



the BONNELLS BAY Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 9.

The end of the term is rapidly approaching and we have many wonderful things planned. Our school Presentation Day is always a highlight of the year and it will take place next Monday 9th December at Morisset High School, beginning at 10:30am and concluding by 11:45am. Please ensure that you arrive at the High School and be seated by 10:20am so we can begin on time at 10:30am. I am really looking forward to this wonderful event. Each year it gets bigger and better and the new venue will mean we can enjoy the event more because we don't have to travel so far.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

After the Presentation Day Ceremony we will be able to farewell our Year 6 students of 2013 at the Farewell dinner at the Morisset Country Club. This farewell was moved to the country club last year and proved such a great success we were really eager to have it there again. Children and parents will meet to have dinner together before parents leave and the children have a disco to let their hair down. The club have been wonderful in hosting the event and our sincere thanks go to them. A huge vote of thanks goes to Miss Windle for organising the event. It will be a magic night. I can't wait.

Orientation Day at Morisset High School

Today our Year 6 students travelled to Morisset High School to participate in their Year 6 to 7 Orientation day. The children will participate in lots of enjoyable lessons and will receive lots of evaluable information about next year and what they can expect at high school. I look forward to hearing their stories about the day.

End of Year Party Days

Party days for the students are as follows for Week 10. Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 and Years 5 and 6 will be held on Wednesday 11th December with Years 3 and 4 being held on Thursday 12th December.

Fluoro Mufti Days

Yesterday's fluoro mufti day was a great success. The event was organised to raise money for the Year 6 gift to the school. The big highlight of the day was the Dodge Ball competition won by a teacher's team. This could end up as an annual challenge if the bodies of the staff are up to it. Well done to the organisers and to everyone who participated.

End of Year Reports

Semester 2 Reports will be coming home next Tuesday 10th December.

Enrolments for 2014

We are finalising classes for 2014. So far we know of 10 new students enrolling from Years 1 – 6. This is wonderful as we can place them into class groups at the start of the year. If you know of any families with children moving to the area in the holidays please ask them to contact us so we can make arrangements for them. Our great school is growing and we need to be ready.

Have a great week

Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 4 Week 9



DATES TO REMEMBER

2013

December

6 th	Last day for Years 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 students in 2013

2014

January

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

February

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

9/12	Michelle M
10/12	Allison Y
11/12	Natalie M, Dawn D
12/12	Rebecca K
13/12	Michelle M, Leeann H

CONGRATULATIONS



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

Kindergarten to Year 2	
Angelique B, Riley M, Jade T	
Benn H, Alex H, Marshall L	
Logan T, Lochlan W, Isaac H, Ebony A	
Riley D, Nicola M, Jordan M, Jessica L	
Year 3 to Year 6	
Amaya M, Declan S, Braden W, Amaya M	
Angus L, Rachael B, Kiah B, Jonah H	
Jake L, Kobi E, Tarnee S, Blair H	
Chloe A, Solomon L, Ethan G, Caitlin G	

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

How can you help the environment this festive season?

- Children's paintings or drawings make for colourful wrapping paper. A great way to reuse some of the wonderful creations we don't have room to keep!
- Save Xmas cards to cut up and use as gift tags next year
- Polystyrene is recyclable and can be dropped off at Awaba Waste Management Facility if you have too much for your recycling bin.


PRESENTATION DAY

Presentation Day this year is being held in the Morisset High School hall next Monday 9th December, beginning at 10:30am and ending by 11:45am. All students need to be seated with their class by **10:20am**, ready for the 10:30am start. All family members attending need to be seated by **10:20am**.

Transport is either by **bus** to and from Morisset High School **or private vehicle** to and from Morisset High School.

If you are transporting your child to and from Morisset High School please see your child's class teacher to have them marked on the roll when they arrive and again at the end of the presentation to have them marked off as they leave.


NUTRITION SNIPPETS


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to create a healthier breakfast

Choose these simple, tasty options for your child's brekkie to give them the energy to get through the day.



When you make their breakfast tomorrow, have a think about healthier alternatives.

Breakfast	Healthier
White toast with vegemite	Wholemeal toast with avocado
Flavoured milk	Fruit smoothie with frozen raspberries, honey + reduced fat milk + yoghurt
Rice bubbles	Porridge topped with banana + honey

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P & C NEWS

Bus Travel to End of Year Celebrations

The P&C passed a motion earlier this year to assist financially with End of Year Celebrations for each of the Stages. It was decided that P&C could provide an immediate saving to families by paying for all buses to transport the students to their various events. The P&C hopes that the students and teachers have fun celebrating another busy year!

Local Management Group P&C Meeting (LMG)

Last Tuesday four Bonnells Bay representatives attended the LMG meeting at Morisset High School. Issues discussed with all of the local Public Schools and High School included:

- Shared bus travel between the high school and primary school
- Merit Selection Training
- LMG P&C year in review
- Planning for 2014 and beyond
- General Business

Hospitality students from Years 8 and 9 then provided a very impressive dinner for all who attended.

Christmas Raffle

P&C will continue to have tickets for sale for \$1 each, at the Helpers Morning Tea and Presentation Day.

Prizes:

- 1st Prize Big Christmas Hamper worth \$150
- 2nd Prize Half Leg Ham and Bottle Champagne worth \$50
- 3rd Prize Disco Pack (Hot Dog Maker and Chips) worth \$25.00.

Thank you to Alex from The Chilli Factory who has contributed products to the first prize hamper.

Thanks to Alison – Nutrimetics

P&C were recently approached by a local person who wanted to contribute directly into the community and in particular our school! Alison is a Nutrimetics Manager and will be selling Christmas Packs in December and then donating 20% of these sales directly to our school. These funds will be put towards purchasing tools for the new vegetable garden and resources for the library. All packs include facial vouchers, are gift wrapped and range in price from \$10 - \$44. Anyone interested in purchasing a gift pack can contact Alison on 0431 934 150. Thank you Alison for your generous support towards our school.



P&C – Parents and Citizens Supporting Our School

GARRY LAWLER'S MUSIC PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment in supporting the music program through the year.

For those members that are going on to High School and the students not continuing I wish them every success and encourage them to continue their music involvement and I am very proud to have provided a musical foundation that they will carry all through their life.

Thank you again for supporting your children's musical aspirations and thanks must also go to the teachers and various school communities for their support.

If your child is continuing or considering enrolment, let me remind you that we are still accepting 2014 enrolments as either Group or Private Students for both Guitar and Ukulele.

2014 Enrolment Forms are available in your school office or by mail/email from our office on request. Please complete the forms and return to our post box or email your advice prior to the end of December to take advantage of early enrolment discount on Term 1 2014 Fees. Please include your email address if applicable to facilitate communications.

Garry Lawler

EDUCATIONAL TIPS

Pleasures of free play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination. Under scheduling your child:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

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.



SOUTHLAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES
Christmas Party

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

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