NEWSLETTER – Monday 28th July 2014 - Term 3, Week 3

Education Week - 60 years of Celebration.

REMINDERS

Mon 28th July Trivia Night Meeting 3.15pm in library
Tues 29th July AASCP - Lawn Bowls x7 weeks at BFPS 3.15pm - 4.10pm
Wed 30th July SAKGP - Cooking program, parent helpers needed from 12.30pm
Fri 1st Aug AASCP - Ten Pin Bowling x 7 weeks 3.45pm-4.45pm Salamander
Tues 12th Aug Radio 100.9 session. School Open Day.
Wed 13th Aug Solo recycling session Yr. 3-6
Fri 12th Sept Jump Rope for Heart JUMP OFF!
Mon 19th- Fri 22nd Aug - Canberra/snow excursion!
Sat 23rd Aug Trivia Night at Nelson Bay Golf Club - get your tickets!
Mon 25th Aug National Literacy/Numeracy week
Fri 29th Aug Port Stephens Woodwork group workshop K- 6 $8
Wed 3rd Sept Life Education Van $9 but subsidised to $5pp by school
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

BUNNINGS BBQ - Thank you so much to our wonderful helpers and organisers for our Bunning’s BBQ session on Sunday. A special thank you to Kirstie Jolly, our P&C President for her organising and also to Ben, Matt, Dale, Darren Wilks, Laura, Shelley and Tim, Rachel and Des, Lynda, Suzanne, Michelle and of course the children who helped. We raised $770. See photos on our Facebook page as well.

SCHOOL SURVEYS - Please complete the surveys sent to parent email addresses, Facebook for others and attached survey today. These surveys assist the staff to evaluate what we do at our school and establish school strategic directions and key educational improvements. It is important to involve students, staff, parents and key community group members for Bobs Farm PS, particularly in times of educational reform. Mrs Elliott will be establishing a focus group to work together on our 2015-17 school plans using the survey responses.

RADIO 100.9- Tues 12th Aug at 9.15am - The children doing their public Speaking at the next level are asked to go on Radio 100.9 to broadcast it. WOW! Please make sure your children are well rehearsed and organised to do this. We meet at Port Stephens radio at 9.15am.
**Tomaree High Taster Lessons for BFPS Yr. 6** – We can go with Anna Bay PS on 13th Aug or Soldiers Pt on 3rd Sept. Please let Mrs Elliott know which you would prefer.

**Farewell for Evan- Friday 1st of August** - This Friday, we will be saying farewell to Evan and his family as they prepare to move to the Philippines. We hope that they have enjoyed their time with us as part of our Bobs Farm family, and we wish them all the best as they embark on this new adventure. We will be holding a little celebration on Friday during our recess break, if everyone could please bring in a healthy snack to share.

**Homework** - K-6 will have homework every night until week 9. Please ensure your child completes and returns their folders each Friday for marking.

**AASCP- Begins on Tuesday and Fridays this week, Week 3** - It will now be Fridays at Salamander Superstrike from 3.45- 4.45pm from 1st Aug, and Tues afternoons will be Lawn Bowls at BFPS from 3.15- 4.10pm. Parent transport is necessary for Ten Pin Bowling. Permission forms will need to be completed for the Ten Pin Bowling as it is out of school and we need to know who will be attending.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program Starts in week 3 after CMIT**. The scrumptious menu includes; Wed 30th July- Brown Rice, celery and orange salad, Indian flatbread, potato, leak and chive soup. Wed 6th Aug- Spicy red lentil soup, fettuccine with Salsa Verde. Wed 13th Aug- Peas, beetroot and feta salad, Broad bean dip, Linguine with broccoli, chili and lemon sauce. There will be no cooking Week 6 due to Canberra trip. Wed 27th Aug- leafy salad, Mum’s silver beet, potato and tomato curry and Indian flatbread. **Cost is $10 pp** so Mrs Elliott can buy the ingredients the night before. We will also be cooking afternoon tea for parents for our open day as well.

**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** – We will be sending out final invoices this week. Please make sure you are paid up to date. Phone numbers for Accommodation venues; Marlborough Motor Inn 6452 1133 Canberra Carotel 6241 1377

**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](http://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](http://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. We have been timetabled to do Radio 100.9 at 9.15am. We now envisage cooking on Monday morning for visitors, then CMIT maths, a spelloff, public speaking, food songs, reciting children’s poetry and eating! Keep the date free. Parents are asked to bring a plate of food to share as well. A flyer is being circulated.

**MS Readathon** – Our school will be supporting the MS Readathon this year. To participate, students simply register online at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://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
We are having a Trivia Night meeting on Mon afternoon 28th July at 3.15pm in the library to just talk Trivia Night details. Please try and attend and support those parents who support you and your children at our school.

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! Tickets are available now from the office!

Cooking Fees
Names of primary children………………………………………………
Enclosed is $10 pp for Term 3 cooking classes……………..
I can assist with cooking at 12.40 v- 1.40pm……….
Signed..................................................Date..........................

AASCP Ten Pin Bowling
I hereby give my child …………………………………………………permission to attend AASCP Ten Pin Bowling on Fridays for 7 weeks 3.45 - 4.45 pm starting on the 1st Aug.

I understand travel will be by private car and travel will organised by parents.

I will transporting my own child. ……

My child will travelling with ………………………………………………

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