NEWSLETTER – Monday 15th February 2016- Term 1 Week 4

REMINDERS
Wed 17th Feb  Basketball skills 12-1pm K-6
Wed 10th Feb  GO4Fun 4-6pm (10 week program)
Friday 19th Feb  Surfing program Yr. 2-6 One Mile Beach 3.30-4.30pmish
Wed 17th Feb  Radio 100.9 Captains and Chaplain to talk /Scripture starts
Thurs 18th Feb  7 Steps Literacy training- Megan
Fri 19th Feb  Canteen at BF – Emma
Fri 26th Feb  Canteen - Kylene
Tues March 1st  P&C meeting AGM School Library 3.15pm. Free child minding!
Thurs 24th March  Easter Picnic at local farm
Friday 25th March  Good Friday
Mon 28th March  Easter Monday, students return on Tuesday
Friday 8th April  Last day term 1

WELCOME - to Chris in Yr. 3 who has enrolled in our school. Good luck to Daisy and Ruby Rose as they tour around Australia! Congratulations to Scott and Paige as our elected School Captains and Rory as our Vice Captain of BOBS FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL for 2016.

Stephanie Alexander Cooking program - cooking with Yr. 3-6 today will be Rhubarb and Orange Crumble. K-2 will also be cooking up a mini storm with Mrs Margan. As we will cook for 5 sessions we ask that parents contribute $5 pp towards the cost of the ingredients.i.e $1 per cooking session for each child.

School Chaplain- We are very fortunate and pleased to introduce Lisa Martin, our chaplain at BFPS who started at our school today. Her role will be to support our students and staff in any way she can. It is not a Religious role.

HOMEWORK ROUTINE STARTS THIS WEEK
Wed 24th Feb - BFPS are hosting the Principals of small schools network meeting from 12pm-3.30pm. Thank you to our P&C for organising lunch!

**Surfing program Yr. 2-6 4 x Fridays** Free surf lessons for students who are 8 years old or older. Younger students may attend and play beach games on the sand with adults. Please complete the indemnity and permission forms which must be brought along to the session before students are allowed to participate in the surf. Parents need to provide or arrange their children’s transport to **ONE MILE BEACH** on the 4 Friday afternoons. Participating surfing students do not need anything apart from their swimmers. The Surf School provides rash vests and boards. Please pack extra food/water however. On Friday 4th March we plan to have a BBQ at One Mile with all parents and students of our school so keep that afternoon free if you can. More details later.

**School Leadership** - A Leadership day has been organised for our Yr. 6 students and one parent to attend on 19th May at the Great Hall, Newcastle University.

**POOL DAY at Tomaree Aquatic Centre** - Thurs 25th Feb 10am-2pm BBQ lunch and get together

**Reading/ general Helpers**- We will be organising parent helpers to listen to students read each day. If you can spare one hour per week, all our children will benefit. It doesn’t need any expertise, just a responsive ear and reassurance. We also need a parent to assist in changing readers over on any day that suits you. Please complete the note at the end of the newsletter indicating if and when you can assist this term. We always love parents becoming involved in any way. We always have a list; our sand pit needs cleaning up before we can organise clean sand, our outdoor kid’s kitchen setting needs a good clean and we will need some straw and help in our gardens. Any help is always appreciated in a small school. Thanks.

**MATHLETICS** – Bobs Farm PS continue to use this interactive online maths program as it is such an exceptional program. To view Mathletics go to: [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au). Studyladder is also part of mathletics which we will be using this year. All students will also be participating in a spelling component called **Spelledrome** which is a program tailored to individual student levels and which can also be accessed from home.

**SCHOOL FEES** - School fees for the year are $40 for 1 child, $70 for two children, and $100 for three or more children at Bobs Farm Public School for the year. This covers some of the costs associated with photocopying, art and craft supplies and a myriad of other things government funding does not provide us with. Attached to this newsletter is a list of school fees owing. If you have any problem paying these please speak to Megan or Caroline in the office.

**New parents please note:** we need a copy of your Drivers licence and 3rd Party insurance to assist with school excursions using private transport. It’s best to do this early in the year.
Our P&C are very involved in our school and would love to invite new parents to come along to whatever school functions and activities are being organised. Hope to see you at our first informal get together which is the pool day with the staff. We are thinking of organising a Movie Night at school again this term. So come along and get to know each other and make new friends! The P & C will be having an Easter raffle also this term. Could all families bring in something for an Easter hamper? It does not have to be Chocolate! Thank you.

P&C AGM will be held on **Tuesday 1st March** in the school library at 3.15pm Child minding will be provided. All positions will be declared vacant; PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY. If you have an interest in a P&C positions please text or email Kirstie Jolly on 0409017071 or kirstie.jolly@bigpond.com. Get involved in the direction you would like our school to follow. The time and date of the meetings can always be adjusted depending on the people involved. It is always a pleasant and rewarding experience in a school like ours! Any items for general business that you wish to be discussed then please add them to the Agenda that will be held in the school office or text or email the item to Kirstie Jolly.

**PARENT HELPERS**

We are looking for parents helpers this year in all areas. If you have any special expertise that can help our school please let us know. It can mean anything from reading with the children to gardening or your special skill.

Special Skill: ........................................Day/Time........................................
Reading helper ....................................Day/time ........................................
Home Reader change overs ................................................Day/time ............
Cooking program helper .................................. Day/time............................
General tidy upper ........................................Day/time ...................................
Gardening help ........................................Day/time .....................................

Name: ............................................................ Phone Number .......................................

**SCHOOL FEES**

Enclose is payment for my child/children ........................................... class ........... for:

- **Mathletics:** $30 ........................................
- **Spellodrome:** $15.00 ..........................
- **Soundworks:** $7.00 K-5 ..........................
- **Cooking:** $5.00 ........................................
- **School fees** ........................................

Total ........................................

Signature ........................................
We will be leaving school at 10.00am
Transport required by parent helpers. (Please give us your details beforehand)
Free BBQ available. **Pool entry for parents and siblings to be paid by parents. Student costs will be covered by school**

I hereby give permission for my child/ren...........................................to participate in the swim day at Tomaree Pool under supervision.
My child is a non-swimmer..............
My child is a poor swimmer..............
My child is a reasonable swimmer........
My child is a competent swimmer........
I am able to help with supervision……..
I can help with the BBQ ..............
I understand transport will be by staff and private car.

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

Parent Permission Form for students attending Surf School and beach games as part of Sport in Schools program on Fridays 3.30 - 4-30pm starting Friday 12th February

I hereby give my **K – 2** child/ren.................................................................permission to participate in beach games for AASCP on 4x Fridays beginning Fri 5th Feb to Fri 26th Feb at 3.30pm to 4.30pm. They will not be swimming.

My **3 - 6** child/ren.................................................................have permission to participate in Port Stephens Surf School on 4 x Fridays beginning Fri 12th Feb to Fri 4th March at 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

I can help with transport ............I can transport ..............children including my own children.

I cannot help with transport but my child will be travelling with ........................................

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

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**Good for Kids good for life**

**BENEFITS OF TEAM SPORTS**

Participation in team sports is a great way to increase your child’s physical activity, but did you know there are a number of other benefits to team sports, including:

- Teaching children skills in teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Helping children gain confidence through interaction with other kids
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly having fun!

There are many different team sports to choose from such as soccer, netball, touch football and hockey. Why not see what team sports are available at your school or in the community for your child to participate in!

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