NEWSLETTER – Mon 31st August 2015 - Term 3 Week 8

REMINDERS
Mon 31st Aug  TPT Gym program 2 - 3pm, transport needed
Tues 1st September  Radio 100.9 - Jasmine, Cooper, Taj, Mrs E
Thurs 3rd Sept  Hunter Life Education Van visit- Cyber Safety- School funded
Wed 9th Sept  Port Stephens Waste Recycling Workshop 12pm
Thurs 10th Sept  Williams River Catchment Crawl Yr. 3-6
Mon 14th Sept  Summerhill PS Orchestral visit – bring a plate of morning tea.
Wed 16th September  Bird watching session with Diane Hatfield
Fri 18th September  Last Day term 3
Mon 5th Oct  Public Holiday
Tues 6th Oct  Students return.
Wed 7th-9th Oct  Wangat Lodge- Barrington Mountain excursion

NAPLAN analysis - We would like to inform you all that growth reports in literacy and numeracy for students in Yr. 5 at BFPS are way beyond the state average. This is a great acknowledgement that we are doing an excellent job in educating your children in our small classes where they receive more individual attention and nurturing than most schools. Whilst we can’t write up specifics due to privacy, our students have grown by double the state average, in some areas even more, within two years at our school!

LOW ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT DAY - Thank you to the Newcastle Wetlands for their fantastic Incursion last week, especially Mr Jones! See photos and read student recount.

Keep peddling Fynn the missile! By Declan Paterson
Yesterday Tuesday 25/8/15 a man came into the school to teach us about solar and water energy. His name was Peter Jones. He brought in little toys and gadgets. He is the Principal of the Wetlands Centre and he also visits other schools with his show.
He had little model cars, a tank of water and fire coal. He had wind up torches and an energy bike that was connected to a box that had light bulbs and it said 240 volts on its side. It was very hard to light up the last lights.
There was a fan with a model man on top that needed wind to turn.
I had a great day, it was awesome!

Cooking Program - Primary students were very impressed with our cheese making session last week. (labna)
Read one of our recounts….Oh my Gosh! Mrs Elliott came into the classroom and all I could smell was something beautiful. What we then ate was the labna we had made the day before. It was so yum! My mouth drooled, my eyes watered. We rolled the labna in roasted sesame seeds. We drizzled chilli honey over the labna as well. My mouth was on fire! I am going to try and make labna at home as it was that beautiful! By Baylie

**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.

**MUSIC PROGRAM term 4**– We have the opportunity to have James Sanders run a Music program at BFPS next term. The goals of the program are to nurture children’s natural sense of music, develop their co-ordination and focus, instil a sense of importance and deep respect for music, develop a sense of team work, increase their theoretic knowledge of music and assist children in learning the inter cultural and inter species importance of music. We will run choir and rhythm drumming. See info and complete the note of interest (heavily subsidised by our school)

**Well done**- to Maisie, Scott, Bayley and Connor who competed in the Small Schools Relay at Regional Athletics on Friday. They came 4th out of 10 schools! Well done! See photo!

**Partners in Learning Parent Survey Link** – Megan would like all parents to complete this survey. When your parents have completed it, please sign the note below and then get your child to come and see Mrs Elliott as they will be able to choose a free book to take home and keep.

- **Your school's access details to the Partners in Learning Parent survey:**
  - Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17781&j_password=Bob1271
  - **Important Note:**
    - The link should open directly to the ‘Begin Survey’ page of the parent survey, and no login details should be required. Please **test the link** to ensure that the survey launches directly to the ‘Begin Survey’ page, and not the login page. In some document types (ie. Word), the link inadvertently opens to a login page.
    - If the survey opens to a login page, please **copy and paste the link into your internet browser**. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.

I have completed the Partners in Learning Survey. My childs name …...........................................

I consent my child receiving a free book. Signed ….................................................................
MT KANWARY SPORTS GALA DAY – 14th/15th Oct. See flyer for our involvement. Permission notes etc. next term. Our school will pay the $15 fee per child out of Premiers Sporting grant funding, so there will be no cost for our families.

WILLIAMS RIVER CATCHMENT CRAWL- Notes went out separately with primary students last week. Please return all the permissions ASAP indicating transport to Raymond Terrace and if any parents would like to attend this wonderful day as well. Wear school uniform, hats, drink bottles to be taken but they provide lunch.

Community Engagement Funding. We have received some additional funding for Community Engagement and would like to spend some of it on paying a parent or community member who has some gardening expertise to work on and add to our school gardens and outdoor learning areas. If you think you have the skills, time and energy please see Megan.

Hunter Life Education Van – will be visiting our school on Thursday September 3rd. The cost is $10, but the school will be covering the cost. Please return your permission note by Wednesday.

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 for the remainder of the term, starting on Monday 24th August. The program will run for 4 sessions. We will require some parent transport. There will be no cost to parents or students as this is part of the grant funding.

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 if more practicable for those littlies (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. Our P&C has kindly decided to donate $100 per student attending! It is always a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved.


**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Wangat Lodge Expression Interest

I am interested in my child/children ..........................................................attending the Wangat Lodge Annual School Excursion.

I will / will not be attending. I will be bringing ….. extra children.
Attached is a …………………deposit.

Signed .......................................................... Date ................................
The Greater Raymond Terrace Fun Run

- Walk, run or push at the 2nd annual Raymond Terrace Fun Run which will start at the Vi Barnett Field, Kangaroo St Raymond Terrace on Sunday September 6th.
- The 8km starts at 9am, the 4km at 10am and the 2km at 11am.
- Register online at www.raymondterracefunrun.com.au
- The day will be supporting the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation with merchandise for this worthy cause available online and on the day in limited quantities.
- There will also be a giant slide, jumping castle and market stalls to support the foundation.
- For enquiries, including market stall requests, call Deidre on 0418 962 185.

Port Stephens Relay For Life 2015

The Port Stephens event is a 12 hour event that starts at 10am on Saturday 28th November and concludes with a community celebration at 10pm.

Port Stephens Relay For Life to be held at Tomaree Sporting Fields is about bringing together members of our local community who share a drive and determination to fight back against cancer.

No matter how old or young.

It is a time when our community joins together to celebrate cancer survivorship, honour those we have lost to cancer, and raise money for Cancer Council NSW.

The idea behind Relay For Life is that it is an event to recognise and support those in our community touched by cancer.

It is an outdoor, people/friends/work colleagues walk or run around our sports ground for a length of time.

If you can’t walk a step that OK just turn up and enjoy the event.

A festival atmosphere is created with entertainment, food, ceremonies, team games, market stalls, kids’ activities, prizes, colour, fun and community spirit!

The money raised helps Cancer Council NSW continue its mission to beat cancer.

Cancer Council services include: support and information for cancer patients, prevention and education programs in our community, and vital cancer research.

To find out more, call Glen Parsons on 49230708 or 0428 101 252 or visit www.relayforlife.org.au