NEWSLETTER – Monday 22nd February 2016- Term 1 Week 5

REMINDERS
Wed 24th Feb  
Basketball skills 12-1pm K-6

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GO4Fun 4-6pm)

Friday 26th Feb  
Surfing program Yr. 2-6 One Mile Beach 3.30-4.30pmish

Fri 26th Feb  
Canteen - Kylene

Tues March 1st  
P&C meeting AGM School Library 3.15pm. Free child minding!

Thurs March 10th  
School Photos

Thurs 24th March  
Easter Picnic at Kookaburra Farm Stay

Friday 25th March  
Good Friday

Mon 28th March  
Easter Monday, students return on Tuesday

Friday 8th April  
Last day term 1

School Photos – Will be on Thursday 10th March. Envelopes will go home today. You can bring envelopes and money back to school on the day or before.

Stephanie Alexander Cooking program - cooking with Yr. 3 - 6 today will be Asian Omelette, using the lovely eggs from our resident chickens. K-2 will also be cooking up a mini storm with Mrs Margan.

HOMEWORK ROUTINE - Please send completed HW folders in on a Monday

Young Teen Talk – Bobs Farm Year 6 students are invited to attend the Young Teen Talk with students of Salt Ash Public School again this year. It will be held on Friday March 18th at 9.20am at Salt Ash School and will cost $20 per student and $14 per adult. If any of our year six students are interested in going please speak to Mrs Elliott.

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

Mobile phone collection – We will be collecting old unused mobile phones again this year for the Humane Society to raise money for the Help Protect The Gorilla Campaign. If you have any unused phones at home please ask for a satchel at the school office or bring them in and we will mail them off to the society.

Surfing program Yr. 2-6 - 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... 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 this week 10am - 2pm. BBQ lunch and get together. Please complete the permission notes and transport availability.

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 of jobs to help; 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 help in our gardens. Thank you to the parents who are helping in many ways at our school so far.

School Fees - 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.

Help with youth anxieties –

BRAVE Self-Help is an online program for the prevention, early intervention, and treatment of youth anxiety. It was developed at The University of Queensland by experts in youth anxiety and has now been running for over 14 years throughout Australia. The program is fun, interactive, based on cognitive-behavioural principles and has been found to be effective in reducing anxiety in children and adolescents. It has helped hundreds of children experiencing social anxiety, shyness, separation anxiety, phobias and general worries. BRAVE Self-Help is now available to use at home for free due to the support of beyondblue. Any Australian young people who would like help with anxiety can access the self-help program via https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/. The program can be accessed through any computer or tablet device, at any time and includes up to 10 sessions for youth. Parents can also take part in a separate parent program to learn ways of helping their child or teenagers manage anxiety. Teachers, young people and parents can also find out more about the program or take a trial or any of the programs through the BRAVE website.

P & C NEWS

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 HELPER

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 ..........................................................

SWIM Day Permission note, Thursday 25th Feb Feb 10.00am - 2pm

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 transport ............. Number of seats available including your child .............
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 4 x 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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