NEWSLETTER –Monday 11th May 2015- Term 2 Week 4

REMINDERS
12/13/14th May NAPLAN testing Yr. 3, Yr. 5
Tues 12th May Salamander Ten Pin Bowling 3.30pm
Thurs 14th May P&C meeting 3.30pm in school library.
Mon 18th May Grip Leadership day- Newcastle Panthers 9.30am 2pm
Wed 27th May Backyard League session
Wed 3 June Back yard League session 2pm
Thurs 4th June Old World luncheon/ dance/games/ grandparents invited
Mon 8th June Queen’s Birthday long weekend
Wed 10th June Final Backyard league session 2pm
Wed 17th June Local History Hunt excursion
Wed 24th June NAIDOC week celebration

Mother’s Day- We hope all our mothers had a lovely Mother’s Day yesterday and that your children pampered you! Hope also you enjoyed their little gifts from school!

Bobs Farm School’s Annual School Report and School Plans 2015-17 have now been uploaded onto our School’s website if anyone wants to read them.

HOMEWORK- Please ensure students bring their homework folders to school each Friday for marking. Several primary students are forgetting or have incomplete work. (this includes writing their spelling words in quality sentences, completing all maths work etc.) Parents are to sign Grids each night. If a child can’t complete it for any reason then parents should write a note or contact the school. Children should not just give excuses. Reading Folders should also be completed by all students and returned to school each WEDNESDAY as teachers keep a register of who and what students are reading.

NAPLAN TESTS - Yr. 3 and Yr. 5 will be sitting these national tests on Tues/ Wed and Thurs 12th, 13th, 14th May in our school library this week. Additional staff will be employed to teach the remainder of the class. Please ensure your children have some early nights, have plenty of good food and fruit at school and do their best on the day without any stress! These national tests give an indication of what students can do in Literacy, Reading, Writing and Numeracy on a particular day. All parents receive a report in a few months.

FAIR DISCIPLINE CODE- Please find attached our school’s Fair Discipline Code. This and our Anti Bullying Policy will be discussed at Thursday afternoons P&C meeting. 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.

Stewart House Donation Drive Raffle – Envelope is attached to the newsletter. There are great prize! Please return any envelopes to school.
Permission to Publish Notes – Please return these notes that have been sent home. If we do not receive these signed permission notes we cannot publish any of your children’s work or photos on any social media including newsletter, Facebook etc.

Sporting Schools program - We have been fortunate to begin a term 2 program with a successful registration and grant application. Therefore FREE Ten Pin Bowling at Salamander has been organised for K-6 students on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30-4.30pm starting May 12th and ending on June 16th. Parent transport will be required or please make arrangements with other parents or friends. Please complete the permission form and return to school ASAP. We will also be organising sport presenters to take tennis lessons and touch sessions during school term. Parents; please ensure permission note is returned, so we know who is attending, have permissions and can let the venue know how many lanes we need.

Paul Harragon Cup – Congratulations to Connor, Baylie, Scott and Christopher for representing our school and Salt Ash PS in this comp. The team came equal third overall out of 24 teams! Great teamwork!

Backyard League Clinics- In 2015 the National Rugby League Game Development in conjunction with the Newcastle Knights offered a FREE in-school program for schools in the Newcastle area called ‘Backyard League’ which we have procured for BFPS.
The ‘Backyard League’ concept is a 3-4 week program consisting of 3-4 x 30 minute sessions with each class. The first two weeks of the program will be delivered by our development staff and the 3rd week and 4th week are student and teacher directed (Mr Williams - materials will be left with the school to enable this). Week 5 is an intra-school ‘Gala Day’ whereby students play their own version of non-contact Rugby League against each other with the assistance of development staff and their teacher. This program can be adapted to be a 3 or 4 week program also depending on the specific schools requirements.

The Backyard League concept revolves around sustainability of the game in that students are left with the knowledge of how to create their own form of Rugby League regardless of player numbers, ability, field size etc. using our rule ‘matrix’.

In the last week of the program every student in Years 3 – 6 that participates will receive a Brand New Rugby League Ball from Coles and children in K – 2 will receive a free Rugby League Book. The school will also receive a Rugby League Kit of 10 Rugby League Balls and 20 markers.

GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY- Please see separate note for our Yr. 6 students. Our school has kindly paid the $35 cost for each ticket for this student centred conference. Please meet Mrs Nye at school by 8.20am with lunch, water bottle and note paper and pen ready for a great day of Leadership activities with other school students across the region. We will need another car to help with transport as Mrs Nye cannot fit all the children in her car! PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION NOTES ASAP!

Applications for Opportunity Class, Year 5, 2016 – Applications are now open for online registrations. Applications close on 15th May. You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.au/ocplacement
If you have any questions please speak to Megan or Caroline at school.

Primary unit of work - Primary are covering a History theme; Community and Remembrance in term 2. This topic provides a study of identity and diversity in both local and the broader context. Moving from heritage in the local area, students will explore the historical features and diversity of their community. They will examine local, state and national symbols and emblems of significance and celebrations and commemorations both locally and around the world. We will be learning some colonial dancing and organising an afternoon of colonial dress ups/ dances, games and grandparents as guests! Our Stephanie Alexander kitchen/garden program will run again. We will invite some local elders to speak to our students. Staff also plan to organise a K-6 local history hunt. We envisage visiting Anna Bay cemetery, Pearson Park, The Recycling Centre and the Inner Light House. At the end of term we will have a NAIDOC celebration by inviting Indigenous dance students and special guests in to our school. Finally we fish with end of semester reports! Lots to organise and lots of fun learning!
Next P&C meeting - Thursday 14th May in school library at 3.30pm. Could parents please make other arrangements for your children as staff cannot supervise them and we can’t have them unsupervised at school.

Agenda items; Anti bullying Policy, old fashion/ grandparent day, History hunt excursion, NAIDOC week, P&C initiatives.

Entertainment Books - These books will again be available from our school. Remember $12 from each sale will go to our school. Please speak to Caroline or Kirstie for information. More information will be in upcoming newsletters.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM 6 week program

Salamander Super Strike –Tues 3.30-4.30pm
I hereby give permission for my child/ren………………………………………………………………………..to participate in the Free Super Strike Ten Pin Bowling session for 6 weeks at Salamander.

Sorry my child ……………….is unable to attend due to other commitments…..

I am able to assist in taking students…….Number…….

I am unable to assist with transport…….but will pick my child/ren up by 4.30pm

I will make arrangements with other parent to return my child home afterwards. Name of helper…………

I am able to stay most afternoons at Super strike to assist if necessary…………

My child will have extra afternoon tea packed on Tuesdays…….

Signed…………………………………………Date……………………………………

GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY- Monday 18th May at Newcastle Panthers

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter ………………………………………………………….to attend the Grip Leadership day at Newcastle Panthers Club, travelling with Mrs Nye or another parent in a private vehicle.

I am able to assist with extra transport…….

Signed…………………………………………Date……………………………………