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NEWSLETTER –Mon 17th August 2015 - Term 3 Week 6

REMINDERS
Wed 19th Aug     Road Safety In-service- School library
Thurs 20th Aug    Port Stephens Woodwork group workshop K-6. $8.00
Mon 24th Aug     TPT Gym program 2-3pm transport needed
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 Sept   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

Congratulations – to all the children who represented our school at sporting events last week. Congratulations to Connor and Baylie who joined with Anna Bay Public School’s Rugby League team on Tuesday and were runners up in the Newcastle Region Gala Day. Also congratulations to all our Zone Athletics Competitors. Our Small Schools Relay gained first place and will go onto Regionals on Friday 28th August.

Friday- the best day ever!!!!!!!!!!! By Fynn Brunt

It was the zone athletics sports carnival which was so much fun because I went in the relay. Jack went first, Cooper ran second and then me Fynn 3rd and David ran 4th. When I was standing waiting for Cooper to pass the baton to me, I was so nervous. Unfortunately we had bad luck and didn’t win but we had fun.

CUPS OF TALENT!!!!!!! By Connor Cromarty

At the Jarrod Mullen Cup on Thursday 13TH of August, at Valentine sports oval. 11 teams participated in the Jarrod Mullen Cup. The results were good for Anna Bay who won 3 games and drew one, and then they had to play that team again. Anna Bay won putting them in the grand final, however Anna Bay lost 16-4 in a nail bitting game.

Then Jarrod Mullen and James Mickmanes handed out the trophy.

Connor Cromarty commented “I let my team down by coming off with a head knock but we made it this far which is a great result”.

Jarrod Mullen Cup by Baylie Barsley

Thursday 13-8-15 came and it was time to play some football with Anna Bay Public School at Valentine home ground and the results were really good! We made it to the grand final and we played our hearts out until we had no fuel left in our tanks. There were 11 teams in the comp.

It was a close game but Metford Public School just beat us buy 3 tries but we all had a good game. Then afterwards we shook their hand and said “good game boys.” Then we went to see Jarrod Mullen, himself and he presented the big gold cup, called the Jarrod Mullen Cup! It was great!
On Friday we went to Zone Athletics, it was mad. The participants loved it “I had a great time”, said year 5 student Scott Barsley. Bobs Farm won the Small Schools Senior Relay by a long way! “We had a lot of fun”, said year 5 student Christopher Pointer. “Everyone loved it, which sounds good to me” said Mrs Margan a teacher at Bob Farm.

**Port Stephens Woodworking Group** – These volunteers will be assisting all K-6 students to make an item for Father’s Day on Thursday 20th August from 12pm. Cost per item is $ 8.00. Students will have 3 different designs to choose from. The following weeks they will decorate, paint, varnish their creations in art lessons.

**SMART Money Session- Fri 21st Aug –K-6** This program is delivered through a series of free workshops to over 270,000 students each year and equips them with the confidence and competence to make smart decisions about money by making money management interactive, engaging and fun! We are very fortunate that we have been able to secure this program at Bobs Farm PS even though our school group is a little smaller than standard bookings.

**TPT Gymnastic program** - as part of our Sporting Schools Program we will be taking all K-6 students to TPT gymnasium at 95A Stockton St Nelson Bay on **Mondays from 2-3pm until the remainder of the term**, starting next Monday 24th August. The program will be for 4 sessions. We will require some parent transport as well as a mini bus (Mr Elliott will pick up and drive if needed). There will be no cost to parents or students as this is part of the grant funding. Please pack extra food and water. Parents can pick their child up from the gym and teachers or parents will bring any other students back to school by 3.20pm or drop off home if necessary. Please complete the permission form at end of newsletter.

**UPDATED SCHOOL BROCHURE** – Thank you to our local family businesses and supporters; **Port Stephens Computer Repairs 0421204119, Precise Paving and Landscaping 0402054886, Sandyhills Premium Avocados 0414242855, Daniel Brunt Building 0403724837 Port Stephens Chiropractic and Yoga 49811664 and Imagine Cruises 49849000** for coming on board with financial support for our new school brochure. Thank you for the payments! We will need all the payments before we organise the printing of the brochures in the next week if possible.

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DAY – Binless LUNCH- POWER DOWN! Tues 25th August 9.30-3pm** – As part of our theme on sustainability we are organising a special Alternative day at BFPS! We will start the day with both classes completing special activities where they will learn about sustainable practices. We have a special visit from the Newcastle Wetlands personnel who will discuss alternative energy and complete an energy audit with the students before finishing the day using up the rest of their energy in NRL workshop. Students can come out of uniform for a gold coin donation! Please pack a binless lunch (i.e. no disposable wrapping used) and no computers or electrical appliances will be used during the day at school. **Interested parents are asked to come along if they are available.** Workstations will include; solar/salt water robot making, Roller Coaster Science, recycled beads, salt water spider, 6 in 1 solar cart, bug catchers, making a future farm, recycle relay, nature collage climate change experiments. Depending on how many parent helpers we have will determine how many activities we can do as most students will need some help.

We would appreciate a few items to be brought in to school; large coke bottles for terrariums, coloured magazines.

**Sporting Schools program** –We have the NRL Game Development squad running a Tuesday afternoon program in school time for K-6 students. Jess is in most Wednesday lunch times and Charlie in on Thursday lunch times for skill development with the primary students. These are all free due to the Sporting Schools Grant applications.

**Primary Art news** – Any children who would like to bring their masks that we made in class back into school. Mrs Merrilees is looking for some to send to an exhibition in October. It would be a fantastic opportunity to show them off!
Farewell to the Pointer family – Who are moving to Newcastle at the end of this week. Friday will be Christopher’s last day. We wish Christopher and Sadako the best of luck with their move. You both will be greatly missed at Bobs Farm School!

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 BARRINGTON ANNUAL SCHOOL EXCURSION- Term 4 Wed 7th - Fri 9th Oct – This was booked for our school group earlier in the year. It is now time to get organised and pay $10 pp deposits so we know who will be attending and if it will be viable. Kinder and year one students and parents attend for the day only (parent cars or mini bus if needed on the Thursday). For Yr. 2-6 plus any parents attending for the 2 nights three days approximate costs are to be worked out with P&C.

Please complete the note for our organisational purposes with $10 deposit so we know we can go ahead. Our P&C has kindly decided to donate $100 per student attending! It is always a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved. See itinerary!


P & C News –

The P&C meeting scheduled for Thursday 20th August 2015 has been cancelled.

Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy (PVC) – This subsidy is available to NSW residents where there is no public transport available to transport an eligible student for all, or part, of their journey to school. If you think you are eligible please apply online at http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/customers/ssts/students-parents-and-guardians/pvc

Here are some Subsidy Rates Schedules per child per day.

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Father’s Day Woodworkers Group

Enclosed is $8.00 to cover the cost of my child/ren’s ………………………………………….woodworking kit.

Signed …………………………………………. Date……………………………………….
TPT Gymnastics Program

I give permission for my child/children ................................................................. to attend gymnastics sessions at TPT 95A Stockton St, Nelson Bay for Monday 2-3pm from August 24-September 14.

I can/cannot help with transport.

I have seatbelts for ...............children including my own children.

I will collect my child at TPT/School (please circle)

Signed ................................................................. Date ...........................................