WELCOME TO TERM 3!

REMINDERS
Mon 14th July Staff Development day
Tues 15th July Students return to school
Sun 27th July BUNNINGS BBQ by BFPS
Mon 28th July Education Week/ Book Week
Wed 13th Aug Solo recycling session Yr. 3-6
Fri 15th Aug Jump Rope for Heart JUMP OFF!
Mon 19th- Fri 22nd Aug- Canberra/snow excursion!
Sat 23rd Aug Trivia Night at Nelson Bay Golf Club- changed date so you can all get there!
Mon 25th Aug National Literacy/ Numeracy week
Fri 29th Aug Port Stephens Woodwork group workshop K-6 $8
Wed 3rd Sept Life Education Van
Sun 7th Sept Father’s Day
Week 9 Regional Spelling Bee Finals
Thurs 18th Sept Touch Football Finals- Sydney
Fri 19th September Last day term 3

Welcome back to another busy term at Bobs Farm Public School. We are pleased to welcome Ruby Rose in Yr. 1 to our K-2 classroom. Thank you to the parents and students who were able to attend the informal picnic at Taylors Beach on the first Tuesday of the holidays to meet and greet some of our new students for 2015! You will have all noticed the absence of some of our large trees in our school which were removed by DEC during the vacation. We anticipate adding some more plants over the term to compensate. We will also be receiving some free fruit trees from Fleming’s Nurseries as part of our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, which primary students will enthusiastically be part of again this term (Menus next week to start in week 3)

We hope you have all recharged your batteries ready for a great term ahead!

See photos of tree loppers during holidays

AASCP- Begins on Tuesday and Thursdays beginning week 3. Tuesday will be ten pin bowling at Salamander Superstrike from 3.45- 4.45pm and Thursday afternoons will be Lawn Bowls at BFPS from 3.15- 4.15pm. Parent transport is necessary for Ten Pin Bowling. New permission forms will need to be completed.
Message from Mrs Allen-

Welcome back to school everyone, and a special welcome to Ruby-Rose and her family who are joining our Bobs Farm family this week. I would also like to welcome Ms Jessica Stefanish to our school, who will be completing her Teaching Internship in K12 this term.

Ms Stefanish and I have a lot of fun activities planned for K12 this term, and cannot wait to get started.

A few reminders:

*Hats*- Even though it is cold students still need hats EVERYDAY, not only for lunch and recess play, but also for class PE and sport lessons. Student will also require hats if they intend participating in AASCP. Please make sure all hats are labelled with students names.

*Water bottles*- K12 know how important it is to stay hydrated so not many students will need reminding to bring their water bottles each day, but please label all drink bottles as several un-named ones were found over the holidays and subsequently thrown out.

*Portfolio folders*- Several students have still not brought a portfolio folder to school. We have been collecting some pieces of work and photographs from the past two terms, and it is lovely to have these items displayed in a plastic folder. Please ask your child, or check with me, if you are unsure if your child has a folder at school.

*Jumpers/Jackets*- Please make sure all jumpers and jackets are labelled with your child’s name to ensure that they can be returned to them if lost.

Count Me In Too

Thank you to Lynda and Kirstie who have volunteered their time again this term to help with this fantastic program!

Many of you may have seen the post on facebook about Count Me In Too this term, and are wondering if it is something you can do? If this is you, please come up to the school and talk to me (Mrs Allen) and I can show you what is involved before you make your decision (I try to make it nice and easy). All activities are planned and all resources are provided. Groups are nice and small, so often there are no more than half a dozen students in each group. All we need are volunteers who have a little spare time.

CMIT Maths groups will be running on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12-12:30/12:45**, starting next week, and running until the second last week of term.

Please let me know ASAP if you are able to help, or would like to find out more.

Many thanks,

Mrs Allen

Jump Rope for Heart

We will be running Jump Rope for Heart this term. Each year we participate in this wonderful initiative run by the Heart Foundation, which helps to raise awareness of cardio-vascular health, as well as funds to support vital medical research. The students always enjoy the challenges of learning new skipping tricks, and showcasing their talents on our “Jump Off Day”. This program will officially be launched this Friday, with a representative from the Heart Foundation visiting the school. Friday afternoon students will be sent home with further information.

**Canberra Excursion – 19th-22nd August 2014** - For all children attending our 2014 Canberra excursion please see **additional information and full permission/medical notes which will be going home today**. The permission note will need to be completed and returned. All final payments need to be made ASAP.
Premiers Spelling Bee - Our school has registered for the annual Spelling Bee competition and it is getting close, 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 this term. This is a great opportunity for All students to improve their spelling. The password for the artsunit website is decade. Website is www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2014-premiers-spelling-bee

EDUCATION WEEK/BOOK WEEK/ National Literacy and Numeracy Week - Bobs Farm will combine all these different celebrations into one event. This will be scheduled for Tues 12th August from 12pm. We envisage cooking in the morning for visitors, followed by CMIT maths, spelloff, public speaking, food songs, reciting children’s poetry and eating! Keep the date free.

MS Readathon – Our school will be supporting the MS Readathon this year. To participate, students simply register online at www.msreadathon.org.au with their parent’s approval. Paper registration forms are also available at school. It is the responsibility of the students who register individually to organise and collect donations and complete the program by reading as much as possible throughout August. Everyone who completes the program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and an opportunity to receive some great reading awards. An information sheet is attached to the newsletter.

P & C NEWS

Our Next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 22nd July at 3.30pm in library. Agenda includes; Excursion details, Bunnings BBQ, School planning. All welcome.

Canteen News – attached to the newsletter is an updated menu and volunteers roster for your attention. Please note the canteen is still only open on Fridays.

Time Banking – Could all parents give their Time Banking hours in to Suzanne ASAP please!!!

Our TRIVIA night has been 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’Connell 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! Tickets are available now from the office!

Bunnings BBQ Sunday 27th July

Bunnings BBQ is getting extremely close and we need volunteers on the day. We need at least 3 people for 2.5 hour time blocks. Please put your name in the column and time frame that you would be available to assist. This is an awesome fundraising opportunity and all money raised is going towards extending the school canteen to allow for the Stephanie Alexander Garden/Kitchen programme to grow in our school.

Please contact Kirstie on 0409017071 if you have any questions. If you can assist for more than a 2.5 hour block that would be great, just fill out all squares that would be applicable.
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**Girls Quick Kicks**

Register Now for Quick Kicks

A fun, relaxed football experience for GIRLS ONLY aged 5-12 commencing in Term 4. All skill levels are welcome and you receive a free ball and a unique design Quick Kicks jersey.

Registrations open 1st August