Bonnyrigg Public School Newsletter
Term 3 Week 6, 2015

Principal’s Message

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Monday 10th August our school’s Athletic Carnival was held at The Crest. A very big thank you to Mrs Brady, Miss Clement, and Miss McAllister and all the staff and students for a fantastic day.

OPTUS ROCKCORP VOLUNTEER PROJECT
I’m very excited to announce that with the assistance of Newleaf Communities as part of the Optus RockCorp Volunteer Project there will be a series of grounds projects that will be conducted at our school on Sunday 30th August between 10am and 2pm. Together with the Work for the Dole projects that have already begun, our school will be looking fantastic in the not too distant future.

FAMILY OCCUPATION AND EDUCATION INDEX (FOEI)
The measure of the school’s socio-economic status, the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI) is used as the basis of the equity loading for socio-economic background in the Department’s Resource Allocation Model. It is important that our database contains the correct information when it comes to family information and circumstances. This information is harvested in September each year and used to calculate funding allocated for the following year. If your circumstances change please inform the school so that the correct amount of support is calculated for all our students.

ATTENDANCE
August is Attendance Month. I am impressed with the huge effort students are making to come to school and how important it is to them not to miss a day. This cannot happen without the ongoing support of parents and carers. I am looking forward to as many of our students as possible receiving their special Attendance reward.

DIRECTOR VISIT
On Monday 17th August Ms Cathy Brennan (Director Public Schools) visited our school. She was most impressed at the Early Action for Success data and the gains our students have made under this initiative. Bonnyrigg P.S. is one of the schools leading improvement under the constant vigilance of Ms Kim Gorrie our Instructional Leader.

STAFF CAR PARK
We are continuing to experience issues with children and parents using the staff car park to enter and exit the school. Even if the gates have been left open this area is Out of Bounds to students. We have many staff members and delivery trucks that enter and exit the school making this a very unsafe practice.

Miss Hatzidimitriou – Principal

Upcoming Events
- Week 7 – Wednesday 26th Aug Book Fair and visiting author Toula Papadam
- Week 7 – Thursday 27th Aug Book Parade
News, Reminders and Events

Kindergarten and preschool enrolments for 2016 are now being finalised. Please enrol at the office.

We all had a fantastic day at the Athletics Carnival. Thanks to all the parents who attended and the teachers that worked hard ensuring the children had fun.

P & COMMITTEE – Father’s Day stall
We are holding a Father’s Day Stall at school on Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September. Gifts include pen sets, key rings, coffee mugs etc and will cost from 50c to $10. Students wanting to purchase gifts are to bring in their money on these days.

Also, we will be running a Father’s Day raffle that will be drawn on Friday 4th September. Ticket prices are $1ea or 6 for $5 and will be sold in the breakfast club area, before and after school from Mon 31 August.
August is attendance month. Attend school EVERYDAY in August to receive an ice cream in September. Please support us in ensuring there are no GAPS in your child’s Education by getting them to school every day.

BOOK WEEK 2015

In week 7 we will be celebrating Book Week, which is the longest running children’s festival in Australia.

This year we will be celebrating with a BOOK FAIR, FANCY DRESS PARADE and VISITING AUTHOR

BOOK FAIR – Week 7
The Book Fair will be operating in the LIBRARY and will be open before school on Wednesday. Parents are encouraged to come along and buy some books. Our students will be able to look at the books for purchase in their library lesson. Every purchase will help the school acquire more books for our school library!

VISITING AUTHOR – Wednesday 26th August
Children will take part in a presentation by Toula Papadam who wrote ‘“Oh my!” said the fly’.

BOOK PARADE – Thursday 27th August
On Thursday 27th we invite all students to dress up as their favourite character from a book. You may even bring the book to discuss.

Please join us on Thursday 27th August to celebrate books and the joy that reading brings our students. The parade/assembly starts at 9:15 am!

VISITING AUTHOR TOULA PAPADAM Wednesday 26th Aug.

Toula Papadam is the author of the children’s picture book: ‘“Oh My!” Said the Fly’. This is a beautifully illustrated book, set in the Australian countryside and written for young readers.

Ms Papadam will be visiting Bonnyrigg Public School to help us celebrate book week on Wednesday 26th August. She will share her book and talk to students about what goes into producing a picture book for children. Copies of her book will be available for $15 and students can have the books signed by the author.