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Leaps and Bounds Rewards

Students have been busily collecting their 10 leaps and bounds awards to swap these for a variety of rewards. I've had the pleasure of hosting a few students for their 'Lunch with Mrs Hird' prize. It's been lovely to see them excited about their achievement and to get to know them a bit better as we have a chat about what's been happening in their lives. We've also had several students selecting to be a helper in the office or a helper with me for 15 minutes during the day. It's a great reflection on our students that they see helping others as a reward worth striving for.

Staff News

We welcomed Mr Dylan Quigley back to 3/4D this week. His class were very excited to see him and they've had a great week. Thanks to Miss Smyrnis for the great job she has done with 3/4D this term.

We farewelled Miss Ashleigh Manning as she left to go on maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the best with the new baby and look forward to meeting the baby in the new year. 1M are being taught by Miss Ellie Smyrnis for the remainder of the year.

Miss Kathleen Stahl will be leaving us at the end of the year and heading north to sunny Queensland. We thank her for all of her hard work and flexibility over the past few years and wish her all the best in her future career.

Mr Mark Glover will also be leaving us at the end of the year and heading back to his family on the north coast. We thank him for all of his hard work over the past two years, especially with boys' group and most recently with BroSpeak. We wish him all the best in his future career.

We are currently developing class lists in preparation for next year. Further information to come about staffing 2018 closer to the end of the year.

WSLA P&C Meeting

A reminder that the WSLA P&C meeting is being held tomorrow night at Morisset HS starting with nibbles at 6pm and the meeting from 6:30pm. All welcome.

Scripture Christmas Assembly

For those students who attend scripture each week, there will be a special Christmas assembly on Friday. This will be the final scripture lesson for the year.

Karin Hird
Principal

Dates To Remember

WEEK 8

Friday 1/12 Scripture Assembly

WEEK 9

Monday 4/12 Primary Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 5/12 MHS Orientation Day

WEEK 10

Monday 11/12 Infants Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday 13/12 Year 6 Farewell
Presentation Day

Friday 15/12 Praise Day
Last Day of Term 4 for Students

2018

WEEK 1

Monday 29/1 Staff Return

Tuesday 30/1 Years 1-6 Return

Wed – Fri 31/1-2/2 Best Start Appointments for Kinder
2018

Monday 5/2 Kinder 2018 Start

Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 9

Monday 4.12.17 Michelle M
Tuesday 5.12.17 Belinda B, Anthony C
Wednesday 6.12.17 Mary W, Gabriela V
Thursday 7.12.17 Aaron T, Anthony C
Friday 8.12.17 Michelle M, Gabriela V, Michelle Mat

Library News Term 4 Week 8

As the year draws to a close, I would like to remind all students to return their library books. If your books have been lost or damaged, please see me for the replacement cost. This reminds me of a great example last week of a

parent teaching a child responsibility. The student returned the library book with a damaged cover and money to pay for the replacement of the cover. I really appreciate you taking the time to teach this lesson. Our library resources are shared across the whole school, we need to care for them so others can enjoy them too.

As we continue to explore coding here at school, I would like to let you know about some websites and apps you might like to try at home. Websites: Code Studio, Google CS First, Blockly Games and Scratch. IPAD Apps: Lightbot Hour, Scratch Jr, Boogie Bot, Code Karts, Box Island, Fix the factory and Cargo Bot. The year 5/6 students have used all 3 websites and K-4 are using most of the apps. Be warned though parents, even you will find it addictive!

If you are not a member of the the Lake Maquarie library, why not join up during the holidays. The library website has information on apps you can download to your hand held devices that allow you to borrow both ebooks and audio books. The audio books are great for reluctant readers, as well as allowing you to borrow without leaving home.

Happy Reading
Mrs Wood

PBL

The introduction of PBL at BBPS has seen our negative incidents begin to drop. The behaviour expectations that are explicitly taught to our students along side our consistency and rewards for meeting those expectations, has really improved wellbeing for our school. Our planning room incidents for the first 5 weeks of this term have dropped by 50%, compared to the first 5 weeks of Term 3. As we continue on our PBL journey we expect to see the majority of our students proud to be Safe, Respectful and Engaged Learners.

Everyone, Everywhere, Every Time

Bandanna Day

A big thank you to everyone who purchased a bandanna this year. Our school raised \$1535 from Bandanna Day this year to help CANTEEN.

Responsible Pet Program

In Week 10 on Thursday 15th December K-2 will be attending the Responsible Pet Education Program. An educator and two trained dogs will visit our school in the hall to educate our students on what it means to be a responsible pet owner and how to live safely with dogs.

What do students learn in this program?

The Program teaches students about how to stay safe around dogs and what it means to be a responsible pet owner in the home and wider community including:

- when dogs should be left alone
- things we should not do to dogs
- how can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry

- a safe way to approach and greet a dog
- what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog

This program is free for students to attend. If you have any questions or concerns about your child attending this program, please contact the school.

Miss Scott

Five Minutes With

5 minutes with our School Administration Manager (SAM) – Cheryl Bornen

Written by Leonie Beazley (parent): A P&C Initiative

Why did you accept the position at BBPS?

I wanted to be part of the BBPS educational team to support the education of our students. Even though many think of office staff as just the office ladies – administrators are an important part of the school's organisation and do a lot of the work behind-the-scenes, which gives more time for our teachers to focus on their students.

At the interview I was asked how I could implement new systems into the school office, which desperately needed an overhaul. I knew this was my opportunity to help BBPS by improving both the efficiency in the office by instigating new workflow systems and redesigning the office space, which was at the time ineffective for the work the administration team did. My experience in working for the Department of Education since 2000, in a variety of schools: large high schools to small primary schools, helped me gain the skills needed to make a difference at BBPS.

What do you like about being an Office Manager (SAM) at BBPS?

I like making sure students get the best educational support, even though most don't realise that is what I do, I manage educational support from behind-the-scenes, in finance and administration.

My job involves attending meetings with the finance

committee and working with the principal on the budget, overseeing the administration of daily finance processes, such as receipting and banking, to processing orders and payments to pay for all the goods and services the school requires daily.

Another area I manage is Sick Bay, where my first aid training enables me to help students who are sick or have been injured. Sometimes a Band Aid or icepack will do the job, but there are times when I have to call an ambulance when a trip to hospital is required.

What's your fondest memory of being a primary student?

I went to school in Queensland, so my education was somewhat different from the NSW education system. The subject I loved the most was art - being creative was something I looked forward every week. My next favourite subject was maths, and I also enjoyed being part of the annual school concert.

The primary school I went to had more than 1,000 students, which is much larger than BBPS, so I had lots of students in my year, every year. But my fondest memory is that of the friendships that were formed during primary school and all these years later I am still in contact with many of my classmates.

How do you think our school can be improved?

Implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is proving to be a very positive system that is having a positive impact on our students and the school community at BBPS. I am a member of the PBL team and the amount of work that has gone into PBL behind-the-scenes is huge, but totally worthwhile.

I think the school can be improved by minor things that assist with organisation - one area is families sticking to the deadlines on notes for events, such as excursions. Behind-the-scenes there is a lot of work to be organised: the receipting of all the notes, collating the permission that gives us the student numbers to book the buses. Risk assessments need to be completed by teachers so that all students are safe when out of the school grounds. Late notes can make a big difference in the cost as well, an extra bus due to a change in student numbers can be very expensive, which impacts on the school's budget.

Another aspect that needs to be improved is accurate contact information for parents/caregivers, whether it's a change of mobile phone numbers or someone we can contact if you are not available. We need this so we have someone we can notify in case of an emergency if your child is sick or injured - it is distressing for a child who is in sickbay if we can't get hold of you. Contact details can be updated simply, by dropping into the office, phoning, emailing or by using the Skoolbag app. The school office email is: bonnellsbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Who is/was your role model?

My parents were my first role models, their family values set my sisters, brother and I up to be responsible, independent and honest adults. Over the years I have had the opportunity to have had many people I would class as inspirational role models, too many to name, but

it is good to work with teachers who are showing themselves to be worthy role models for students who will grow up to be the leaders and mentors of tomorrow.



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P&C News

Hi everyone

SCHOOL REMEMBERED MEMORY BOOK K-12

Just a reminder that orders need to be placed by this Friday 1st December 2017, if you require them for Christmas.

We will be offering a school memory book from K-12 by School Remembered, at a price of \$49.95 and they will arrive to the school in time for Christmas. There will be a book on display in the office. Alternatively you can view and order online at www.schoolremembered.com.au

Please use the product code BONNELLS BAY to ensure free postage & 20% of each purchase to help us improve the PA & bell system in the school. Flyer will be out this week although you can order online.

Orders to be placed by 1st December - delivery prior to Christmas.

Alternatively by 23rd February for end of February delivery in time for school photos.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

A uniform survey will be out soon and we look forward to your feedback.

Thank you to all who attended the end of year P&C dinner on Tuesday night. We look forward to making them more often in 2018.

Kylie Whitelam

BBPS P&C President

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