night we had the AGM of our P&C for 2013 – 14. Congratulations to President Kirsten, Secretary Anna, Treasurer Natalie and Vice Presidents Kelly and Tobi. It was amazing to hear of the money that was raised and paid out to the school over the course of the year. Our P&C is the most active and committed group I have ever encountered. We are so lucky as a school to have these people working to make our children's school the best equipped in the area. We as a community need to appreciate and publicly thank our P&C for their efforts. It was great to see some new faces at the meeting last night. I would encourage anyone who is interested to join the P&C and be a part of this wonderful group.

Christmas Disco Tonight

Tonight we have the final disco for 2013. DJ Andy will no doubt be amazing and the children will be in for a fun time as usual. The P&C will provide the opportunity to buy dinner with a sausage sizzle. The disco commences at 5:30pm – 6:45pm for K – Yr 2 and the older children's disco runs from 7pm – 8:30pm. Please be prompt for pick up at 8:30pm as supervising staff need to travel to return home after the conclusion of the disco.

Back Gate Dismissal

I would like to thank parents for assisting us with the back gate dismissal. We really appreciate your patience and support in our change of routine. The dismissal is now orderly and safer. We will continue with the new duty in a bid to keep the area safe and orderly.

Vegetable Gardens Thriving

Thanks to the rain and the great commitment of our chief watering officer Jessie Hillhouse, the gardens are thriving. Our fences will be finished today and we can now look

forward to classes watching their plants grow. We have made contact with Lake Macquarie's Sustainability Officer and we are now coming up with environmental programs for 2014. These will include worm farming and composting. I am really looking forward to setting up these programs and involving all children in Kindergarten to Year 6.

School Photos

We are expecting the school photos taken earlier this term to be delivered shortly. I will let everyone know when we get an exact date.

Lateness

Thank you to those parents who have made an effort in getting children to school on time. Letters of notice were mailed home last week and a follow up from the Home School Liaison Officer will no doubt occur if continued lateness continues.

Bicycle Maintenance

A lucky group of Year 6 children have really been enjoying a bicycle maintenance and skills program being run at school. The school in conjunction with Lake Macquarie Council have run the program that covers bicycle maintenance, skills and safety. The program runs for another 3 weeks and all feedback from the children is really positive. Thanks to Mrs Isberg for organising the course.

Have a great week

Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 4 Week 7



DATES TO REMEMBER

November

20 th	Christmas Disco
29 th	Last day for Kindergarten Party Day payment
29 th	Last day for Years 1 & 2 Party Day payment
29 th	Last day for Years 5 & 6 Party Day payment

December

4 th	Orientation Day Year 6 at Morisset High School
6 th	Last day for Yrs 3 & 4 Party Day payment
9 th	Presentation Day
9 th	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
11 th	Kindergarten Party Day
11 th	Years 1 & 2 Party Day
11 th	Years 5 & 6 Party Day
12 th	Years 3 & 4 Party Day
18 th	Last day for 2013

January

29 th	First day Years 1 – 6 for 2014
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CANTEEN ROSTER

25/11	Michelle M
26/11	Allison Y
27/11	Kim M
28/11	Rebecca K
29/11	Michelle M, Leeann H

CANTEEN NEWS

Every week for sale there are:

- Mondays Milkshakes for \$2
- Thursdays Ice-creams for \$1

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Kindergarten Party day Permission Note
 Years 1 & 2 Party Day Permission Note
 Years 3 & 4 Party Day Permission Note
 Years 5 & 6 Party Day Permission Note
 Community Partnership Page

CONGRATULATIONS



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

Kindergarten to Year 2	
Jayla M, Connor R, Sean W	
Kyla P, Patrick M, Lachlan P	
Lauren f, Bryson B, Tristan M, Amber W	
Ashton I, Mackenzie P, William H, Angelina G	
Year 3 to Year 6	
Chelsea P, Bodhi O, Amber P	
Caitlin B, Hayley W, Lili R	
Jackson B, Julie-Anne T, Nicholas L	
Ashlyn S, Bradley B, Dempsey W	

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS



Resilience

Kindergarten to Year 2	
Nicolah G, Riley B	
Rowan M, Liam H	
Georgia D, Jesse G, Mackenzie P	
Years 3 - 6	
Tiarn D, Bradley G	
Tahnice C, Jordan M	

LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks again for such fantastic support of our 2013 Scholastic Book Fair. The effort put into costumes was amazing. We received over \$1500 worth of books for our school library. Great effort!

The winner of the guessing completion was Ben H. He guessed the exact amount which was 80 radioactive book worms in the jar. Congratulations!

This week will be the last week for borrowing as it is important to get all books returned and put back on the shelf. It's nice to start the year with the library in order.

Happy Reading!
 Mrs Tate

P & C NEWS

Tonight! Christmas School Disco – 20th November

- Dress code: Christmas!
- K - 2 Junior Disco 5.30pm - 6.45pm
- Years 3 - 6 Senior Disco 7pm - 8.30pm
- Entry \$6 and includes drinks and chips at intermission
- Quick, easy dinners and drinks will be available for purchase from the BBQ.
- Sausage on a roll \$3.00
- Bacon and Egg Roll \$4.00
- Drinks \$2.00



Christmas Raffle

P&C will be selling tickets for their annual Christmas Raffle at the Disco tonight.

Prizes:

- 1st Prize Big Christmas Hamper worth \$120.00
- 2nd Prize Half Leg Ham and Bottle Champagne (worth \$50)
- 3rd Prize Disco Pack (Hot Dog Maker and Chips, worth \$35.00)

Tickets are \$1 each and will be available for purchase from Wednesday, 20th November at the Disco.

Annual General Meeting

At last night's meeting the Committee reflected on the activities of the past 12 months. It certainly was a busy year. We didn't have any super-doooper big events like last year, but boy were we busy!! Not, just fundraising either.

We supported the school's endeavour to set up ethics classes as well as the Nitbusters Program. We were also involved in the official launch of the school's centenary book written by Mr Saxon among other things.

On the fundraising side, we have stuck with mainly our tried and true fundraisers this year, and aside from the shopping trip, they were all very profitable.

This year we were also lucky enough to be included in a new initiative started by Morisset High School, called the Local Management Group P&C. This includes all local primary schools and the high school working as one to better the education for our children and to reduce costs for ourselves. The meetings have been a valuable resource for sharing ideas and to build a strong connection with the high school.

Some of the exciting purchases we have made this year include 12 ipads which are initially helping small groups of students with numeracy and literacy. We have agreed to pay for all buses to transport the students to their end of year celebrations, the purchase of 4 reading boxes (worth over \$3000), presentation medals for the end of year assembly and PRAISE award wrist bands.

We have also supported individual students who have made it to state level at their chosen sport and those students that participated in the district Star Struck concerts. We will continue our support of the Year 6 farewell, by paying for their disco and contributing towards the costs of their year book.

Being part of the P&C is a very rewarding experience. Knowing that we are playing a positive part in our children's education makes it all worthwhile. We couldn't have done it without the support of the executive committee and those parents who have attended meetings through the year. Your support is valuable in assisting to make good outcomes for our school and children. To all of the volunteers throughout the year and in the wider school community that assists in even the smallest way, you've all helped make big differences for our school. Thank you!

The minutes of the AGM and the November general meeting are available for anyone to view. If you would like to request a copy please advise the office.

P&C – Parents and Citizens Supporting Our School

SCHOOL BANKING - IT'S TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR DOLLARMITES TOKENS FOR A REWARD

Student bankers need to redeem all multiples of 10 tokens that they may be holding before the end of this school year. Rewards still available:

- Hand ball
- Knuckles game
- Calculator
- Headphones
- Dollarmite character money boxes (5 to collect)
- USB sticks from the 2012 range.



All rewards are worth 10 tokens. You can use a redemption card, available from your School Banking co-ordinator or simply write a note with your name, class, student number and selection. Send it in with your tokens on banking day and your reward will be ordered. Please allow 1 - 2 weeks for delivery. **No pooling of tokens is allowed.**

THANK YOU

Bonnells Bay Public School would like to thank Yates Wyee for their generous donation of 2 laptops for our students.



NUTRITION SNIPPETS

 Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to increase your fruit and veg intake

Myth: Frozen and canned fruit and vegetables don't count towards your recommended daily intake of fruit and vegetables.

The facts:

- Frozen and canned fruit or vegies are great alternatives when fresh varieties are out of season, unavailable or more expensive
- Frozen and canned vegetables are usually packed shortly after picking, so few nutrients are lost
- Varieties with no added sugar or salt are the best choice, so check the label to make sure you're making the best choice!



Hint: Look for tinned fruit in natural juice rather than syrup, and serve with a reduced fat natural yoghurt and honey for a sweet afternoon snack!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



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COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER

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