Principal’s Message

Farewell
This is my final “Principal’s Message” at our great school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as principal at Bonnyrigg Public School and the four years have certainly gone very quickly. As I said last week I leave with mixed emotions. Whilst I am excited and looking forward to my appointment at Holsworthy Public School I am sad to leave Bonnyrigg and all the wonderful people who make up our school community. It is a very hard place to leave.

Our school has achieved many great things over recent years due to the marvellous efforts of staff, students and families, and that is something of which I am very proud. It is the people though that I will truly miss. Our children are the most delightful, beautiful students that you could hope to meet in any school in the state. Their behaviour, care and respect for each other and their teachers is exemplary, as is their humour and enthusiasm for school life. We know this, but it is also seen by others as evidenced by the tremendous compliments they always receive when they leave the school. This is a source of great pride for everyone. I will miss their smiling “hellos” very much.

Our staff is the most dedicated, enthusiastic, hardworking and caring staff that any principal could wish to have. Their absolute commitment and care for their students is extraordinary. I thank them deeply for not only their exceptional efforts, but for their consistent support and good humour. I value our relationships very highly and look forward to maintaining them. I would like to give very special thanks to our incredible executive team. The efforts of Mrs Nies, Mrs Howlett, Mrs Brady and Mrs Sor are unbelievable. Their commitment to our school and its students is tremendous and the support they have given me is beyond measure. They are what runs our school. Their and their team’s efforts make it the great school that it is and I thank them and our whole staff so much for their amazing work and friendship. Mrs Nies will now be Acting Principal and I know she will do a fantastic job and receive the same support that I have enjoyed.

To our parents and families thank you very much for the great support you give our school and the education of our children. You should be very proud of your children and your school. I will miss the great relationships I have with so many of you and our friendly chats. I’d like to especially thank our P & C for their great efforts which contribute so much to our school and am very pleased to see our P & C numbers growing. Thank you very much for the lovely morning tea.

So my most sincere thanks to everyone at Bonnyrigg Public School who have made my time here, as a very proud principal, such a joy and pleasure. I will miss you all greatly and wish everyone the very best for your future lives. I look forward to hearing all about the great things Bonnyrigg is achieving in the future.

With my very best wishes, Peter Ward.

Easter Show
Kinder is going to the Easter Show on Friday, thanks to the great work of Miss Daly. She entered a competition and won! As a result 2Day FM is paying for the transport and entry for all our Kinders and teachers to have a great day at the show. What a tremendous experience. Many thanks to 2Day FM for their generosity and to Miss Daly for her terrific efforts (and her media star interview on the radio).

Easter Hat Parade
What a great Easter Hat Parade this year! It was tremendous to see so many students getting into the spirit of the day, wearing wonderful hats they had made and having such fun. Thank you to all staff, students and parents for your efforts and support and for making it such a great day. A big thanks to the

School Calendar

Week 11
Fri. 11th April - Kindergarten to the Easter show
Fri. 11th April - Last Day of Term 1

Term 1 - School resumes Tuesday 29th April 2014
the ‘egg’cellent work of Miss Ngov and Miss Daly for planning the K-2 ‘egg’stravaganza. The children had a fantastic day cooking, making craft and having egg races. Many of the photos will be placed on our school website these holidays.

Stage 2 and 3 Expo
On Tuesday Stage 2 and 3 held an expo of the great work they have been doing this term on “Sustainability”. The hall looked tremendous with a wonderful amount and variety of written work, art work and projects on display. Not only were they on display, students were on hand to explain the significance of their work and demonstrate the deep understanding they now have of environmental issues. It was a terrific exhibition of quality teaching and learning. Congratulations and well done to all students and staff. You should be very proud of your great work.

Attendance Month
This was an outstanding success. Craig Maloney, our Home School Liaison Officer, did a detailed analysis of our attendance figures for March, comparing them to regular and historical figures. The result demonstrated the success of Attendance Month, with very high figures, well above state average. My message therefore is, if we can do it for Attendance Month, why not do it for every month? As we keep saying, it is absolutely vital that children are at school every day unless very ill. Congratulations to all students who will enjoy their pizza party this week and to those who won prizes at our special prize draw. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Howlett who works so hard to promote and manage our attendance program.

Principals Award
It was my great pleasure to take our most recent Principal Award winners to the movies on Tuesday to see The Lego Movie. Sadly, it was my last trip to the movies with our students. The behaviour of all children was excellent and they really enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to all students who have received a Principal’s award since we introduced our merit awards system, and to those students who haven’t been to the movies yet, keep trying and working hard and your turn will come soon. My huge thanks again go to Mrs Howlett who works so hard and does a marvellous job managing our merit awards program.

Holidays
It’s hard to believe that Term 1 will end this week. Time flies when you’re having fun! I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday. School resumes for students on Tuesday 29th April. Again, my most sincere thanks for the wonderful time I have had at Bonnyrigg over the last four years and my very best wishes to everyone for the future.

Peter Ward
Principal

Science Kids
First term has been a busy one with all students engaged in many science investigations. Kindergarten looked at things that move and had lots of fun discovering how many different objects spin, roll and slide! Year one and two learnt about light and sound in the unit Look! Listen! They discovered how light and a sound are made, what makes light and sound and how they travel. Year three and four got their hands dirty exploring what is beneath our feet. They investigated soil, rocks and even made their own erosion! They learnt about the impact erosion has on the environment and how it has shaped it. Year five and six had spent their time learning about all the matter that surrounds us. Students were hands on investigating the properties of a variety of solids, liquids and gases. We have had a great time and look forward to term 2 with all our science kids!

Mrs Hayton
Stage 2 and 3 Expo

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