Thank You

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the students, staff and the community for the ongoing support that I have received as Principal of Bonnyrigg Public School for Term 3 and 4. It was a wonderful experience where I certainly learnt a lot. Reflecting upon my experience I can take away so many positives regarding all our wonderful achievements. There have been so many moments that have impacted positively on me. I am always proud of the work that occurs at Bonnyrigg Public School but as Principal you have a greater opportunity to hear about these great achievements. To the students, please continue to take the opportunities that you are provided with and continue to live up to the high expectations that are placed upon you. The sky is the limit and hard work almost pays off all of the time, so continue to work hard. Continue to raise the awareness within the broader community that our school is by far the best and wear our name with pride. To the staff, thank you for your ongoing support. Thank you for all of your dedication, hard work and being the staff that is always willing to go the extra mile. I do not know a staff that works harder than those within our school. To the community, thank you for your ongoing trust and support. It is a job of great privilege and you allow us to educate your beautiful children. It is a job that we take very seriously. Thank you for sharing your stories so willingly.

I have really enjoyed my time as Principal. I will return to my previous role as Assistant Principal as of next term where a large part of my job will be to help our new Principal Miss Hatzidimitriou settle into our school. I sure that she will find that Bonnyrigg is a beautiful place to be. I am sure that you will all assist me in making her feel welcome.

Principal’s Award – 10 Pin Bowling

On Tuesday the 16th of September I had the great privilege of taking 20 of our finest students out of the school as a reward for them receiving their Principal’s Award. We had loads of fun bowling and it was a new experience for many of our students. It was obvious to me why these students have attained this level as they were so polite and well behaved. What really stood out was the way that the older students took care of the younger students. I really need to recognise Colin P and Jennifer N who took on leadership roles and make sure that our younger students could participate in this sport. These students did this without being asked to and it really showed the great school spirit that lives within our school. There was only one minor hiccup with Kayla getting her fingers stuck in the bowling ball at one stage but what was beautiful about this situation was the fact that she was able to laugh at herself. Angela V was our top scoring bowler followed by Colin. I was proud to say that I was the Principal that recognised this achievement with these wonderful students. Congratulations. You are all a credit to your family and school. Thank you for making this job a wonderful one.

School Calendar

Week 10
Fri. 19th Sept. - Last day of Term

Week 1 begins Tuesday 7th October

Week 2
Tues. 14th Oct. - Kindergarten 2015. Transition to School. 6.30pm in Library
I would like to thank Mrs Howlett for her ongoing organisation of the event and dedication in making sure that our students are recognised. It was certainly a positive experience and one that will stay with me for a long time.

Self Organised Learning Environments
On Tuesday our school showcased the work that we have been doing in Self Organised Learning Environments. This saw 15 teachers from various other schools visit our school and view a SOLE session in action. Students from 3/4W, 3/4K and 4/5M displayed their knowledge and understanding of this process and did our school proud. After the session I received several emails from the other schools acknowledging how beautiful our students were and how lovely and accommodating the staff were. As a Principal it is always nice to receive feedback indicating what a great school we have. I would like to personally thank the students involved and Mrs McElroy and Miss McAlister who have been working on the project with myself.

Parks Area Festival
Last week we had 75 students from Stage 2 and 3 representing our school at the Parks Area Music Festival. We had three dance groups (an Aboriginal Dance Group, a Stage 3 Thriller Dance and a Stage 2 Lion King themed dance). The dances, costumes and props all looked amazing and we had many compliments from other schools regarding the quality that we presented. I would like to recognise and commend our students who worked very hard to make sure that they learnt their dance sequences. Our students were the best behaved students as they lived up to our good name. They all rose to the occasion and met all of our expectations. They were great ambassadors for our school and they told anyone who asked proudly that they were from Bonnyrigg Public School. I would like to compliment and acknowledge the hard yards that Miss Fiso put in to ensure that our students were ready. She was responsible for the choreography and teaching our students their dances. I would also like to recognise Mrs Dickson who put in many hours of work in sewing the costumes for all three items. I can not begin to tell you how many hours she spent sewing out of school hours. Your hard work is appreciated. We are very lucky to have so many talented staff members. Our students were shining stars on the stage. Another proud Bonnyrigg PS moment.

The Debating Team
On Tuesday the 16th of September our debating team went to compete against another local school. We won this debate which now sees our students move forward into the finals. Students in the team worked hard within a limited time frame as a lot of them were performers in the Parks Area Festival. I am very proud of the debating team and they should be congratulated for their hard work and dedication. Once again thanks also goes to the debating teachers who give up a lot of time to support our students.

Taronga Zoo
Monday the 8th of September saw our students K-2 participate in a wonderful experience with a visit to Taronga Zoo. Students had a wonderful day learning about the various animals at the zoo and these experiences have been transferred into the classroom where we have seen some wonderful writing. It is a great example of how this rich experience outside of the classroom can transfer into the classroom and make learning come alive for our students. Thank you to the teachers for your organisation in providing this amazing excursion.

Science Fun Day
On Wednesday the 17th of September we involved ourselves in many experiments as a part of the Science Fun Day. There was a wonderful atmosphere and buzz in all classrooms as students experimented and investigated. Students also reported how much they enjoyed the Science Show in the hall. Many students and staff got into the spirit and dressed up as a crazy scientist with some crazy hair. Students from Bonnyrigg High School also came along to participate in the day and our
students enjoyed the opportunity to mix with students from the High School environment. We have a wonderful working relationship with Bonnyrigg High School and that was evident in the way that students interacted. I need to acknowledge the work of Mrs Lanzafame and Mrs Hayton in their organisation of the day. Their aim was to provide a fun and exciting day based on the Science and Technology key learning area and I think that we can safely say that this goal was achieved.

Narelle Nies—Acting Principal

Honours Award

Congratulations to our Honour Award students for week 10 this term:

- Mary P K Blue
- You Leang A K Red
- Kiah C K/1 Green
- Thomas H 1S
- Laith A 1S
- Victor V 1S
- Tyrell M 1S
- Vasiti K 1S
- Cooper M 1S
- Angelica L 1S
- Mark L 1S
- Shavana H 2C
- Lilya D 3/4K
- Shemyah H 3/4K
- Patricia M 5/6B
- Quang N 5/6B
- Daniel D 5/6F

Principals Award

Congratulations to the students who earned a Principals Award this term:

Nathan B, Jayci Q, Tommy S, Emilo L, Ryan L, Vivian T, Jessica C

Preschool Enrolments are being taken now at the office. Letters of offer will go out week 3 Term 4.

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents
The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.
Find out more: http://bit.ly/xHLLDH

How much screen time?
‘Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.

When lunch comes home ... again
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://bit.ly/K7IoJD

A very big thanks to St Johns Park Bowling Club for their support this Term.
They took our students to the Principals award bowling party and our Milo cup cricket team to their games.
P & C News

Thank you to the P&C for doing a wonderful job in organising the Father's Day Stall. The stall was a huge success and I'm sure the gifts were appreciated by our father's and grandfather's. The raffle too was successful with great prizes given out. Special thanks to our local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle: Bunnings, Big W and Priceline. The P&C raised $500 and the money will be used to support the school in the purchase of more silver seating for our kindergarten children. Sincere thanks to the P&C for their hard work and continued support.

Upcoming dates
Wed 15th Oct: 9.15am P&C meeting
Fri 17th Oct: Parent excursion to UWS Parramatta
Sun 9th Nov: P&C Masters’ BBQ Fundraiser

Science Fun day

Our website is currently being updated with new photo albums. Please have a look during the school holidays.

Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child's interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey's Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV
Preschool Garden
We are raising money to support our preschool garden extension. Please support Crust Pizza on Friday 10th October. $2 for each pizza will be donated to the Bonnyrigg PS Garden!

So how can I help?
Order any pizza at Crust Pizza Bonnyrigg on Friday 10 October and $2 for each pizza will be donated to the Bonnyrigg Sensory Garden!

Do your part in raising funds for the Bonnyrigg Primary School Sensory Garden!

What are the benefits of our preschool garden?
It’s a wonderful way for children to explore their senses and learn about the environment. It is also a healthy place of discovery and gets children outdoors!

Touch Football
A big thank you to Miss Ngov for taking our students to a local Touch football tournament. The students played very well and were a credit to our school. Well done boys and girls.

Have a safe and happy holiday
We look forward to Term 4.

In Science with Mrs Hayton this term.
Kindergarten students have been learning about what is needed to keep plants alive. They germinated bean seeds and were so excited to see them grow! They conducted many tests and identified what would happen if plants didn’t get what they needed.
In year one and two, students really enjoyed learning about the lifecycle of the Darkling Beetle. During the term students had the opportunity to watch mealworms grow and change. Students were responsible for caring for them daily and completed observations that followed their growth.
Students in year three and four explored forces and motion. They performed many tests together and discovered the effect forces such as gravity and friction have on objects.
Year five and six students were very busy learning about electricity. They learnt about the role electricity plays in their lives and how to be safe around electricity. Students made many circuits using batteries, wires, bulbs and switches and really enjoyed making them.
I look forward to more science fun in term 4!
Mrs Hayton