REMINDERS
Mon 10th - Fri 21st Nov Special Swimming Scheme at Tomaree Aquatic Centre 11:15 - 12pm
Thurs 13th, 20th & 27th Nov - Kinder Orientation 1.30 – 3.00 pm.
Tues 18th Nov Radio 100.9, 9.30am
Thurs 20th Nov Catchment Crawl for 5 primary students
Thurs 27th Nov Refugees in BF History - BF hall Yr. 3-6 12pm-1pm
Tues 2nd Dec Scripture Christmas puppet show
Wed 3rd Dec Santa On the Oval at Stockton K-6 excursion
Sat 6th Dec All Saints Christmas Fair, Bobs Farm singers 2-3pm- see Flyer
Tues 9th Dec Yr. 6 Farewell lunch
Mon 15th Dec Presentation evening/BBQ/ Reports/ play 5-7pm
Tues 16th Dec Movie Day (Nelson Bay-No Good Very Bad Day) and Beach picnic 10am-2pm
Wed 17th Dec Last day students/ clean-up day.
Thurs 18th Dec Staff development day

Outdoor Movie Night – Many thanks to Shea, Danny, Dale and Leo for all their organising and hard work at our very successful Movie Night on Friday. It was a fantastic night.

Active After School Sport – Surfing has now finished. We will be having Oz tag this Thursday afternoon only until further notice.

THE WATER CATCHERS - Don’t forget that you and your friends can vote for us. The winner will be named at a private screening at the end of the school year which we can attend. We hope and expect every family and their friends connected to our school to vote! I have sent a notice to Port Stephens radio 100.9 to do some promotion for us. If you can listen in for us that would be good. (we can’t at school!)
We could win $10,000 for a conservation project! Visit the Water Catcher’s website; thewatercatchers.com.au
We will travel by car to the private viewing at the King St Cinema in Newcastle on Fri 28th Nov. They have 40 tickets set aside for us! Note closer to date. Wish us luck!

SANTA on the Oval - Wed 3rd Dec 10 K-6 - We will be attending Santa on the Oval at The Stockton Centre from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Santa will arrive by rescue helicopter at 11.30 and give out bags of goodies to our children. Other entertainment is provided by clowns and elves. Items to bring; packed lunch, school hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Please complete permission note indicating transport help for the day.
**SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME** - Mon 10th Nov - Fri 21st Nov from 11.15am to 12pm each day for two weeks. 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. Please let us know if you can assist with transportation on the last Friday of the scheme. Primary students will have a separate permission note and pay their pool entry to BFPS on the last Friday. The kiosk will be open for them to purchase ice blocks etc. (but not lollies). We will have a free BBQ lunch. Time will be from 10.30am pick up from school and leave at around 1pm from pool.

**Welcome to Miss Rees:** This week Miss Bella Rees will begin her 4 week teaching placement in the K12 class. Miss Rees will be working with Mrs Allen in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Science and PE, as well assisting with our class performance for the end-of-year presentation night. We are sure that Miss Rees will have a wonderful time at Bobs Farm Public School.

**K12 Presentation item:** K12 have been doing a wonderful job learning their lines for our class play. Please ensure that students continue to practice their lines at home, and as mentioned on the note sent home, students need to keep their script in their bags each day, so that we can practice more frequently in class. Costume notes have also been sent home. We will be having dress rehearsals in week 10 (Monday 8th - Friday 12th December), so please ensure that your child/ren has their costume ready before then. If you have your child’s outfit organised already, I am able to store this safely at school. Please see me ASAP if you are having any difficulty with organising costumes, so that I have adequate time to assist you. Many thanks, Mrs Allen

**K-1-2 Rainforest project - Due Monday 24th - Friday 28th November.**
There are two weeks left for students to complete their class project. We have already seen a wonderful project presented by Grace, and I am hearing great things about the progress of others.

**Swimming School - Requirements**
All students participating in swimming lessons (K12 plus some primary students) will be required to have the following items with them each day for the next two weeks.

- Swimmers (can be worn underneath uniform in morning)
- Underwear (especially if wearing swimmers to school)
- Towel (sometimes 2 can be useful - 1 for poolside, and 1 for drying)
- Plastic bag/Swim bag (for placing wet items in)
- Goggles (optional) - Part of the swimming lessons involve students opening their eyes under water (in an emergency situation, children do not usually have goggles on). For those who require goggles for medical reasons (eye sensitivity) please ensure that goggles are fitted properly prior to the lessons. Teachers do not have time to adjust goggles prior to lessons or during.
- Sunblock - Please ensure that your child is wearing sunblock when they leave home in the morning. The school will carry some sunblock with them for re-application if necessary.
- Sun shirts/protective clothing - Some students will have their lessons in the covered pool, while others will be in the large uncovered pool. For sun safety, it is recommended that students wear a sun shirt/rashy.
- Ear plugs - If your child is prone to ear infections, or needs ear plugs for other reasons, please provide these for your child and let teachers know. We can help students with this if needed.
- No valuables at pool (eg. Jewellery – secure sleepers are ok)
- Hair tied back (swimming caps for fringes (including boys)
- Extra food – students burn a lot of energy and get extra hungry.

**Food scraps for chickens** – If any families have any food scraps they can bring in to feed our chickens they will be greatly appreciated.

**CULTURAL PROJECT** - View [www.BobsFarmHistoryTour.weebly.com](http://www.BobsFarmHistoryTour.weebly.com) if anyone is interested in looking and assisting with ideas and information

**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.
**Catchment Crawl** - Some Primary students previously had the opportunity to attend a catchment crawl. We now have another session we can attend for 5 more primary students. They will need a parent or two to attend and meet at Grahamstown day for a day of environmental activities. Highly recommended! Note attached.

**All Saints Christmas Fair** - Sat 6th Dec 2-3pm. As discussed at P&C meeting, students are invited to attend and there we will sing our practiced songs to the elderly. It is not compulsory but children will get a free Santa photo and gift for their efforts. As well our school could win $200 cash which we could put to good use for the students! Attendance note closer to date.

**P & C News**

**Outdoor Cinema Night** – Thank you to all the students and parents who were able to support our first Cinema night on Friday evening. It was a great success! Thank you to Shea and Danny for setting the night up so well and organising everything for the children and parents who attended.

Thank you to all the people who have already brought in items for the Christmas hampers.

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**Catchment Crawl 20th November**

I am interested in my child/children .................................................. attending the Catchment Crawl on November 20th.

I am able to help with transport and can take .....................children including my own.

I am interested in joining in on the Catchment Crawl as well. .............

Signed ..........................................................

**Santa On the Oval Excursion Permission Note**

I hereby give permission for my child/ren ..................................................to attend Santa on the Oval on Wednesday 3rd December. We will be leaving school at 9.30am and then departing the Stockton Centre at 12.30pm.

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

Signed ..........................................................
Primary Swimming Day note for Friday 21st November

I hereby give permission for my child/children .......................................................... to attend the school swim day on Friday 21st November.

We will be leaving the school at 10.30am and then departing the pool at 1pm.

I can / cannot assist with transport. I can transport ............children including my own.

Signed .............................................................................

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Radio 100.9 morning, Tuesday 18th November, 2014

I am interested in my child/children ..................................................attending the BFPS Radio 100.9 morning on Tuesday 18th November.

I understand that transport to and from the station in Salamander Bay will be organised by each family and we will meet Mrs Elliott there at 9.15am.

Signed.............................................................................