



the BONNELLS BAY Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to the final newsletter of 2013.

What a wonderful Presentation day we had on Monday. Morisset High School proved to be an excellent venue and I must say I have never been more proud of Bonnells Bay children. To sit on the stage and see 100% of our children in uniform and to see their perfect behaviour was amazing. The hall was hot and the presentation was long but that did not trouble our children who gained compliments from all the dignitaries on stage. A huge thank you to the many parents who came to Presentation Day, your attendance at such events help make the school a great place to be.

Captains and School Leaders for 2014

Congratulations to the student leadership team for 2014. The team will be led by Captains Tori Zahn and Michael Majcug, Vice Captains Dempsey Wright and Wil Wrightson and Leaders Sharkaria Refalo, Abigail Gittins, Ellie Redman and Bella King. This is a very strong leadership group and I look forward to working with them in 2014. I would like to take this final opportunity to thank the leadership team of 2013 for their outstanding work this year. They have been an outstanding group and are now the yardstick for future leadership groups.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

On Monday night we all really enjoyed the Year 6 Farewell Dinner. The children looked wonderful and they were a great credit to their families. The venue of the Country Club was excellent. It is really pleasing to have such a terrific relationship with the Country Club that not only provides the venue but excellent food and service.

Miss Windle must be thanked for her organisation of this showcase event. DJ Andy rounded off the night as the children danced and had great fun to end Primary School.

End of Year Party Days

Year groups are having party days this week. It has been really sad for some children who have missed out because parents did not meet the time limits for payment. Please be aware that we have strict time limits on payments for events at school. Most times we have to pre pay for events of excursion bookings so we cannot accept late payments. We will always make exceptions if parents ring and make arrangements to pay before the deadlines, but cannot accept late payments.

Educational Tip Ready for High School

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? Watch this video of Year 7 students explaining why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days. Watch the videos: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Bonnells Bay for another wonderful year. Our school continues to grow and prosper and is fast developing into the icon we wish it to be. 2014 will be another frantic year as we all strive to meet the emerging needs of our children.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and a restful break in the New Year. We all need to recharge our batteries for the year ahead.

Go the Bunnies in 2014.

**Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 4 Week 10**



DATES TO REMEMBER

2013

December

- 12th Years 3 & 4 Party Day
18th Last day for students in 2013

2014

January

- 28th Staff return – Staff Development Day
29th First day Years 1 – 6 for 2014
30th Best Start Assessment Kindergarten
31st Best Start Assessment Kindergarten

February

- 3rd Best Start Assessment Kindergarten
4th First day for Kindergarten

CANTEEN ROSTER

16/12	Helen F
17/12	Allison Y, Shey C
18/12	Kerry C, Kim M

2013 YEAR BOOK

Bonnells Bay Public School 2013 Year Book is available now. If you have paid your Voluntary School Contribution the Year Book is **FREE** – 1 per family. If you would like to purchase one the cost is \$10. Order forms have been sent home.

NUTRITION SNIPPETS



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to create a delicious spring meal

This easy and delicious vegetable fritatta can be enjoyed hot for dinner, and cold the next day in your kids' lunch boxes!

Ingredients :

- 1/3 cup pasta (penne/bowties/trisoli)
- 100g mushrooms, sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 6 eggs, whisked
- 1 medium zucchini, sliced thinly
- 2 tbsp parsley



Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease 20cm cake pan.
2. Boil pasta in water until tender. Drain.
3. Heat oil in large frying pan, cook onion, zucchini and mushrooms until just tender.
4. Combine all ingredients in large bowl. Mix well.
5. Pour mixture into prepared pan, bake for 45min.
6. (Serves 4).

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P & C NEWS

Christmas Raffle

Thanks to all who purchased a ticket in our annual Christmas hamper raffle. Your support is truly appreciated. The raffle winners were:

- First: Kerriane Dunn
- Second: Natalie Prior
- Third: Kiah Beer

Presentation Day/Year 6 Farewell

A huge congratulations to all the award winners at the presentation assembly. This is always a great day to be proud of all the students at our school and share in everyone's amazing achievements for the year. It was great to see so many parents again at this year's assembly, supporting their children and our school, regardless of whether or not they received an award.

The P&C particularly enjoy the day. We get to see an initiative we started put into play and the massive big smiles on the faces of the children as they receive their medals, which we purchased. If your child received an award there is room on the back to add a description of what the award was for or to just have your child's name and class added. If you take them back to T&K trophies, they'll happily help you out.

We wish all the Year 6 students good luck and fun as they continue their educational journey into High School. We hope that your farewell was one to remember and that DJ Andy gave the performance of his life just for you.

We hope all Bonnells Bay Public School families have an amazing and safe Christmas break. We look forward to seeing many new faces join us at the occasional meeting in 2014, as we discuss new ideas and help the students and staff continue to make our school the best!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all

P&C – Parents and Citizens Supporting Our School

EDUCATIONAL TIP

Kik Messenger

Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as "the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers", but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week. Find out what it is:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

The Salvation Army at Bonnells Bay will be holding Christmas Carols and a Fireworks Spectacular on Sunday 15th December from 6pm. Entry is free. Come and enjoy the night with live music, face painting, BBQ and much more. Meet and greet Willie Mason from the Newcastle Knights and Anna Weatherup from the Voice.

COUNCIL'S SUMMER HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Lake Macquarie Council is holding holiday activities during the school holidays. Visit the following website for more information.

<http://www.lakemac.com.au/page.aspx?pid=109&vid=10&id=4815&ftype=File&dlp=True>

MAD DANCE



MAD Dance is now enrolling for 2014

Enrolment Day –

Thursday 6th of February @ Morisset Memorial Hall between 4pm and 7pm.
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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Friday 13th December, 4.30pm - 8.00pm

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