NEWSLETTER –Monday 2nd March 2015- Term 1 Week 6

REMINDERS

Tues March 3rd  P&C meeting AGM School Library 7pm
Thurs 5th March  Gymnastics program K-6 9-11am
Fri 6th March  CANTEEN helper Susan Clark
Sun 15th March  Proposed school working bee and BBQ breakfast.
Wed 25th March  Small School’s Athletics Carnival- Woodberry Oval
Sat 28th March  State Election booth stall and BBQ.
Wed 1st April  End term Hunter Valley Gardens excursion

P&C AGM- Tuesday 7pm at BFPS library - Please come along and get involved in decisions made about your child’s school. Discussion- annual excursion in term 4, working bee and Election stall in March, environmental programs, canteen.

Bobs Farm GYMNASTICS Program- Our school will provide a Free Gymnastics program to all K-6 students on Thursday mornings with The Hunter Sports Centre.

Cooking classes- Primary will have cooking classes with Mrs Elliott on Wednesday. Fairytale inspired recipes including Magic bean soup, Winter Garden vegie pies, porridge with brown sugar and apples will be tried and tested! Any parent who can help would be most appreciated. No cost! The children really enjoyed making their magic bean soup last week and all agreed it tasted delicious! (even something so healthy!)

YMCA Sponsored swimming lessons - Congratulations to Tommie and Christopher who were given a voucher for free swimming lessons by Tomaree YMCA Aquatic Centre.

Homework - congratulations on primary students’ efforts with their design and make fairy-tale house projects last week. They all look fabulous! Please ensure all areas of homework are completed with your child. Some younger students really need to learn their times tables as this is a foundation block to many other areas of maths. They should be written out each week in their HW folder. A times table chart in the bathroom is always useful!
Primary Maths texts - have arrived and were sent home on Friday. These texts will be used for both homework and Friday sessions in class. Please ensure your child completes a section each night for homework and returns the maths book with their Homework folder on a Friday. The level given is what the child can cope with at an easy level. However some children may need help reading questions so please as usual, take an interest in your child’s homework and help them. An invoice will be issued for each family.

Humane Society mobile phone recycling program – If any families have any mobile phones that they are not using please bring them into the school office and they will be sent off to the Humane Society to raise funds for the Protect the Mountain Gorilla Campaign.

Reading Helpers - We still need more help with reading. 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.

Homework for Year 3-6 – Please ensure parents take an interest and sign homework which is handed in each Friday in a display folder and marked over the weekend by teachers. Homework is an opportunity for parents to be involved in their child’s learning and should be a helpful, positive time. Any problems please speak to staff.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival – Wed 25th March at Woodberry Oval. This is an early start at 9am at Woodberry. Children K-6 from small schools in the Lower Hunter all come together for a day of fun and competition. K-2 complete junior activities whilst Primary or 8 years and over compete in the big races and relay events. Parents are encouraged to bring a picnic rug or deck chairs to watch and encourage their children.

MATHLETICS - To view Mathletics go to: www.mathletics.com.au. Spellodrome is also accessible from home. Studyladder is also part of mathletics which we will be using this year. A note explaining Studyladder has been sent home with Primary children. There are lessons awaiting completion.

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.

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.

CANTEEN HELPERS

Name .................................................. Phone ...........................................

I can volunteer once a

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

**Uniform Order Form**

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Phone Number: 

Email Address: 

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**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 ..................................................

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