Athletics Carnival
Our school athletics carnival was a huge success. The weather was kind to us and we were able to spend the day outdoors in the beautiful sunshine. This year we went to Dwyer Over which gave all students direct experience with professional sporting areas and where they were able to complete activities such as long jump, high jump, shot put, discus and the running events using the facilities. Many students recorded personal bests on the day. It was a great day where students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were all actively involved. Something that really stood out on the day was that all students were willing to give all activities a go and participation by all was strongly encouraged. We had a fantastic day and students should be complimented for their fantastic behaviour at the carnival. We would like to thank Miss Strickland and Mr Baker for organising such a wonderful event. Such an event cannot go ahead without a lot of planning in order for it to run smoothly. We hope that next year all students attend the carnival as it is an important school event. Many of our students will go on to represent our school at the zone athletics carnival. The carnival was really well represented by our community. It was lovely to see so many families join in on the day. Children love nothing more than to have their families come and share in their activities. Thank you to all of the families that were able to find the time to come down and support.

Zone Athletics has been rescheduled for the 5th of September.

Milo Cricket
Last week Mr Baker took two cricket teams away both from Stage 3 to the Milo Cricket Competition. The girls team won three out of four games and the boys won one of their games but what was better than winning was the wonderful experience that was had by all of the students. They were able to compete against many other schools and refine their cricket skills. This day promoted having a go and giving cricket a try. It is mostly about having fun while playing sport. Mr Baker reported back on the beautiful behaviour of all students which makes me very proud. We would like to thank Mr Baker for his organisation and preparation of our students to enable them to participate competitively. We would also like to thank St Johns Park Bowling Club for donating the use of their bus which we used to transport us to and from the event. This generosity is very much appreciated and it keeps the cost down for our students.

Parks Area Music Festival
Congratulations to all of the performers who will participate in the Parks Area Music Festival on the 10th and 11th of September. There are three items that have made it through the audition process from Stage 2 and 3. I hope that some of the parents have had the opportunity to watch their children perform. Tickets have gone on sale this week to the night shows and they sell quickly so make sure to get your order in. Tickets will then be sent home according to your order.
A note has also gone home for the Matinee Performance which is a chance for students in Years 2-6 to go and watch their peers perform. Once again there are limited tickets so you will need to get in quickly. What a great experience for all involved. Students will continue to rehearse on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:00-4:00pm. A huge thank you to all teachers and staff who have been working hard in preparation for what I am sure will be an amazing event. We look forward to seeing our students up in lights.

**Attendance**

*Missing school leaves GAPS in your education*

**Getting to school on time**

Do all this the night before and mornings will be easier:

- Put all the non-perishable food in the lunchboxes, then you just have to add drinks and sandwiches in the morning
- Make sure drink bottles are clean
- Get your child’s uniform ironed and ready for the next day
- Make sure all school bags are packed and ready
- Check shoes are in a place you can easily find the next morning
- Check calendar for what might be needed following day
- Make sure you’ve signed any forms/notes

Check any homework has been done and is in the bag ready to go to school. Good attendance sets up positive patterns which last a life time. Please ensure that your child is at school by 8:55 am.

**Writing school notes**

If your child is absent, you need to write a note within seven days:

- It must explain why your child missed school
- Include how many days your child was away
- Include your child's name and roll class

If your child is going to be away for more than three days please call the school to let the teacher know. You will still need to write a note when your child returns to school.

- Include other information, perhaps they have an injury and cannot play sport.
- Your child can return it to the school office or rollcall teacher.

**Label Everything!**

Your child’s belongings can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all of your child’s belongings with their name. Don’t forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bags. We have a huge amount of clothing that turns up in lost property every week and this could be avoided by labelling it so that it can be returned.

**P & C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday the 27th of August at 9.15am in the staffroom. We would like to see you all there as we value your input into school directions. It is also a great time to make sure your views are represented. It is a friendly and informal meeting. We are really keen to make sure that all areas of the community are represented. Bring a friend along. It is a great way to express your views.

**Regards**

Narelle Nies Acting Principal
Kindergarten and Preschool enrolments for 2015 are now being taken at the office.

Our K-2 classes are very excited about attending the Zoo on Tuesday Sept. 2nd.

A school disco and mufti day will be held on Thursday 4th Sept to fund raise for the K-2 Zoo excursion.

Honour Awards

Congratulations to the students who have earned an Honour Award:

Brendon C K Blue          Ryan L 1/2O          Semisi V 3/4W
Alvin V K Blue            Trung H 2C           Jessica L 3/4W
Lina L K Blue             Jessica C 2C          Alice K 3/4W
Tanupou V K Blue          Kenny D 2C           Emilio L 3/4W
Natalie G K Red           Mathew B 2C          Joshua V 3/4W
Liam N K/1G               David N 3/4K         Savyo G 4/5M
Emily S K/1G              Salvon G 3/4K        Lita T 5/6B
Kayde B K/1G              Malekai F 3/4K       Cherellyn T 5/6B
Talyn F K/1G              Amira R 3/4K         William V 5/6B
Nathan B 1S               Kayla P 3/4K         Ruby D 5/6B
Andrew L 1S
Preschool News

Our preschool has been enjoying reading the ‘Gingerbread Man’. One day the children cooked a Gingerbread Man and he ran away. We spent many weeks looking for him and writing him letters. Our Monday/Tuesday class went to Bonnyrigg Post Office and picked up a letter from him. Finally he came home after a quick trip to the hospital to put his body back together.

Eat well, move quick, get healthy in a tick!

Our Class Captains and SRC have been working hard to represent Bonnyrigg students and help them by being their voice by communicating their needs and ideas. Class Captains and the SRC have spent time speaking with classmates and surveying them about what they think are important issues at our school. The results of their survey found that the majority of our students were interested in improving healthy lifestyles at Bonnyrigg. In response to this survey, Class Captains and the SRC are developing a campaign which is titled ‘Eat well, move quick, get healthy in a tick!’, which is aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles in our school. This campaign will focus on supporting students to make good decisions about the food they eat and to increase their levels of exercise and physical activity.

As part of this campaign, our school will also be celebrating Fruit and Vegetable Month this term so please stay tuned for more information to come!