



the BONNELLS BAY Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 9.

Another week of crazy weather extremes. It is really hard to keep up with the dramatic changes in temperature. I'd like to give a big thank you to parents who have insisted children dress appropriately during this time. It is good to see all children dressed properly.

Lost Clothing

Please check all children's clothing, especially hats for names. We have been informed that a number of children have lost hats over the term. While children must take ownership of putting their hat in their bag when it is not in use there does seem to be a spike in missing hats. I guess this is caused in part by our 'no hat no play in the sun' policy, but clear marking of names on hats means they can be quickly returned to the owner.

Progress Association Meeting

Tonight at 7.30pm at the Youth Centre at Bonnells Bay is the regular meeting of the Progress Association. Of special interest tonight will be information about the Council's inaction in redeveloping the front of the school to make it safe for parking and access. This fight is now critical because with the Trinity Point Development providing the traffic, especially the huge trucks, the volume will only increase. Anyone who can come will be welcome.

Stage Party Days

The party days for the various stage groups have been occurring this week. All staff have reported children are thoroughly enjoying the days and the behaviour has been wonderful.

Year 6 High School Orientation

Year 6 are due to travel to Morisset High on Thursday to complete their transition program. The Orientation Day will cap off an extensive program that has seen all children enjoy an insight into their new lives at Morisset High School. I am very confident they will excel.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be held on Monday 14th December beginning at 10am. We will hold the Presentation Day on the covered court, at the oval end of the school. We have a stage for our official guests and children will sit in class groups in front of the main stage. There will be seating for parents behind the children. We have decided to have a K-6 Presentation Day this year instead of splitting it into two. We feel the Presentation Day lost some of the whole school focus by splitting it between primary and infants last year. Parents are invited to stay after the presentation and have lunch with their children if they desire. I am really looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible there for this wonderful occasion.

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller
Principal

SAVE THIS DATE!!

Presentation Day

Monday 14th December

10.00am

For Kinder to Year 6



2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December

3 rd	Yr 6 Morisset High School Orientation Day
7 th	African Drumming Workshop Years K-6 Infants Assembly
14 th	Presentation Day Year 6 Farewell
16 th	Last Day of Term 4 for students

Notes Home this Week

Community Partners Page

Canteen Roster

Week 10

Monday 7 th	Michele M, Gabriela V
Tuesday 8 th	Vick M
Wednesday 9 th	Gabriela V
Thursday 10 th	Gabrielle H, Donna F
Friday 11 th	Michele M, Gabriela V, Melissa M

Library News

As the term very quickly comes to an end, I would like to thank all the parents and carers who take the time each week to read library books to their children. I would also like to thank those who help their children return their books each week. Sharing a book with your children is a great way to spend time together and to model and share a love of reading.

If you still have library books at home, please place them in the returns trolley before 9.30am Monday-Thursday. Primary students should receive their Premier's Reading Challenge certificates this week. Congratulations to those students who completed the challenge.

Happy Reading
Mrs Wood

P & C Notes

Disco

I forgot to mention all the volunteers who helped out at the Disco, so thank you to Lewina, Leonie, Mary, Jacinta, Tynielle, Tiana, Nat M, Kirsten, Del, Rachel and Nat P. Without these helpers these events would not be possible.

Christmas Raffle

All families should have received envelopes for the Christmas raffle last week. Please remember to return these with the correct money to the school office by Friday 11th December. The raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Day on Monday 14th December. We will be selling numbers at the presentation prior to drawing the raffle or alternatively you can buy them at the office.

There will not be 1st, 2nd or 3rd prizes. The raffle will be drawn and winners will have their pick of the prizes. Prizes

will include :- \$100 Coles Gift Voucher to be used at the Bonnells Bay Store, an Ice Cream Maker, a Remote Control Car, an Ultratune Service Voucher, Dinner at the Bay Hotel, a Pizza Voucher at Mangia Bene. \$1 gives you one number, so bring some spare change to help support this wonderful P&C. Have a great week.

Therese Blair P&C President

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will only be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the end of Term 4. They are also looking for more volunteers for 2016. If you can help please leave your name at the school office.

Macquarie Mixed League Tag Gala Day

Sixteen of our Stage Three students represented Bonnells Bay Public School at the Macquarie Mixed League Tag Gala Day last Thursday. Congratulations to all the students who played very well despite the harsh conditions on the day. Mr N Wlodarczyk



Stage Two Beach Fun Day

Our Stage Two beach fun day was a huge success! Teachers were extremely proud of the behaviour of the 100 students that we took to Blacksmiths Beach yesterday. Our children had a 'radical' time surfing the 'gnarly' waves with the help of the instructors at Surfest Surf School. Teachers would like to thank Stage Two students not only for their 'have a go' attitude but also for a fantastic year.

Surfest Surf School have offered to run FREE surfing lessons at Nobbys Beach, Newcastle this Saturday 5th December. If anyone in the school is interested in attending, call the surf school on 0410 840 155 to book.
Ms A Clarke



Ethics

This week in Ethics, Kindy kids are still discussing, 'Does telling the truth matter?' by asking 'Does it matter if we don't tell the truth?' Stage One are working on 'Being kind even when you don't want to', by looking at a story about returning something that someone has lost, even though you may like it for yourself. Stage Two are still talking about the consequences of cheating. Stage Three are continuing their discussion on 'Homelessness in Australia,' as well as starting the new topic, 'Should we trust science?'. If you are interested in joining our team in 2016, do not hesitate to contact me on Erin Turriff Phone: 0447771946 or email c3150092@uon.edu.au

Santa Clause is Coming to Town!

With just over 3 weeks until Christmas, Santa and his elves are gearing up for a big festive season. To help him get around, Peninsula Rural Fire brigade will be taking Santa around the Morisset Peninsula on his sleigh escorted by some fire trucks! Santa's tour of the Morisset Peninsula coincides with the Morisset Christmas Spectacular on the weekend of December 19th and 20th. Stay tuned for more details in the weeks prior to Christmas; however we generally cover Yarrowonga Park to Mirrabooka via Balcolyn on Saturday, with Brightwaters to Bonnells Bay via Morisset Park on the Sunday. You can also find out updates on brigade activities, fire messages and Santa's location at <https://www.facebook.com/PeninsulaRFS/>. Please join us with your children to celebrate Santa's travels around the Peninsula. Regards Santa and his elves at Peninsula Rural Fire Brigade

Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS)

Free vision screenings from 9am-12noon are being provided in 2016 at Morisset Multipurpose Centre, 143 Dora St Morisset on the first Friday of every month:

5th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December.

These screenings are an initiative of NSW Health and are for all children 4-5 years of age.

Any questions regarding the StEPS service contact the Vision Screener Ph 4985 3401.



SOUTHLAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Christmas Party

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Friday 4th December

4:30pm - 7.30pm

Morisset Multi Purpose Centre | 143 Dora St, Morisset



Sausage Sizzle - Jumping Castle

Magician - Reptile Park visit

Face Painting - Music & Entertainment

SANTA VISIT at 6pm

YEAR 7 CAMP 2016 MORISSET HIGH SCHOOL

Payments for the Morisset High School 2016 Year 7 camp can be paid online, instead of going into the High School.

Payments are to go to Morisset High Schools account. Details are: Westpac Bank

BSB: 032-001

Account Number: 117258

Please include student's full name and item being paid for i.e. Year 7 Camp 2016.

Lake Mac Summer Holiday Activities

Lake Macquarie City Council have lots of activities planned for the summer holidays. For all the information and bookings go to:

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Email: council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

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Southern Lakes United Football Club

Soccer Registration Dates 2016

Sun 31st January 3pm-5pm

Sat 6th February 3pm-5pm

Sunday 7th February 3pm-5pm

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