Principal’s Message

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014

On Tuesday 11th November I had the privilege of accompanying our school captains to Cabra-Vale Diggers to represent our school at the Remembrance Day Service. Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed since the end of the First World War to remember those who have died in the line of duty. Our school captains lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the school and community I extend my best wishes to Mrs Narelle Nies who was successful in gaining the position of Learning and Engagement Officer at Riverwood District Office until the end of the year.

2015-2017 School Planning - the new approach

The new approach to school planning brings together a number of reforms to give NSW public schools greater authority to meet the needs of their communities, to improve the quality of teaching in schools and to improve outcomes for all students. It is highly strategic, focussing on 3 key areas for improvement determined by the school in consultation with its community, to ensure a profound difference to the ongoing growth and development of the school.

As part of the process to gain your opinion on existing programs/initiatives within the school and to assist us to plan for the future I ask that you complete the Parent Survey that has been sent home with this newsletter. Your opinions are valuable to the school and will help us form our new school vision. All returned Parent Surveys will go into a draw for a prize. Our school leaders will also be on the playground in the morning to ask the same questions and assist with recording your answers onto an Ipad.

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Karen McElroy has officially gone on maternity leave until next year and Mrs Melissa Fonseca will be on 3/4K until the end of the year. I extend my best wishes to Mrs McElroy on behalf of all the staff and students.

Miss Bre Clement will also be returning to 2C on Monday 17th November after some extended sick leave.
SCHOOL UNIFORM
The school’s Uniform Committee is in the process of discussing the viability of introducing a new school uniform in the future. This has been supported by the school’s P&C. The committee will investigate 3 options and the school community will be given the opportunity to comment and vote on the option of their choice. Further information will be given when it becomes available.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITION
The advertisement for our 3rd Assistant Principal went live this Wednesday 12th November and will remain open for applicants for a period of 2 weeks. The panel will be interviewing for the position on Monday the 8th December.

Regards Miss Hatzidimitriou

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to the following students

Shemyah, Andrew L, Takio, Jessica L, Anh, Lena, Brian L and Gina

Honour Awards
Well done to the following students who have earned honour awards this term

| Lina L K Blue       | Nathan B 1S          | Atta E 3/4W          |
| Brendan C K Blue   | Joanne T 1S          | Sophie B 4/5M        |
| Justin S K Red     | Angela N 1S          | Cynthia S 4/5M       |
| Natalie G K Red    | Sarah B 1/2O         | Anissa L 4/5M        |
| Sophia W K Red     | Brian L 1/2O         | Cherellyn T 5/6B     |
| Krystal N K/1 Green| Henry H 1/2O         | Gina D 5/6B          |
| Shalom K K/1 Green | Dontay D 1/2O        | Alexander E 5/6F     |
| Anita E K/1 Green  | Julian N 3/4K        | Anita E 5/6F         |
| Aymara L K/1 Green | Elijah S 3/4K        | Emily L 5/6F         |
|                    | Kenny N 3/4K         | Natasha K 5/6F       |

Kindergarten 2015
It was wonderful to see all of preschool children and new students to Bonnyrigg at Kindergarten Orientation last week. The children were extremely settled and they had a great time looking at their new Kindergarten classrooms. In week 8 we will be doing it all again on Tuesday and Thursday. On Thursday we will have a Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information session in the Library from 9.15.

Aboriginal Regional Awards
On Friday Nov. 7th I had the pleasure to watch 4 of our students receive Regional Aboriginal awards at the University of Western Sydney. It was fantastic to see Bonnyrigg students shine and Mrs Anderson, Miss Daly and myself had a great time giving them applause. A special thanks to Mrs Grace for her support at the awards.

Kayedon M– Kari Student All Rounder , Cooper M– Kari Student All Rounder , Jerry C - Courage, Culture and Commitment and Takio V– Sportsmanship

Mrs Howlett
Tribal Warrior Excursion
On Wednesday the 5th of November many of the Aboriginal members of the community went out on a cultural excursion. We were joined by Prairevale Public School and the Koori children and their families as we do many joint projects together. The gathering was a large one with 89 people. We took two buses into Circular Quay and then boarded the Tribal Warrior Ferry out to Bear Island. The atmosphere was beautiful and we learnt about the uses of lomandra grass and how natural fish traps work. We spent most of the day exploring this island. The day was a beautiful day where all family members interacted and engaged in activities regarding the Aboriginal culture. Children joined in on a performance by Uncle Terry. Families were encouraged to share stories that will contribute to our 'Tell Your Tale' project where these will be published. We were lucky enough to have Aunty Marg with us and she spoke to children regarding the importance of respect and always telling the truth. She is a great influence on our children and her “tell it as it is” way sees that her message gets across. It was an amazing day where our children, 'Little Possums Playgroup' children, preschoolers, grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and Elders all spent the day interacting so positively. The Aboriginal community spirit was well and truly alive. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to spend the day with this important part of our community. The day was a huge success. - Mrs Nies

Assembly
We have our ‘Books in Homes’ assembly on Monday 1st of Dec. We will have our last assembly for the year on Monday 8th Dec. There will be no assembly on Nov. 24th Dec. Please join us for our 2014 Presentation Day on Tuesday 16th Dec. at 9.30am.

Parents of K Red, K/1G and K blue please join us for our item on Monday December 1st 2-3pm in assembly.
Senior Dance Group
On Friday 7th Nov our senior dancers were invited to perform at the Aboriginal Awards Evening. Our dancers performed an Aboriginal dance with the message of reconciliation. The group received so many compliments not only about their dancing but also their beautiful behaviour. I was so very proud of them and being a part of our amazing school. It was a pleasure to take the group out of school hours. What I really noticed was the way that the students looked out for each other. It was a proud moment. I would like to take the opportunity to compliment Miss Fiso on her work with the dance group as it is her talent that enabled our dancers to shine. - Mrs Nies

Little Aussie Songsters competition

Ready for high school
Students News

Our Student Representative Council and Sports Captains organised and ran a "Bonnyrigg Spartan Obstacle Course" as a way to raise funds for Diabetes Australia. The event informed students on possible ways to prevent type 2 diabetes and continued to promote their healthy lifestyles campaign of *Eat well, move quick, get healthy in a tick!*

Students from K-6 participated and they raised $90 which will be donated to Diabetes Australia on behalf of our school. The SRC thank everyone who supported the event and the SRC must be congratulated on their ability to organise the event and encourage their peers.

Mrs Sor

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In October Bonnyrigg participated in the stage 2 Milo Cup Competition with one boys and one girls team. The competition, run by NSW cricket, focused on participation and learning to play cricket. Both teams had victories on the day and the girls team, many of who have never played cricket before, won all of their games except one. All the Bonnyrigg students that participated had a great day filled with learning and fun and all conducted themselves wonderfully on the day. Special thanks to St Johns Park Bowling Club who provided transport for the students ensuring the day was a success.
Stage 2 Canberra Excursion
On Thursday the 13th of November, Stage 2 went on an excursion to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. After we had our lunch, we were ready to have an exciting journey. We were put into groups then went to watch a short video on what we were going to see. After the video was finished, stage 2 went to look at the planes that were used in The Great War. After that, we went to look at a museum of existing things that were used in World War One. We then went to the Discovery Zone. The Discovery Zone is where you can role play as soldiers in World War One. Then we went to the Roll of Honour to find the names of soldiers from World War One and other wars. We went to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where you had to pay your respects and you couldn’t talk in there. After that we went outside because we were going to take a photo but the teachers saw soldiers marching so they took us to have a look. After we saw the soldiers marching we went outside once more to see a real tank. Then it was time to go back to the bus and head home at 3pm. We finally arrived at school at 6:30pm. Stage 2 thought it was a tiring day but we had a lot of fun.
By Alice and Jessica 3/4W

Our Parent Survey is attached on the last page. Please return it with your child and they will go into a draw to win a prize.
2014 Parent Survey

As part of our annual school planning, the school planning team is looking at ways we can improve the school over the next three years.

Parents and carers are asked to complete the questions below and return the form to the school office.

What are the good things about our school?

What are the things you would like to see at Bonnyrigg Public School?

How likely are you to recommend Bonnyrigg Public School to other parents and community members? (Please colour one number).

Very unlikely……………………..somewhat likely………………………..Very Likely

Any other comments: