



# BOBS FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER –Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012- Term 1 Week 5

### REMINDERS

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	POOL day at TAC 11am-2pm Picnic/ BBQ All welcome.
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> March	PSP surveys distributed
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Return all PSP surveys
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Proposed excursion to Shark and Ray Centre (Sea Week)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Far Away picnic (at back of school...)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> march	P&C meeting 3.30pm
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> March	CSIRO Circus Science Visit
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Young Leaders Day- Darling Harbour 9am
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Radio 100.9 session with senior students.
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Proposed excursion to Forster- Camp Elim last day term 1
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday

**THANK YOU-** Thank you to Michelle Mc for putting together the primary display trays and to Amanda Archbold for purchasing Enid Blyton books on behalf of our school. It's always great to have assistance....

**HOMEWORK ROUTINE** –Homework is to be returned each Friday to be marked over the weekend.

**SLOWMATION** - This Board of Studies science ICT course is being attended by Megan and Mr Williams on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Laura Russell will be attending a course entitled Live Life Well, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb which gives our school \$2000 in extra funding to use in health education.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb-** Megan is the Port Stephens PSSA Cricket convenor and will be organising zone selection trials on Tuesday. Thank you to Barry for also assisting. Mr Williams will take Yr 3-6 as usual on Tuesday, inspiring the children with his skills in Slowmation!

**Priority Schools Program survey-** In the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March our school has nominated to complete a survey from each family of our school to ascertain if we qualify for special funding. This is worth tens of thousands of dollars each year to run PSP programs for your children if we qualify. We need every family to participate and return their surveys completed. They are sealed and remain completely confidential.

Megan needs to take some leave in week 6 to look after her mother on the south coast after an operation. Kim Anderson will take Yr 3-6 and follow the class program.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO TOBOGGAN HILL FOR THE DONATION OF 6 TOBOGGAN RIDE VOUCHERS TO OUR SCHOOL TO BE USED AS INCENTIVE PRIZES FOR STUDENTS FOR THEIR AUTHOR STUDY READING**

**NO HAT, NO PLAY** policy to be enforced in Term 1. Please make sure your children wear a school hat! Hats available from our P&C at a cost of \$16.

**Young Leaders Day for Years 5 and 6 - Monday 26th March 2012 9:15AM - 2:30PM – Sydney Entertainment Centre, Darling Harbour**

*The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The Program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seeks a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves & others well.*

The following is an outline of the program. Times are approximate and may change slightly on the day.

8:45 Doors open

9.15am Session 1

10.30am Morning Tea Break

11.00am Session 2

12.30pm Lunch Break

1.10pm Session 3

2.30pm Finish

Each session will have one or two speakers, question times, short videos, learning exercises, student involvement, music and student interaction. During the Morning Tea break, tea and coffee will be provided for principals, teachers and parents.

**Speakers**



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Ruben Meerman



Ronni Khan

For more information please visit: - [www.halogen.org.au/event/sydney-primary](http://www.halogen.org.au/event/sydney-primary)

Cost per student will be \$15.00 (normally \$45 but we got a free one) We have 3 tickets and two adult tickets at \$18 so one parent can attend. A few parents have indicated that they would prefer to travel down the afternoon before on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March which is what we will most likely do and arrange private accommodation in the city. If any other student is interested in obtaining the last ticket and are mature enough to go along and learn about leadership please see/phone Megan. It's a great opportunity!

**MATHLETICS** –To view Mathletics go to: [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au). Students now have their new passwords and are ready to start their on- line program both in class and at home. Text books have arrived and have been distributed to Primary. Please ensure they have been paid for.

**GUITAR- Still only \$10 pp or \$90 a term.**

**JETSETTER MAGAZINE**- \$22. Email address to use at home: - [jsoa@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jsoa@bigpond.net.au)

**POOL DAY at Tomaree Aquatic Centre.- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 11am to 2pm-** Some parent transport required as the mini bus that seats 12 is available. We will leave school at 10.30am and return by 2.30pm. BFPS will pay costs for school student entry as a special beginning of year treat! Children can buy food at the canteen. We will have a BBQ. There will be novelty events and swimming races. It's a lovely way for parents to catch up with each other and for new parents to make new friends.

Please complete the permission note attached – this is essential for your child to be able to participate.

### **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

Surfing at One Mile Beach each Friday until 2/3/12, followed by YMCA at BFPS from 3.15pm to 4.15pm on Thursdays for 4 weeks (8/3/12 to 29/3/12). Surfing is for yrs 2-6 only due to safety reasons. Yoga will begin on Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to 3/4/12 for 7 weeks. The school pays costs through the AASC grant so we are very fortunate.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT- Please complete formal permission note for 2012 so all students are covered.**

Thanks.

**KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 ART WORK** – Have you been to have a look at the great works of art displayed in the foyer?

### **HAPPY HANDS**

Mrs Anderson and I have been working on this program ("Happy Hands") for Bobs Farm. We have begun by introducing it to the students, and this week coming, we will be saturating them with the language and rewards to encourage the desired outcomes. We will also be putting up more displays around the school and communicating with parents about the program. It is hoped that Bobs Farm students will become Happy Hands Kids, and that this program leads to increased positivity in the school community.

Please have a read of the attachment, and let us know what you think :)

Laura Russell

### **“Creating a Community Garden” Course**

The Gan Gan Family Centre, in partnership with TAFE OUTREACH and Anna Bay Public School, hopes to run a course on “Creating a Community Garden”.

The course will work through the process of establishing a community garden (in the grounds of Anna Bay Public School), from planning and design, ground preparation, establishing and cultivating the plants, maintenance and utilising the produce.

The course will be held on Thursday mornings and will commence soon, continuing through to the end of Term 2 (end June). Free childcare is available through the Family Centre.

The course is FREE, and participants will receive a TAFE Certificate of Attainment upon completion.

Port Stephens Council supports the project as it has strong links to the Schools Environment Program and the Sustainable Living workshops, and we will be providing a small amount of financial assistance through the Schools Environmental Grants program.

For further information contact Craig on 0418 683747 or Jacqui on 4982 1767, or email Jacqui on [jacqueline.orwell@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jacqueline.orwell@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Wouldn't it be great if we could do something like this at Bobs Farm?**

**FOR SALE-** Ride on Murray Mower as new, hardly been used. See Megan.

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**POOL DAY – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRAURY 2012**

**TOMAREE AQUATIC CENTRE**

Name .....

I give permission for my child/children to attend the Pool Day at Tomaree Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.

My child is permitted to go in the water but is (please circle response):

**A non swimmer:** My child is unable to swim

**A weak swimmer:** My child is comfortable and confident in shallow water but cannot swim very well

**An average swimmer:** My child is a reasonable swimmer but is not very strong or confident in deep water

**A strong swimmer:** My child is a strong swimmer and is very confident in deep water

I understand that my child/children will be travelling to and from the venue by private bus or car.

I can help with transport ..... I have seatbelts for ..... children.

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Signed parent / care giver

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