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 7th September 2015 - Term 3 Week 9**

**REMINDBERS**

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**Linda Merrilees** - LSL until next term. Linda Vial will be replacing her on a Thursday in Library and Art.

**WILLIAMS RIVER CATCHMENT CRAWL** - This Thursday 10th September. Notes went out separately with primary students last week. Please return all the permission notes 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. Linda Vial can transport 4 students only to Raymond Terrace.

**PORT STEPHENS WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM** - this Wed 9th September for primary. Thank you to Port Stephens Council for providing this wonderful opportunity to our students. Be prepared for your children to be recycling police at home!

**BIRD WATCHING SESSION- WED 9th Sept at 8.30am** - We purchased binoculars for the children ($15 each online from Target- great value!) so they can begin an interest in bird watching and identification. Diane is a wealth of knowledge and we thank her for visiting our school and helping our students.

**Cooking Program** - Primary students were very impressed with our Tagine with dates and honey recipe and cooking today. Read one of our recounts…

**Tagine with Dates and Honey** by Bayley Barsley

Oh my gosh, Mrs Elliott walked into the classroom with all this cooking equipment and I excitedly yelled, “Yes!” I got to cut some onions and I even tried apricot, which I didn’t like. Then Sarah and Massie went to fry all the vegetables up.

Yum, it smelt beautiful! I could smell it from 100metres away. I can’t wait to try some later in the day!!!!!

**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.
Woolworths earn & learn program – Don’t forget to bring in all your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers into school or put them in the Bobs Farm box at the Salamander Bay Woolworths store. Last day for collecting stickers is tomorrow Tuesday September 8th, 2015.

Hi, my name is Gillian Manning - and I am looking forward to taking up a part-time position at Bobs Farm School in 2016. I will be working with Caroline in the role of Admin Manager as well as classroom computer coordinator. 

I currently work at Glen William Public School as Admin Manager/Computer Coordinator and as Computer Coordinator at Millers Forest and Martins Creek Public Schools.

I am passionate about the role of technology in education and enjoy working with teachers and students to explore new opportunities to integrate technology into every day learning. Students are very creative users of technology and enjoy finding new ways to demonstrate their knowledge. I have experience in a wide range of PC software including Office 365 and Google Apps for Education. I have worked in classrooms using iPads to provide opportunities for students from all stages to bring learning to life with movie presentations, animations, sound recording and the ability to combine a variety of apps to produce unique work which can be shared online with a wide audience. I enjoy introducing students to computer coding through online resources, iPad apps and Lego Robotics.

I look forward to meeting everyone at the start of Term 1, 2016.

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. Please let Megan know if your child would like a private (or small group) lesson afterwards on a Monday afternoon as James is happy to stay back. Please send in the EOI form if you are interested in your child attending this.

James was thinking about songs for the Holiday concert.
1. Little drummer boy as a finale. It will incorporate both the little drummers (pun intended) and the little choir. Also, some songs that embody peace and good will towards all men.

Music Lessons Monday afternoons

I am interested in my child/children ..................................................attending music lessons on Monday afternoons.

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

Partners in Learning Parent Survey Link – Megan would like all parents to complete this survey.

When 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. This link is also on our fFacebook page for easy access to the website.

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.

See at end of newsletter information about the parent’s survey.

I have completed the Partners in Learning Survey. My child’s name ........................................
SUMMERHILL BAND VISIT - Mon 14th Sept at 9.30am - Please bring a plate of morning tea to share with our visitors who will be performing for us in our beautiful school grounds. It is always a wonderful morning. Visitors welcome!


CANTEEN ROSTER

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WANGAT LODGE BARRINGTON ANNUAL SCHOOL EXCURSION - Term 4 Wed 7th - Fri 9th Oct – This is on the first week back next term so we must get organised! Pay $10 pp deposits so we know who will be attending. 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).

Please complete the note for our organisational purposes. $60 pp is the total amount per child that needs to be paid before the holidays. Our P&C has kindly decided to donate $100 per student attending! Parents pay their own way which is $160 pp for three days which is still extremely cheap! This includes accommodation, catered food and meals, apart from own packed lunch on the first day and activities throughout the camp. It is always a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved. This is a three day excursion which our P&C encourages as many as possible to attend with their financial support. If there are any financial difficulties paying the $60 per child please see Megan and some arrangements can be made so your children can still be part of this wonderful, nature inspired opportunity!

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.

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

LYONCRICKET

SPECIALIST COACHING FOR JUNIOR CRICKETERS, Ages 7-17

Lyon Cricket is a leading coaching entity providing group clinics and individual sessions tailored specifically to junior cricketers.

Clinic commences Monday 28th September 9 am at Kahibah Oval.

Cost $80 pp.

For more information on cricket coaching sessions and clinics please contact Mark McInnes: 0414 753 057 or email: info@lyoncricket.com.au
You're invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

**Why should I participate?**
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

**What does it involve?**
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

**How can I participate?**
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

[School: If your school is offering parents the opportunity to use school facilities to complete the survey (e.g. the computer lab) please include details here.]