Welcome Back
As this is our first newsletter for the year I’d like to officially welcome everyone back after the holidays. It’s been a great start to our year. Our enrolment numbers have increased and have been submitted to the DEC. This means that I can now confirm that current classes will be maintained.
Our students have had a very settled start and are maintaining the high levels of behaviour and attitude that they finished with last year. All class programs are well underway, meaning that top quality teaching and learning is again happening at Bonnyrigg. Well done everyone. Let’s make sure we continue as we have started, ensuring a fantastic year at Bonnyrigg Public School.

Swimming Carnival
Last week’s School Swimming Carnival was a huge success. The day was organised to ensure all children were active and engaged in a variety of activities throughout the day. When I arrived it was immediately obvious that all children were having a great time and really enjoying themselves. Once again our student’s behaviour was excellent. Congratulations! Everyone got into the spirit of the day, enthusiastically supporting their house. The house placing’s for the carnival were:

1st Boronia  2nd Banksia  3rd Wattle  4th Waratah

I’d like to thank all staff for their great efforts running activities and races throughout the day, parents for their support and especially Miss Strickland and Mr Baker for their outstanding organisation; which ensured such a successful day.

Meet the Teacher
Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher afternoon last Monday. I trust you found the sessions informative and that the new structure we used enabled everyone to attend all their children’s stage meetings. Please remember that communication between home and school is a high priority at our school. If you have any concerns or information relevant to your child’s education and wellbeing, please contact his/her teacher at an appropriate time. Also, please remember that you can contact me at all times.

Attendance
As always, attendance will be a very high priority this year. All classes will be monitored closely by the school executive and our Home School Liaison Officer, with any children of concern followed up quickly. To encourage and reward excellent attendance we will once again be holding an “Attendance Month”. This will be next month, March, beginning on Monday 3rd March. There will be a pizza party at the end of the month and this year we will also have a raffle prize.

Logie Nomination
The broadcast of the 2013 Schools Spectacular is up for voting in the 2014 TV Week Logie Awards. You can vote for Schools Spectacular in the ‘Most Popular Light Entertainment Program’ category. Voting closes on March 2nd and is free. You can only vote once. It takes approximately 5 minutes to vote online. To vote or for further information, please see http://www.tvweeklogieawards.com.au.

Every vote counts – please support our 12 students who danced in the 2013 Schools Spectacular

Regards, Peter Ward - Principal

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**School Calendar**

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Homework help
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

When lunch comes home again – uneaten
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain

Maths
Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics

Honour Awards
Congratulations to the students who have earned an Honour Award:

Aymara L K/1G
Jessica S K/1G
Aiden V K/1G
Mika L 1S

Malekai F 3/4K
Danny N 3/4K
Dylan J 4/5M
Anthony L 4/5M
Christina D 5/6B

Cherellyn T 5/6B
Amar E – 5/6B
Umta E 5/6F
Jenny H 5/6

2014 Staff List

Principal: Peter Ward
Assistant Principals: Narelle Nies
Belinda Howlett
Robyn Brady/Karen Sor (relieving)

Preschool Mrs Linda Matheson
K Blue Miss Clare Daly
K Red Mrs Karen Forland / Miss Siv Ngov
K/1 Green Mrs Stefania Lanzafame / Mrs Robyn
Brady
1S Miss Kate Strickland
1/2O Mrs Lyn O’Mara
2C Miss Bre Clement
3/4K Mrs Karen McElroy
3/4W Mrs Alison White
4/5M Miss Michelle McAlister
5/6B Mr Jonathan Baker
5/6F Miss Maureen Fiso

Learning Assistance and Support: Mrs Karen Sor
Library: Mrs Christine Marshall
Reading Recovery: Miss Mel Buraga
RFF: Mrs Lyndall Hayton
ESL: Miss Siv Ngov / Miss Mel Buraga
Vietnamese Community Languages: Mrs Khanh Nguyen
School Counsellor: Mrs Adriana Fallone

School Administration Manager: Mrs Lindy Trevena
School Administration Officer: Mrs Nuran Sinekci
Mrs Diane Wilson
Mrs Lydia Vincenti

School Learning Support Officers: Mrs Diana Dickson
Mrs Judith Anderson
Mrs Jackie Brkic
Mrs Gay Doyle

Aboriginal Education Officer: Mrs Colleen Grace
School Liaison Officer: Mrs Jenefar Jamhour
School as Community Centres Officer: Mrs Mariana Herrera

General Assistant: Mr Geoff Whyburn
Kindergarten 2014. Our students have had a fantastic start to the term.

Swimming Carnival 2014
Community Information

**Parent Workshops**

Raising Resilient Kids Parent Workshop (run by Anglicare):
Tuesday 11th March 9am to 10.30am. Contact Mrs Jamhour for details

**March is Attendance Month**

Students need to attend every day for the month of March. If they are sick a Doctors Certificate is required. In April we will celebrate with a pizza party and a special raffle for the children that have 100% attendance during March.