Emergency primary phone-49822079 (As this phone is in the Primary classroom, please only use for emergencies when our secretary is not at the school).

**NEWSLETTER –Tuesday 10th June 2014 - Term 2, Week 6**

**REMINDERS**

- **Tues 10th June**
  - AASCP- Basketball 2.15pm-3.15pm,

- **Thurs 12th June**
  - AASCP- Sam and Jess- Games from 3.15-4.15pm

- **Wed 11th June**
  - K-6 Gold miners day at BFPS- wear yellow!

- **Fri 13th June**
  - Zumba program - 12pm $14pp for 7 weeks lessons

- **Wed 18th June**
  - Inter School PSSA soccer game with Fern Bay PS 12 pm

- **Wed 25th June**
  - Pyjama morning/ breakfast/ ½ yearly reports issued

- **Thurs 26th June**
  - Parent Teacher Interviews- see booking note

- **Fri 27th June**
  - Last day term 2

- **Sun 27th July**
  - BUNNINGS BBQ by BFPS

- **Sat 23rd Aug**
  - **Trivia Night** at Nelson Bay Golf Club- changed date so you can all get there!!

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE.** - we would like to survey our parents and find out who might require before or after school care for their children who attend our school either this year or next year. If there is enough response we will try and gather more information and work out a way this could occur for our school. This could be with a registered business or a local community member. Please complete the note at the end of the newsletter.

**ARBORIST REPORT.** We had to assess the condition of our school trees recently due to DEC regulations. Due to the site inspection and the hazardous tree audit it was found that 2 trees on site have major structural damage that represent danger to people and property over and above the normal risks associated with large trees and must be removed. The trees include the old Swamp Paper Bark (near the front garage) and a Gravillea Robusta (middle Silky Oak behind classrooms) Students have been directed to stay away from these areas.

**Surveys**- Please complete the very simple survey we have requested from you and return with your child who will receive a thank you gesture from staff!

**Parent Teacher interviews**- This will be on the last Thursday of term. Please book a time by returning the note at the end of this newsletter. This is an opportunity for teachers to discuss how your child is progressing in their learning at school. It is also a time when parents can discuss any educational issues or concerns of their child or make suggestions on how we can both meet their child’s needs further.

**GOLD MINERS DAY** Wed 11th June- Students may come out of uniform wearing yellow or gold coloured clothing, hats, flowers in their hair etc. We will be cooking damper on the BBQ and having a Gold quiz, gold miner relays etc.

**Celebrating International Year of Crystallography** Yr 3-6 students have started their crystal growing in our classroom as part of their simple chemistry experiments. Crystals are everywhere, just think of our daily lives. Sugar, salt, diamonds and emeralds are crystals and LCD computers and TV screens work because of the many crystals inside. These experiments fulfil the NSW syllabus aims for K_6 of developing competence, confidence and responsibility in science and technology. AND its FUN!
PLANET SAVERS DAY - Newcastle Wetlands report by Sarah O’Donnell. See attached. Thanks Sarah!

PUBLIC SPEAKING – Well done to all our students who put a great effort into their public speaking session. Teachers were very happy with everyone’s work. There will be another session later.

Premiers Spelling Bee - Our school has registered for the annual Spelling Bee competition, so start encouraging your child to improve their spelling skills by logging onto spelling websites, www.schoolatoz.com.au or download the APP on your smartphone for them to practice. Best spellers will be chosen to go to Regional later next term. This is a great opportunity for All students to improve their spelling.

Home Liaison Officer visit – Today we had a visit from the Regional Home Liaison Officer. He was mostly satisfied with the children’s attendance rate with 7 children even having 100% attendance! There is a reward at the end of the year for all children with 100% attendance so please keep up the good work. The attendance rate in 2013 was 93.7% an increase over the previous two years however we still have three children with less than 90% attendance so far this year. Parents please only keep your children at home if they are sick or have unavoidable family obligations. Appointments should be made outside of school time if possible.

Canberra/ snow Excursion - 19th-22nd August 2014 - deposits need to be up to date so we can be organised. Please see our direct debit bank details above or the front office to make a payment. All people attending need to pay $200pp by this stage.

Friday gardening club - is on this Friday after school until 4.15pm. Any keen students who enjoy participating in our gardens are invited. Thank you to Shea and Leo for their time.

P & C NEWS

Our Next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 24th June at 3.30pm. We have a visiting speaker on Hygiene
We highly recommend parent/carer attendance. I’ll bring a plate to share!

Our TRIVIA night is being re-organised for 23/8/14 – at Nelson Bay Golf Club! Please keep this date available in your social diary!! It will be a great fun night for parents and friends. Organise a table at $15pp. Come along to our next P&C meeting to find out more. Thank you to Rachael O’Connor for putting a great amount of time and effort into organising and gathering fantastic prizes for a great night. All money raised goes back to your children! See Flyer to put on your fridge!

ZUMBA

Enclosed $...............................................for child/ren.................................................................
Signed........................................................................Date..............................................................
BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Name ...........................................
Number of children requiring service ...........................................
Before school .......................... time .......................... After school .......................... time ..........................
Signed ........................................... Date ...........................................

Parent/ Teacher Interview times
Name ...........................................
Child/ren ...........................................
Prefered time for K-2 8.30am-12pm ..............
Prefered time for Yr 3-6 11.30am-4.45pm ..............
I prefer a phone interview at this time ..............

School Evaluations - Could parents write two/three words to describe; We will compile a WORDLE at our next P&C meeting.

Count Me In Too Maths ...........................................
Active After School Sports Programs ...........................................
Kitchen Garden programs ...........................................
Extra Curricula ...........................................
Student welfare ...........................................
Staff ...........................................

........................................................................................................