Bonnyrigg Public School Newsletter

Week 9, Term 1

Principal’s Message

Directors Visit
Our new Director Public Schools Cathy Brennan visited our school on Monday 9th March. The executive had the opportunity to discuss the school’s 3 year Strategic Plan and share all the exciting initiatives that have been introduced this year including Learning, Language and Literacy, Focus on Reading, and Targeting Early Numeracy. I discussed our change in school uniform and the consultation process we followed. Mrs Brennan concluded her visit by viewing some of the great work being done in the classrooms. She was enthused with the prospect of seeing the great results that will be achieved by our children over the course of the year.

Early Action for Success
On Wednesday 11th March I attended an EAfs Master Class with our Instructional Leader Ms Gorrie. This enabled us to network with Principals and other Instructional Leaders from schools across the state and share experiences. We also had the opportunity to hear about best practice from a global perspective.

National Quality Framework for Pre-Schools
On Wednesday 18th March I had the opportunity to attend a workshop to learn more about the regulatory processes that govern our Pre-School. I would like to thank Mrs Howlett for her invaluable knowledge in this area and her ongoing dedication to ensure the standards of education and care in our pre-school are maintained and her continued support of our hard working Pre-School staff.

State Elections
Saturday 28th March is NSW State Election Day. Our school will once again serve as a polling booth for the local area. Our P & C will be on our school grounds fundraising food and refreshments on the day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March are the days allocated for Parent/Teacher interviews. We have decided to conduct interviews early this year so that teachers have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you and communicate to you early in the year if there are any issues or areas that need attention. It is very important that you attend these interviews and help to support your child's progress at school.

Attendance
I continue to ask for your support in bringing your child to school each and every day. The high rate of absenteeism and chronic lateness in some students is alarming and contributes to poor achievement at school.

TwentyOne 6 Community of Schools
Our school has joined 5 other local schools to make the TwentyOne6 Community of Schools network. These schools are Prairievale P.S., Mt Pritchard P.S. Harrington St. P.S. Edensor Park P.S. and St. Johns Park P.S. We will be working together to support similar initiatives at our schools and to provide combined training and development for our teachers. We will be combining our Term 2 Staff Development Day to cover areas such as Creative Thinking in Maths, Inquiry based learning in Literacy and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). I welcome this collaboration and look forward to working with my colleagues to support staff and students at Bonnyrigg.

Upcoming Events
- Week 10 – Thurs. April 2nd. Easter Hat Parade. Year 5 Head Start and last day of Term 1.
- Term 2 – Week 1 starts Tues. 21 April.
News, Reminders and Events

**Easter Hat Parade**
Please come along and join us on Thursday April 2nd for the Easter Hat Parade. Students can wear mufti and bring along a hat made from home.

**Stage One Transport Excursion**
On Wednesday 18th March Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic day exploring our city’s transport system. We walked over the Harbour Bridge and caught a ferry from Milsons Point to Darling Harbour. The students were well behaved and enjoyed the day. On Thursday back at school we did some writing about our adventures from the day.

> I have discovered the long Harbour Bridge. Under Sydney’s Harbour Bridge there was sparkling blue water and some jellyfish. It was a beautiful sight to see. I was pretty nervous to be up so high.
> Down the extraordinarily busy road I could see lots of cars. Suddenly a noisy and annoying siren wailed and an ambulance raced across the road to help an injured person. I was pretty annoyed because it was really peaceful. After a while it became eerily quiet again.
> A few minutes later I saw several speedboat ferries and yachts. On the wide ocean I saw some speedboats in a race. It was brilliant to finally be in the city for the first time in forever. I thought it would be so good, but it wasn’t too good. I was a little bit scared though. I was amazed to see the many buildings as well.

By Sarah Blake 2BF

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Preschool enrolments for 2016 are now open. Please bring your child’s birth certificate.

Join our Zumba Fitness Classes specially planned for women, given by a qualified Zumba Fitness Trainer. Every Monday 9.30am - 10.30am Bonnyrigg Public School Hall. See Mrs Jamhour for more info.