



the BONNELLS BAY Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Term 4 Week 4

Parking at pick up time

If you drive to school to pick your child up of an afternoon, then you are no doubt aware that parking can be problematic. However, the safety of our students needs to remain the most important consideration when finding a park, manoeuvring into it and when getting your child from the school and into your car.

Unfortunately, some parents are choosing to ignore the safety of our students by actions such as driving too quickly, driving along the footpath and calling young children to cross the road in front of traffic.

As responsible road users and caring parents we all have a part to play in keeping our students safe. You could, for example: park further away and enjoy the walk; arrive early; car pool with a neighbour so that there are fewer cars; walk or ride a bike. Whatever you do please follow the road rules and park only in appropriate spots. In addition, the Pedestrians Council Australia provides the following advice to parents regarding child pedestrian safety in the traffic environment:

- children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the car park, or when crossing the road; an adult is defined as a parent, caregiver, grandparent, sibling in high school or older, other relative or neighbour, or other adult as advised by the child's parents/carers.
- children up to ten years old should be actively supervised in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

School Oval

Last week our General Assistant identified possible asbestos being on the oval. It has now been confirmed that it is asbestos and appropriate measures are being taken. The affected area has been fenced off and the department's asset management team will be undertaking the necessary work to rectify the issue. There is no danger to our students.

Selective High School applications for 2018

Online applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2018 opened on Tuesday 11th October 2016 and will remain open until 10:00pm on Monday 14th November 2016.

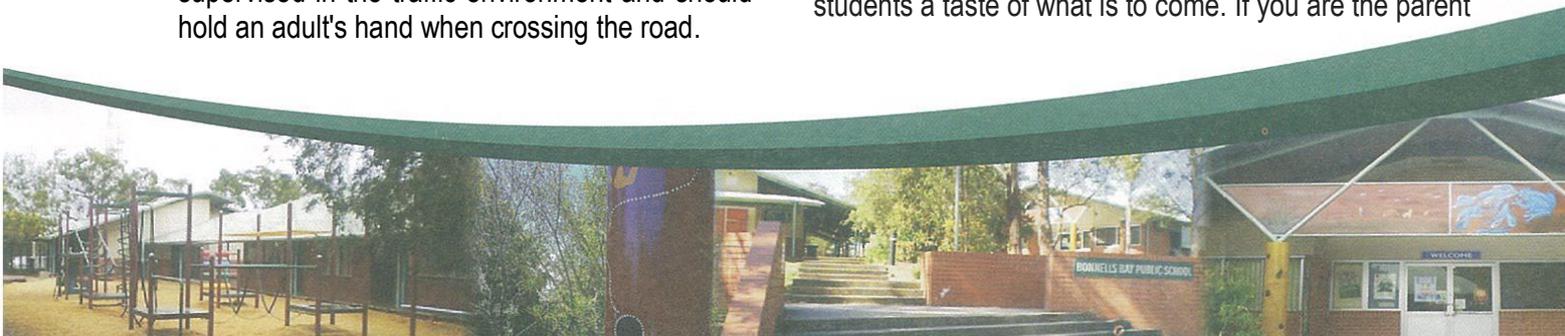
If you intend to apply but have not done so, then you should apply as soon as possible as late applications are not accepted.

All applications must be done online. There are no paper applications. If you are unable to apply online from home, then please come to the office and we will assist you. The website is: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>.

Stage 3 Writing project

Transition into high school can be a tricky time for many students. One reason being that they are often unsure of what the expectations are going to be when they arrive and the differences between primary and high school. The local high school for our students is Morrisset HS. We work closely with the staff there to ensure that the transition for our students is as smooth as possible.

The Stage 3 teachers from the WSLA group of schools have been working with the high school's English department to devise a writing project that will give our students a taste of what is to come. If you are the parent



of a child in Years 5 or 6 you may soon hear them start to talk about TXXXC paragraphs. This is an excellent strategy for organising your ideas when writing a report and will be of enormous benefit to them as they begin the journey towards achieving the HSC.

BBPS student at PSSA NSW State Cricket Championships

Congratulations to Imogen Bailey who is representing the Hunter at the PSSA NSW State Cricket Championships this week! An amazing achievement from a very talented player. The following is Imogen's report of some of the action so far:

"The Hunter team played their first game against the defending champions from the last 2 years CIS. The Hunter captain won the toss and we batted first and made a very impressive 101 runs in our 25 overs. I only scored 3 runs as I was out stumped. I bowled 2 overs and only conceded 7 runs. At the start of the last over they needed 3 runs to win and scored a single off the first ball then another single off the fourth ball. So with 2 balls remaining scores were tied. Our bowler bowled a full pitch ball which the CIS batter missed, then the last ball and our bowler again pitched it up. The CIS batter blocked it to cover and started running, the Hunter cover fieldsman swooped on the ball and flicked it to the wicketkeeper who took the bails off to run out their batsman meaning the game was a tie....YAY.

Our second game was against Sydney East. Hunter won the toss again and chose to bat first. We lost a few quick wickets but managed a total of 73 runs. When Sydney East came into bat they started with a burst averaging over 6 runs an over during the first 5 overs and were quickly ahead of our run rate, so we had to try and slow things down otherwise they would have reached our score very quickly and the game would have been over but in the 22nd over they hit 8 runs and then in the 23rd over another 6 runs meaning they had passed our score with 2 overs remaining. It was disappointing but we definitely made a game of it and never stopped trying."

Karin Hird
Principal



Bandanna Day

We raised \$1300 from Bandanna Day last Friday. What a great effort from our school. Thank you everyone.

Life Education – Healthy Harold

The timetable for classes is:

Thursday 3 rd November	5/6K, 3/4P and 2B
Monday 7 th November	5/6N, KD and KS
Tuesday 8 th November	5/6F and KK

2016 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November

Thurs 3 rd -Tues 8 th	Life Education–Healthy Harold
Monday 7 th	Primary Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th	WSLA Rooky's Session Stage 3
	Kinder Orientation - Session 5
Monday 14 th	Infants Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 15 th	P&C Meeting 6pm
Thursday 17 th	Book Fair and Dress Up Parade
Monday 21 st	Primary Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd	P&C Disco
Monday 28 th	Infants Assembly 2.30pm

December

Wednesday 7 th	School Performance
Wednesday 14 th	Presentation Day
	Year 6 Farewell
Friday 16 th	Last Day of Term 4

Notes Home This Week

Community Partners

Canteen Roster – Term 4 Week 3

Monday 31 st Oct	Leeann H
Tuesday 1 st Nov	Vicki M
Wednesday 2 nd Nov	Gabrialia V, Katie L
Thursday 3 rd Nov	Terri K, Mary W
Friday 4 th Nov	Rebecca K, Gabrialia V

Helpers needed, come and see us at the canteen.

The P&C are currently getting our canteen ready for online ordering and we are getting the program 'Flexischools'. Online ordering is so convenient for parents and more efficient for our canteen staff. You will find it quick and easy to use. It will save you time fumbling around for coins and paper bags in the morning when you don't want to make lunches yourself.

Library News

The Scholastic Book Fair and Dress Up Parade are fast approaching. Costume ideas went home with the newsletter in Week 2. If you didn't get one they are available from the school office. The date is Thursday 17th November. The fair will be open for sales from 9am.

Happy reading ☺ Mrs Wood

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will not be open this Friday. We are sorry for any inconvenience. We are looking for more

volunteers. If you are able to help out on either Wednesdays or Fridays, please call Del on 0421 852 120. Thank you. Del

P&C News

Special Announcement

As you are all aware, the Cupcakes for Kids with Cancer charity touched many families and because of the wide spread support that was received by areas all over Lake Macquarie, the charity has now been nominated for the Lake Macquarie Australian of the Year Group Award and Event Award. It is from families like all of you who baked, donated and sold cupcakes that has made this charity truly unique and we can't believe the accolades that have followed. It has all been quite overwhelming and humbling at the same time.

Major Raffle

Thank you to everyone who returned their sold raffle tickets in the first week. We managed to have 49 sold books returned. I would like to make special mention to Nikisha & Brodie P, Larni G, Ryan S, Montana S, James, Tiana & Lucas B, Alyssa & Tyson G and Taytan B who have all returned multiple sold books. Well done!!!

Please **DO NOT** throw your raffle books out. I need every book returned so the tickets are all accounted for. If you can't sell the book or can only sell a few tickets, please return the book to the office.

The winner for the early bird prize will be drawn on Thursday for the students who have returned their sold book in the first week. The prize is a \$60 movie voucher. Any student who returns their sold book by this Friday 4th November will go into the 2nd early bird prize which is a SuperStrike Bowling Family pass, which has been kindly donated by SuperStrike Warners Bay.

Don't worry if you can't get the tickets sold by this Friday, you still have another week to get the books back, but please ensure all tickets are returned by Friday 11th November. Keep up the great work and sell those raffle tickets. You never know it might be your name that gets drawn out for the Seaworld Holiday!

AGM

The P&C is made up of parents, caregivers, teachers and citizens. Getting involved in the P&C can be very rewarding. Monthly meetings are held where members are informed of policy and management plan development, happenings in the school, upcoming events and ways in which to fundraise for the school. If you are interested in knowing more about the P&C the upcoming meeting is worthwhile attending. We are also holding our AGM on this

night. The meetings are held in a relaxed, welcoming environment, so please feel free to come along.

Upcoming Events

Friday 11 th Nov	Raffle tickets to be returned
Tuesday 15 th Nov	P&C AGM
Sunday 19 th Nov	Tuggerah Shopping Centre (raffle ticket selling)
Wednesday 23 rd Nov	Disco

Have a great week.

Therese Blair – P&C President

Ethics

Infants: Years K – 2

Ethics classes for infant years focus on developing core skills such as listening to others, taking turns to speak and giving reasons. Stories, poems and rhymes prompt children to discuss ethical issues such as hurting someone without meaning to, telling the truth, being kind, forgiving, ownership, fairness and empathy. Our skills-based topics for this age group include asking and answering questions, disagreeing, changing your mind, working out what is true, giving and evaluating reasons as well as giving examples and counter examples. Logic is also introduced at this stage with topics touching on inductive inference and deductive reasoning.

This week Stage one will continue with the topic: Forgiving and being forgiven. Students begin to think about their responses to wrongdoing, both when they are responsible for wronging another and when they are themselves victims of wrongdoing.

If you would like to volunteer as an ethics teacher, please contact Donna Foster 0400 396 088.

Donna Foster Co-ordinator

JASON HODGES

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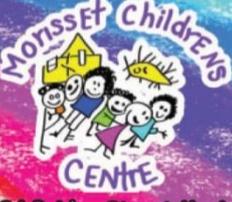
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