REMINDERS

- Tues March 1st: P&C meeting AGM School Library 3.15pm. Free child minding!
- Wed 2nd March: Basketball skills 12-1pm K-6
- Wed 2nd March: GO4Fun (4-6pm)
- Thurs 3rd March: Caring For Catchments Yr 3-6 info talk
- Friday 4th March: Canteen Kirstie
- Friday 4th March: Surfing program Yr. 2-6 One Mile Beach 3.30-4.30pmish
- Thurs March 10th: School Photos 8.45am onwards
- Friday 11th March: Canteen Kylene and Melinda
- Friday 18th March: Canteen Joanne
- 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

THANK YOU - To Loretta and family for donating a brand new big screen to our school in readiness for an upcoming Movie Night before the end of term, if we have enough helpers. Thank you to Joanna Hoy for donating novels for our girls to read. Thank you to Norm Ayre who will be volunteering his time to help students with their work at our school from next Thurs for a few hours per week. (Norm also volunteers at Shoal Bay PS)

School Photos – Will be on Thursday 10th March. 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 fruit smoothies, K-2 will also be cooking up a mini storm with Mrs Margan on Wednesdays.

Pool day recounts- Thank you to students and parents for a lovely day at our pool day last week. Children (and parents) were able to swim, cool off, play together harmoniously, have water slides and enjoy each other’s company. Photos on Facebook. Please read Declan’s recount…..and a bus recount as well attached to the newsletter!

Tell them from me survey – The Primary children will participate in this again this year. An information and non-consent for will be sent home with the children today. Please only return the form is you DO NOT want your child to participate.

HOMEWORK ROUTINE - Please send completed HW folders in on a Monday in a display folder. Home readers can be returned on the same day or Tuesdays.

Staff training- Fri 18th March - Megan & Kim will both be at courses. Laura Allen will be responsible for the school on the day along with Suzanne Clayton.
**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.

**GREEN ARMY** - We have 10 volunteers from the GREEN ARMY coming to our school in mid-March. We will organise them to clean up the back playground corner where we will plan our outdoor movie theatre and fire pit.

**Easter Picnic at Kookaburra Farm Stay** - Thurs 24th March from 9.30am until 2pm. We will travel by private car down to 564 Marsh Rd. Thank you to Callum and family for this wonderful opportunity of community collaboration. Callum will give us a tour of his farm stay and children will be able to experience the farm animals. We will have an Easter picnic and egg hunt together. Please bring food to share! Permission note to follow.

**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** - Will be on this Friday 3.30-4.30pm at One Mile beach. Younger students may attend and play beach games on the sand with adults. On Friday 11th 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.

**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.

**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 Driver’s licence and 3rd Party insurance to assist with school excursions using private transport. It’s best to do this early in the year.

**P & C NEWS**

We are thinking of organising a Movie Night at school at the end of this term. Thank you to Loretta who has already donated a BIG screen to us! We just need to work out how and who to install it….So come along and get to know each other, help our school 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: ..................................................
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SCHOOL FEES

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

Mathletics: $30 ..............
Speldrome: $15.00 ..............
Soundworks: $7.00 K-5 ..............
Cooking $5.00 ..............
School fees ..............
Total ..............

Signature ......................................................
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Bobs Farm Public School's swim day

Yesterday was Bobs Farm Public School's swimming day. Everyone was relieved because it was a really, really, really hot day.

We did sooo much! We went on the slide, we did noodle races, we did some dives and we all had lots of fun.

Firstly the 3-6 class had to show Mrs Elliott how we swam. The water was really cold! After that we all just jumped in and had a swim. After about 30 minutes we asked Mrs Elliott if we could do some dives off the starting stand. She said “Yes,” so everyone took turns to do some dives.

We then had a BBQ. It was really hot so after lunch we all went on the waterslide. It was exclusive for BFPS!

I went on the slide with Jasmine. It was so hot inside the slide and it was soo dark we couldn’t see, until we saw a speck of light at the end of the slide.

After that we did some more dives and we swam in the pool for a little longer. Jasmine and I went in the little pool. It was a really good day! Everyone enjoyed it!

Bus Safety

Hi I am Declan. I am going to talk to you about bus safety.

Ok let’s start at the beginning, the bus stop. You should always have good behaviour. You should also have good behaviour.

What do you think you should do when you see the bus coming? Take 20 seconds to think. If you guessed the right answer congratulations, if not sorry. The right answer is, get your Opal card ready to tap through the device.

Now the bus has stopped what do you do? The answer is step onto the bus, tap your card and sensibly find a seat. What’s next? That’s right, my stop is coming up and the button doesn’t work.

What do you do? You go up to the bus driver and say “next stop please.” When the bus has stopped tap your Opal card again and walk off the bus and stay off the road and wait for the bus to go. Make sure the driver can see you as well!

Stories by Declan Paterson, Year 5