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the BONNELLS BAY Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to the final newsletter of 2014.

Billy Cart Derby

What a wonderful day we had on Monday. We had a staggering 24 billy carts racing around the track against the time clock. Everyone had an amazing day and lots of fun. It was really interesting to see the range of billy carts from the old fashioned plank on wheels to the ultra-modern models and all points in between.

The bottom line was kids and parents having fun. Congratulations to the winners but sincere congratulations to everyone who participated. I would like to personally thank those parents who worked with their children to construct the carts.

This was one aspect of the derby that we were hoping to see and our wonderful community delivered. I hear on the grapevine that next year's derby will be bigger. I am prepared to run it again if our community would like it and think it is worthwhile.

Can I also take the time to thank Dave Haworth for his amazing work in setting up for the event. Community Partners like Dave are gold to our school. Thank you also to staff who assisted on the day.

Year 6 Fun Day

This was the perfect addition to our Billy Cart Derby. Mrs Ferry and Mrs Rose did an amazing job in coordinating Year 6 to produce the best Year 6 Fun Day ever. The range of activities was huge and the behaviour and engagement of all children was terrific.

I need to thank Community Partner, Mark Harrington, for providing the jumping castle, popcorn and ferry floss at a vastly reduced price on the day. The Rural Fire Service as usual were superb and watered the oval and lots of children to make the day more special. Great job to all!

Presentation Day

Please don't forget next Monday is our Presentation Day. Primary Presentation (Years 3-6) will take place from 9:30am to 10:30am and the Junior Presentation (Years K-2) will take place from 10:45 to 11:45am. Parents are encouraged to have a picnic lunch with children at the conclusion of the Infants Presentation Ceremony.

School Growth 2015

2014 has been a wonderful year. The experiences from this year have been amazing. We have grown again and 2015 will see us grow further as we establish another class. This year we had a very large Kindergarten group but 2015 now has 68 children which is a record since my time at the school.

Bonnells Bay is steaming forward and closing fast on our desire to be the best school in the region. I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement in 2014 and I look forward to continuing our journey together next year. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Have a wonderful week.

Mark Stiller
Principal



2014 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December

12 th	3-4 Party Day K-2 Paper Aeroplane Contest
15 th	Presentation Day Assemblies Family Picnic Year 6 Farewell
16 th	5-6 Party Day
17 th	Last school day for students
18 th & 19 th	Staff Development Days



Christmas Raffle

A reminder to return all your raffle tickets and money, whether you have sold them all or not. We will be selling tickets on Presentation Day, Monday 15th December and the raffle will also drawn at Presentation Day. Thank you to all the families who have already returned their raffle tickets.

On behalf of the P&C we would like to thank everyone for their support, help and generosity over the year. Have a safe and wonderful break and we hope you all enjoy your Christmas and New Year.

2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

January

27 th	Staff Development Day for Staff
28 th	Students in Years 1-6 Return Kindergarten start Best Start Appointments

February

2 nd	Kindergarten's First Day at School, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Morning Tea for Kinder Parents in the school hall.
3 rd	Kindergarten begin lessons, normal school hours from 9:30am to 3:30am. Students to be at the classrooms at 9:25am for Roll Call.

CANTEEN ROSTER

15/12	Michele M & Gabriela V
16/12	Allison Y
17/12	Kerry C & Kim M
11/12	Canteen Closed
12/12	Canteen Closed

Kindergarten to Year 2

On Friday 12th December there is going to be a Paper Aeroplane Contest for K-2 students. They will need to make and decorate their planes at home. There will be a prize for the best decorated plane and a prize for the one that flies the furthest. No charge to enter!



From the Infants Ministers



Bonnells Bay PS P & C NEWS

Billy Cart Derby Day BBQ

We had an overwhelming response on Monday with orders for the BBQ and unfortunately some people missed out on buying a sausage and drink. We do apologise for this, but we will take it on board for next year's event to ensure this doesn't happen again. We must thank all the helpers who worked tirelessly today to help feed all the hungry racers and their families – Del H, Allison Y, Rachel W, Kathy P, Nat M. Without our volunteers these occasions wouldn't be possible.

Department of Education Tips

Teach your kids to be waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays

Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child's hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit:


<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make healthy Santas.

This Christmas, get your kids eating strawberry Santas – they're cute to look at, and delicious to eat!




Follow these instructions to keep your Christmas fun and healthy:

1. Wash your strawberries, dry, then slice off the tip
2. Spoon/pipe reduced-fat ricotta or cream cheese on the larger half, then put the 'hat' on top
3. Top hat with a little more of the cheese to make a pom pom
4. Cut a small amount of sultanas up for the eyes and place on gently.

Merry Christmas from all of us at *Eat It To Beat It!*

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School Uniform Guidelines: *Footwear*

- Acceptable shoes must be properly secured with laces, velcro or a buckle.

Acceptable Shoes	Unacceptable Shoes
 <p>Black joggers OR black school shoes</p>	 <p>Ballet flats OR canvas shoes of any colour</p>
 <p>Mostly white joggers with a flash of colour</p>	 <p>Brightly coloured joggers or laces</p>
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