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NEWSLETTER – Monday 17th Nov 2014 - Term 4, Week 7

REMINDERS
Mon 17th- Fri 21st Nov Special Swimming Scheme at Tomaree Aquatic Centre 11:15 - 12pm
Thurs, 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
Tues 25th Nov      Carlingford High Band visit 10-11am P&C meeting 7pm
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 $9 PP) and Beach picnic 10am-2pm
Wed 17th Dec       Last day students/ clean-up day.
Thurs 18th Dec     Staff development day

Tree removal - A tree that was dying behind the primary classroom had to be removed on Thursday. Upon cutting it down the tree removalists said it was rotted from the inside (that was why all the leaves were dying) and it was a danger to leave it there.

RADIO SESSION TOMORROW - Tuesday 18th 9.15am-10am. Thanks to Dior, Sarah, Christopher, and Connor for getting their notes in. Please make sure children involved have something prepared to refer to eg fun activities at school this term….swimming lessons, student teachers, Water Catches filming, catchment crawl etc. Could all parents take their children to the station and bring them and Mrs Elliott back to school.

Swim Bus – Due to unforeseen circumstances we no longer have the Carrington bus available (mechanical problems). After much ringing around, Soldiers Point Bowling Club has kindly hired their mini bus out to us. Barry will pick it up and drive on Tuesday, followed by Ben Bassett on Wednesday and Thursday. We still require another parent to drive remaining students as it is only a 12 seater bus. Please ring Megan on 0447201312 ASAP if you able to help out. We don’t want to leave any children behind!

Parent needed – Do we have a parent or two available to work with a student group in the gardens on Wednesday afternoon. The weeks are getting away on us and the chickens are eating our plants again. Also if anyone has old carpet that could be used as weed cover, it would be wonderful.

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! Wish us luck! Have not been told time yet. 5pm?

SANTA on the Oval – Wed 3rd Dec 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.

Whole School pool fun day - Fri 21st November with a free BBQ. Please get your permission notes in and parents please indicate if you can help with transport on that day. Students not involved in Swim Scheme will have to pay their pool entry of $2.80 to BFPS on the last Friday. The kiosk will be open for them to purchase ice blocks etc. (but not lollies). Time will be from 10.30am pick up from school and leave at around 1pm from pool.

Farewell Mrs Parker and welcome to Miss Hall – University students on Mrs Elliott’s class.

Carlingford High School Band visit - Tues 25th Nov at 10am. Up to 70 high school students will converge onto BFPS for another beautiful orchestral session for our pleasure and musical appreciation. Please send in some extra morning tea on the day. Thanks. Parents welcome!

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.

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 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 – Thank you to Connor, Sarah, Lizzie, Maisie and Dior for showing your enthusiasm and getting your notes in. You will have a fantastic day! Our student teacher Lauren Hall will be attending to supervise our students.

All Saints Christmas Choir – Withdrawn due to lack of time.

P & C News
Next P&C meeting at 7pm on Tues 25th Nov in school library

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

What is an ARCO?

An ARCO (Anti-Racism Contact Officer) is a member of staff to whom parents, students, teaching and non-teaching staff can bring complaints to about racism. Every school is required to have an ARCO.

The Role of the ARCO
On receiving a complaint the ARCO assesses the possibility of resolving the complaint informally and attempts to do so if appropriate.
The ARCO assists in writing the complaint, provides advice about the process and the complainant’s rights and refers the matter to the delegate (Principal) who will manage the appropriate complaints procedure if necessary. Complaints will be referred to the delegate in the situation that the ARCO is unable to resolve the situation, in more serious matters or if the complaint requests. For matters which may involve the Principal, a Department of Education and Communities Representative will be nominated as a delegate. The ARCO at Bobs Farm Public School is Kim Anderson. She can be contacted in person at school or via email: kim.e.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au

At Bobs Farm Public School we will be guided by the Department of Education and Communities Anti-Racism Policy. If you require a copy of this policy please contact me. Thank you, Kim Anderson.

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 ……………………………………………………..

WATER CATCHERS SCREENING- Fri 28th Nov

The following family member will be attending the Water Catchers short film screening at King St Cinemas

We will meet at BFPS and travel by private car to the event.

Signed……………………………………

Date………………………………