REMINDERS

**NEWSLETTER – Monday 13th October 2014 - Term 4, Week 2**

**SHIP OF FOOLS Water saving session** - Students had a great time learning how and why we should save our precious water during this fun and engaging dramatic presentation.

Active After School Sport – Tuesdays: This Tuesday will see a lawn bowls catch up session from 2 - 3 pm, followed by beach walks at Wanda Beach Salamander Bay (Grandparents day invite with afternoon tea) and Boat Harbour. Friday surfing will start in Wk. 3 at One Mile beach 3.30 - 4.30pm. K-2 have been invited to participate in beach cricket, beach volley ball and beach relay races etc, which Laura and Megan will take.

After surfing/ HSC finishes OZTAG will commence with Jess and Sam at school from 3 - 4pm. Please complete the Surf School Registration form which must be brought along before students can participate in
surfing. Younger students need to have a parent permission form to attend the beach games and have their parent make arrangements for transportation to One Mile beach.

Bunnings BBQ THANK YOU- Thank you to our wonderful parents and staff who were able to give up some of their time on Saturday to help with our BBQ. We made $786 clear profit which is a great effort!

NEW COLA - We’re sure you will agree our new Cola looks grand! After the removal of the old tree it was obviously a very hot area. It will be used for student learning and car parking when necessary.

THE WATER CATCHERS- Filming session this Thursday afternoon 1-5pm for our budding script writers and actors! (Elijah, Micah, Jasmine, Myles). The best 9 scripts in the Region were selected (which included us!) and our script will be turned into a film and showcased on the Hunter Water website. Mrs Elliott will inform those children involved on necessary costumes and equipment. They need to be collected from school at 5pm. WOW! What an experience! You and your friends can vote for your favourite and the winner will be named at a private screening at the end of the school year. We could win $10,000 for a conservation project for our school! Visit the Water Catcher’s website; thewatercatchers.com.au

SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME - Mon 10th Nov - Fri 21st Nov from 11.15am to 12pm each day for two weeks. We received bus quotes which were very expensive for the 10 days and many parents are unavailable to assist with transport. We will try and arrange the sessions differently this year. We envisage taking K - 2 only and any other weaker swimmers in the older group. The rest will stay back at school with Mrs Elliott. We contacted the PCYC to see if they can provide a mini bus for the students who attend at a minimal cost and we are still waiting to hear back. This can take 12 students plus teacher. We will still need a parent to drive a car and transport any additional K - 3 students. Could you please let us know if you can help? Otherwise even fewer students can attend intensive swimming lessons and this would be a real shame. We will have a swimming fun session on the last Fri 21st and BBQ for K - 6 if we can organise parents to assist with transport on that day only. The cost of pool entry is $2.80 per day. Please complete the swimming permission note indicating if your child will be participating in the swimming scheme and if you can assist with transport for 4 children on a particular day.

Primary unit of work for term 4 - If a Tree Falls in a Rainforest - Will you hear it? Primary will be visiting our local Nursery (Planttrade) to view rainforest plants and learn how to make their own terrarium on Tuesday 21st Oct at 2pm. Please complete the permission form indicating transport availability.

Kindergarten Orientation/transition days
This term we will be welcoming back our new Kindergarten students for next year. They will be joining us for 4 additional visits where they will be partnered with their buddies, become more familiar with the school, and develop friendships. The first of these sessions will be held on Thursday 6th November 2014 from 9:30-11:00 and will give teachers the chance to get to know students and their families. The other 3 visits will be on Thursday 13th, 20th and 27th of November from 1:30-3:00. During these sessions, the new Kindergarten students will be joining the current K/1/2 class for fun activities and games.

CULTURAL PROJECT - View www.BobsFarmHistoryTour.weebly.com if anyone is interested in looking and assisting with ideas and information. We have had 175 hits which is GREAT!

General Permission to Publish – Attached to Wk. 10 newsletter were permission notes for publishing for your child/children. Please read, sign and return form to the office ASAP. We have sent further ones to students who lost theirs….
**Book Sales** – Books and Gifts Direct are selling books through the front office. Just stop by the office and have a look at all the great items on sale at very reasonable prices.

**P & C News**

Christmas time is fast approaching and Presentation night for the school is upon us. We are again looking to organise hampers for our raffle for the Presentation night. We would like to thank all the generous and supportive families who, over the years, have donated some wonderful items for our hampers. This year however, we would like to try something a little different for our Christmas raffle hampers. We have adopted themes for each hamper and would love for each family to donate a little something to a specific hamper if possible. We are hoping that by doing it this way we won’t be doubling up on prizes and will have some fantastic hampers to raffle off. It would be great if you could kindly donate something for the hamper that you have been allocated. Below is a table detailing which hamper your family has been kindly asked to donate something to. **Any donations can be handed in at the school office.** Thank you again for all your support and contributions to raise much needed funds for our little school.

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<th>Wine and Chocolates Hamper (Suggestions – White or red wine, dessert wine and chocolates)</th>
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**Bunning’s BBQ Saturday 11th October**

Thank you to all our loyal supporters who turned up or assisted in the background to help with our Bunnings BBQ on Saturday. We had a great day and raised over……..for our school. Well done!

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**Parent Permission Form for students attending Surf School and beach games as part of Active After School communities program on Fridays 3.30-4.45pm starting 24th October**

I hereby give my **K – 2** child/ren……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..permission to participate in beach games for AASCP on 3 x Fridays beginning Fri 24th Oct to Fri 7th Nov at 3.30pm to 4.45pm. They will not be swimming.

My **3 - 6** child/ren………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………have permission to participate in Port Stephens Surf School on 3 x Fridays beginning Fri 24th Oct to Fri 7th Nov at 3.30pm to 4.45pm.

I can help with transport ………I can transport ………children including my own children.

I cannot help with transport but my child will be travelling with ………………………………………………………………………………………………

Signed……………………………………………………………Date…………………………………………
Killarney Heights Morning Tea

Yes I can provide………………………………………for morning tea to share with 34 visiting students from Killarney Heights PS Band members. Please send in on Wednesday.

Name ...........................................................Signed...........................................

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BOBS FARM PLANTTRADE EXCURSION Yr. 3 – 6

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………….to attend the Planttrade Nursery on Tuesday 21st Oct at 2pm. Travel will be by private transport.

Yes I can help with transport for………students

No I can’t help with transport. ……

I will pick my child up from Planttrade at 3pm to attend the Grandparents walk at Wanda Beach …….
We have……. grandparents who will be attending the walk…Y/N
No, I want my child/ren to go back to school to catch the bus home…….

Signed...........................................................Date...........................................

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