NEWSLETTER –Monday 9th February 2015- Term 1 Week 3

REMINDERS

- Tues 10th Feb: PSSA Cricket trials – BFPS 10am plus BBQ!
- Tues 10th Feb: P&C meeting 3.15pm in library and AASCP-games for children whose families are going to the P & C meeting.
- Fri 13th Feb: CANTEEN Friday helpers needed!
- Tues 17th Feb: Health Screening- Kindergarten
- Wed 18th Feb: Scripture starts; see note.
- Thurs 19th Feb: Gymnastics program K-6 Free!
- Tues 24th Feb 3.15pm: Parent meeting- Healthy Lunch Box presentation
- Tues March 3rd: P&C meeting AGM School Library 7pm
- Mon 30th March: Japanese students visit
- Thurs 2nd April: Last day term 1 Proposed Hunter Valley Gardens excursion

TOMORROW-BBQ Tuesday lunch K-6 - plus visiting PSSA cricketers! Thank you to our P&C who will be helping to provide this to our visitors and our own students. Our students were given a note on Friday for your information. Our school is hosting the PSSA selection cricket trials and to further promote our beautiful school we thought it would be nice to make a BBQ available to all. Good luck to Myles, Rory Baylie and Scott!

New Kindergarten students – In last week’s newsletter we didn’t put Tommy on our list of new Kindergarten students. Sorry Tommy, we are so glad you are at Bobs Farm School!

CANTEEN - We urgently need parents to assist with helping in our canteen on Fridays. Please help!

School Leadership Elections: Congratulations to our Yr. 6 leaders who did a great job in their public speaking on Friday. Our new School Captains are Myles and Sarah and Vice Captains are Maisie and Connor. Baylie is our new Peer Support Leader. A Leadership day has been organised for our 5 Yr. 6 students and one parent to attend in May in Newcastle.

POOL DAY at Tomaree Aquatic Centre - The students had a great fun day. See photos.

Thank you – to the Alchin family for looking after our chickens over the holidays.
Reading Helpers - We will be organising parent helpers to listen to students read each day from next week if possible. If you can spare one hour per week, all our children will benefit. It doesn’t need any expertise, just a responsive ear and reassurance. Please complete the note at the end of the newsletter indicating if and when you can assist this term. Thanks.

Scripture Classes – We will be having Scripture classes again on Wednesday this year. If you would prefer your child not to go to these classes please send a note into the school and we will give them some other work to do while these classes are on.

Young Teen Talk – Salt Ash Public School will be running the program “Young Teen Talk” again this year for Year 6 students. It will be at the school on Friday 29th May. Please speak to Mrs Elliott for more details.

Homework for Year 3-6 – Read Fairytales at home so they can analyse fairytale characters and be ready to play ‘Celebrity Heads” at school.

Hi Carers / Parents of Senior Class
This term for Science, the students have been given a Design and Make task. This task involves the Design of a dwelling place of a character from a ‘fairy-tale’ / ‘fantasy’ story i.e. ‘house’, ‘hut’, ‘shack’, ‘cave’, ‘bridge’ etc. This dwelling place is to be primarily constructed from recycled materials i.e. cereal/shoe box, ice cream/yogurt containers, ice block sticks etc. The size of the project including yard/surrounds is to be presented on approx. an A4 size (20cm x 30cm) piece of cardboard. The students will be selecting and designing this week, so will have ideas of what materials they will need to collect and bring to school to start on the ‘Make’ section in a couple of weeks. Any Questions feel free to talk or ring me at Bobs Farm School on Tuesdays.

Kind Regards
Michael Williams

Note from Mrs Nye-
Hello Bobs Farm PS Families,
My name is Karen Nye and I am delighted to be joining the very talented staff at Bobs Farm PS as class teacher alongside Mrs Margan (Anderson) in K-1-2 for term 1 and 2 during Mrs Allen’s maternity leave.
I will be teaching your children on Wednesdays and Fridays and continuing the inspired learning experiences on offer at this wonderful school. I look forward to meeting you all and sharing your child’s exciting lifelong learning journey by nurturing their innate curiosity."

SCHOOL FEES - School fees for the year are $40 for 1 child, $70 for two children and $100 for three or more children at Bobs Farm Public School for the year. This covers some of the costs associated with photocopying, art and craft supplies and a myriad of other things government funding does not provide us with.

MATHLETICS – Bobs Farm PS continue to use this interactive online maths program as it is such an exceptional program. Students will be uploaded for 2014 upon payments made. Costs are still only $30. Mathletics is a web based learning program, which integrates home and school learning via the internet. Mathletics covers the K-Year 12 Australian Maths Curriculum and is currently used in over 1000 Australian schools, with more than 30,000 students accessing the site every day! By using a unique user name and password, your child can access the program 24 hours a day so we encourage parents to take an interest in their child’s learning at home with this. To gain the greatest understanding of how Mathletics can benefit your child, we ask you to spend time looking at the program with your child. To view Mathletics go to: www.mathletics.com.au.
Studyladder is also part of mathletics which we will be using this year.

All students will also be participating in a spelling component called Spellodrome. This will cost students $15.00 for the year and can also be accessed from home.
**NO HAT, NO PLAY** policy to be enforced in Term 1. Please make sure your children wear a school hat! Hats are available from our P&C at a cost of $16. Caps are not acceptable as ears are not covered.

**New parents please note:** we need a copy of your Drivers licence and 3rd Party insurance to assist with school excursions using private transport. It’s best to do this early in the year.

**P & C NEWS**

Our P & C are very involved in our school and would love to invite new parents to come along to whatever school functions and activities are being organised. There is a meeting tomorrow after school at 3.15 to discuss proposed excursions, sand mine updates, transport and fundraisers, March State Election Stall, Marsh Rd developments and our annual excursion. There will be free child minding with Jess and Sam. Come along and meet some other parents!

P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm in school library. All positions will be declared vacant. If you have an interest in a P&C position please text or email Kirstie Jolly on 0409017071 or kirstie.jolly@bigpond.com. Any items for general business that you wish to be discussed then please add them to the Agenda that will be held in the school office or text or email the item to Kirstie Jolly.

**Uniform orders** – If you would like to order a winter jacket or hat for your child please get your order in ASAP. See below.

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Uniform Order Form

Name:
Phone Number:
Email Address:

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**Canteen Helpers**

Name ………………………………………………… Phone …………………………………

I can volunteer once a ________________

☐ Term ☐ Month ☐ Fortnight

**Parent Helpers**

We are looking for parents helpers this year in all areas. If you have any special expertise that can help our school please let us know. It can mean anything from reading with the children to gardening or your special skill. (Don’t be coy!)

Special Skill: __________________________ Day/Time______________________________

Reading help ,________________________ Day/time ______________________________

Name:……………………………………………. Phone Number…………………………
SCHOOL FEES

Enclose is payment for my child/children ........................................... class .......... for:

Mathletics: $30 ............

Spellodrome: $15.00 (Yr 1-6) ............

Targeting Maths Books: $17.00(Selected students) ............

Soundworks: $7.00 K-5 ............

Literacy for Year 6 $7.00 ............

School fees ............

Total ............

Cooking will be school funded this term

Signature .................................................................
Come to our FREE Healthy Lunch Box Session

Date: Tuesday, 24th February  
Time: 3:15-4:00pm  
Venue: Bob's Farm Public School

Eating enough fruit and veg every day can help protect your kids against diseases including some forms of cancer. This popular session run by Cancer Council NSW as part of the Eat It To Beat It program will give you:

- New and exciting ideas for healthy lunch boxes your kids will love
- A Show Bag including a great healthy lunch box kit and planner
- Simple ways to get the whole family eating enough fruit & veg

Don’t miss out - registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 20/2/15 by calling or visiting the school front office.

During 2015 we will be evaluating Healthy Lunch Box sessions with the help of researchers from the University of Sydney. Participation in the evaluation is completely voluntary.