Emergency primary phone-49822079 (As this phone is in the Primary classroom, please only use for emergencies when our secretary is not at the school).

NEWSLETTER –Mon 3rd August 2015 - Term 3 Week 4

REMINDERS
Fri 7th Aug Canteen – Kirstie Jolly
Tues 11th Aug Zone Athletics Field Events Carnival Vi Barnett Oval (Selected Primary)
Fri 14th Aug Zone Running events carnival Vi Barnett Oval (Transport required)
Wed 19th Aug Road Safety In-service- School library
Thurs 20th Aug Port Stephens Woodwork group workshop K-6
Tues 25th Aug Alternative Energy Day + Free Incursion K-6
Wed 26th Aug Footsteps Dance Co Free dance class trial K-6
Thurs 3rd Sept Hunter Life Education Van visit- Cyber Safety
Thurs 10th September Williams River Catchment Crawl Yr. 3-6
Mon 14th Sept Summerhill PS Orchestral visit - bring a plate of morning tea.
Fri 18th September Last Day term 3

UPDATED SCHOOL BROCHURE - Our staff are in the process of updating our professionally produced and printed school prospectus. We are looking for community members who have their own business who would like to sponsor us in its publication and feature their business name and details on the back. We already have Port Stephens Computer Repairs and Precise Paving and Landscaping. Cost is $100 which will ensure your business is on our 5000 brochures and also will be placed in the Port Stephens Examiner and disseminated later this term to the wider Port Stephens community. Please see any staff with your business card if you wish to be part of this great opportunity. See our newsletter for business cards as they are given which is also put onto our school website.

Sporting Schools program – The Gymnastics program has been held up temporarily. We have the NRL Game Development squad running a Tuesday afternoon program in school time for K-6 students. These are all free due to the Sporting Schools Grant applications.

Woolworths earn & learn program – Don’t forget we are taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

WANGAT LODGE ANNUAL SCHOOL EXCURSION - Term 4 Week 1; Wed 7th to Fri 9th October.
Further discussions at future P&C meetings.
Education Week - Local Heroes - Get Hooked It's Fun to Fish was a great success. Read some wonderful recounts from the primary children attached to the newsletter.

**SCHOOL DISCO NIGHT** - Friday 31st July at 6pm. A great night was had by all who attended. Thank you to Shea and DJ Danny and everyone else who assisted on the night.

**Art/Library news from Ms. Merrilees** – Primary children are currently making designs for the 2015 Doodle 4 Google design competition. The theme is “If I could travel back in time, I would ……” making for an exciting range of topics from Dinosaurs to Vikings!
We will celebrate children’s Book Week (22-28th August) by creating posters to show how “Books light up our world.” No dress ups this time however as we have had a historical dress up earlier in the year.

The infant’s class has been terrific with loans and returns in library so far this year. Well done!

**Water Catchers Commercial** – We are entering again in 2016! What a wonderful opportunity for our school and students! Our theme this year is “Where does our tap water come from?” Please assist your children to look at the Hunter Water website, research, be creative and work on their film script in the next two weeks.
Check out [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWWEGzLKsvs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWWEGzLKsvs) for our 2014 project where we are stars! This is also currently a TV add on NBN and Go TV! Have you seen it?

**Mathletics this year – Curriculum Work:** 234,240 Curriculum points have been completed so far this year.

**Engagement in learning:** 75 certificates have been earned so far this year.

**Activities Completed:** 2078 Curriculum points have been completed so far this year.

**Great work Bobs Farm Public School!!!!**

**Baylife Church**

Blake Taylor and Sarah Connolly, from Baylife Church in Anna Bay are pastors for a pre youth (years 4-6) ministry, called “Voltage”.

At Voltage they aim to see kids thrive in confidence, friendships and their goals for the future.

They achieve this through providing a program running on Friday afternoons from 4 - 5pm.

Children from all schools in Port Stephens attend this and everyone is welcome.

Please feel to attend or contact Blake on 0432 733 562

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**Salamander Bay Shopping Centre Fundraiser**

Each year Salamander Bay Shopping Centre holds an Annual Fundraiser to support a local charity or community group. Last year the Centre’s Helping Hands campaign raised over $6,000 for local war veterans and their families, and the year prior saw over $2,000 raised for the local Rural Fire Service.

In light of the devastating April storms in Port Stephens, this year the Centre’s Annual Fundraiser will give the community the opportunity to say thank you to the SES for their assistance during that time. The “I LOVE Saying Thank You” campaign will launch in-Centre on the 8th August. The Port Stephens SES Unit will be holding an Information Day complete with volunteers in uniform, a display of the resources and equipment the Unit uses, information on how to prepare for future storms, and more.

From the 8th– 21st August, customers are invited to write their message of thanks on a love heart and tie it to the stands in the Support Hubs located throughout the Centre. $1 for each heart will be donated by the Centre directly to the local SES to assist them in purchasing a new generator.

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