NEWSLETTER – Monday 23rd March 2015 - Term 1 Week 9

REMINDERS

- Wed 25th March: Small School’s Athletics Carnival- Woodberry Oval- Note!
- Wed 25th March: Year 7 2016 Information Night, Tomaree High School 6-8pm
- Thurs 26th March: Gymnastics program K-6 9-11am
- Fri 27th March: Canteen Helper - Shea Brunt
- Fri 27th March: Zone Cross Country, Lakeside Sporting Complex
- Sat 28th March: State Election booth cake stall and BBQ.
- Wed 1st April: End term Hunter Valley Gardens excursion
- Thurs 2nd April: Last day of Term 1
- Sat 18th April: Who the heck was Bob? Celebration 1.30pm in BF Hall
- Mon 20th April: Staff Development day at school
- Tues 21st April: Students return to school.

**Small Schools Athletics Carnival** - This Wed 25th March at Woodberry Oval. Please note the early 9.00am start. 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. Please complete permission note indicating transport availability. **Map and directions to Woodberry Oval attached** as well as a program of the events. Wet weather notification will be put on our Facebook page, radio 2HD or Megan will notify you.

**Congratulations** – to Connor for reaching the possibles and probables in the Regional PSSA Rugby Trials. The final team will be chosen tomorrow. Good luck Connor! Also congratulations to Dior, Maisie and Myles who attended the zone trials for soccer last week. Good luck to our students attending Zone Cross Country this Friday.

**EXAMINER**- School Captain Photos were photographed and interviewed for an article in the Examiner about our school. It will be in the newspaper sometime soon. We have sent complimentary Yr. 6 and captain photos home with Yr. 6 students today.

**Bullying** – Whilst there is no legal definition of bullying, according to DEC, it is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Bobs Farm Public School has a range of policies and practices that apply to student behaviour, including our Happy Hands Program, Class Do Jo’s, Discipline Policy, Positive Relationships and peer support programs. Our Anti-bullying Policy is available on our school website. If any parents have any concerns with bullying in our school, we have an open door policy and would be happy to discuss.

**Design and Make Projects** in Primary can be picked up and taken home at the end of the week. Great effort!
**National Writers Week** - Our P&C has covered costs for 2 workshops for our primary students to have visiting authors from Upload spend time with our students. We had Susie and Luke with us last Tuesday and again today. They have been using the theme of Fairytales for some inspirational writing experiences. Students have really enjoyed these sessions.

**School Chickens**- We will need to find a secure home for our two chickens over the holidays. If any parent is able to arrange out of home care for two weeks that would be appreciated. Please contact staff.

**Bobs Farm GYMNASTICS Program**- Continues for this week only. We have seen great improvements in skill and concentration during the program. Thank you to Joey and the children who tried so hard!

![Gymnastics photos](image1.jpg)

**Cooking classes**- See our Gingerbread men creations! “Run, run, run as fast as you can……”

![Cooking photos](image2.jpg)

**HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS EASTER EXCURSION**- Wed 1st April - Approx. cost $13 pp. We are organising this so all our families can participate in it before the Easter vacation. We will travel by car in convoy to the gardens; leaving BFPS at 8.45am and returning by 3pm. Please bring a picnic lunch and drinks. Children will be having an Easter egg hunt, organised by our P&C. Please complete the permission form and indicate transport availability.

**Election Cake Stall**- Could parents please fill their child’s decorated cake box with goodies for sale at the State Election stall we have at Bobs Farm PS on Sat 28th March.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM –** Our school is fortunate to be able to start organising this program with our school being pre-approved to receive funding to engage with the Sporting School’s transition program in term 2. Mrs Elliott will try and find time to get this organised before the end of term. We envisage doing touch footy and tennis in term 2 both during and after school on days to be decided.

**P & C NEWS**

**Easter egg Fundraiser** Thank you to our families who are helping to sell these before Easter. Our sales are going well! Please bring all fundraising money and unsold chocolates in to school before this Friday.

**Election Day BBQ**- Thank you to everyone who responded to my call out for help so quickly. Attached is the roster for the BBQ. **I still need one more person for the BBQ between 12-1 if there is anyone who can help please contact me ASAP.** Regards Kirstie.
### State Election Saturday 28th March:

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**Small school Athletics carnival permission note**

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter…………………………………………………………………………………………...to participate in the Small School Athletics carnival at Woodberry Oval on **Wednesday 25th March**. Transport will be by private car. We will leave at 8.45am. Some parents can meet us there if arrangements are made beforehand.

I am able to assist with transport…… Number…….
I am unable to assist…….

Please send along your child/ren with plenty of lunch, water, fruit, hat, sunblock and as a family a picnic rug or deck chairs. It is a lovely day! (A canteen is also usually provided by one of the schools)

Signed…………………………………………………….
Date…………………………………….

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**HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS PERMISSION NOTE- Wed 1st April**

I give permission for my child/ren…………………………………………………………………………………………………………to travel to Hunter Valley Gardens for an end of term Easter picnic on Wed 1st April. We will leave school in convoy at 8.45am. Our P&C are organising an egg hunt and the children will be making baskets at school. Students may come out of uniform (in fairytale character)

Please pack own lunches, water, sunblock, hats etc.
I can assist with transport …..Number…….
I cannot assist with transport…….
Sorry, My child will not be attending…… :)

Payment made ($13pc)………… (Parents transporting free)
Signed……………………………
Date…………………………………….