

Newsletter



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School P&C Meets on the second Tuesday of month during school term. All members of the school community are invited to attend.



Upcoming Events...

Thur 15 Mar	High School Selective testing
Wed 14 Mar Wed 21 Mar	Responsible Pets Program K-2
Thur 22 Mar	NAPLAN Online Practice Test Day
Fri 23 Mar	Harmony Day – Family Picnic Mufti Day - Orange
Tue 27 Mar	Easter Hay Parade
Thur 29 Mar	Sydney North PSSA Swimming
Fri 30 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 2 Apr	EASTER MONDAY
Mon 9 Apr – Wed 11 Apr	Red Bus Safety Talks
Tue 10 Apr	Cross Country Carnival P&C Meeting 7pm
Fri 13 Apr	ANZAC Day Assembly LAST DAY OF TERM 1
PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO LATE CHANGE	

PRINCIPAL REPORT NEWSLETTER WEEK 6 TERM 1, 2018

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on 15 March 2018 from 9.00am to 1.30pm for students in Year 6 who have applied to sit the exam.

Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Unit to attend an individually allocated test centre candidates from our school will sit the test at Terrigal High School.

For further information parents can go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/the-test>

to find:

- Test centre allocations by public school.
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'.
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On Tuesday our staff remained at school for a 3 hour professional learning workshop presented by Michelle Montgomery, who is a trauma-informed educational specialist, a teacher, school counsellor and PhD candidate with the Western Sydney University. The focus of the workshop was on understanding adversity: a brain-based approach to emotional and behavioural challenges, to support students effected by trauma. Latest research on neurobiological research was discussed, along with international and national directions on trauma-informed care across child-serving sectors and government. Work and understanding on neurobiological research is still relatively new in many sectors so I congratulate our staff on engaging in the latest research and information to further deepen our knowledge and understanding in support of our students.

This evening was the first of 4 'after hour' workshops our staff will be engaging in, as a part of our 'trade off' of the last two School Development Days in December, as mentioned in previous newsletters.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

As in previous years, our teachers will hold Parent Teacher Interviews in the last three weeks of term one or the first three weeks of term two. These interviews enable parents and teachers to discuss their child, current progress and future goals, before the Semester One reports go home at the end of term two. Teachers will be sending out invitations shortly for families to nominate a preferred time to attend their interviews.

NAPLAN ONLINE 2018 (Repeat Article)

Our school will be one of approximately 500 schools in NSW that will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online this year. This means our students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN assessments online rather than pencil and paper tests. The Year 3 writing test will continue to be paper-based, but all other Year 3 tests will be online.

Last year we participated in a school readiness test to prepare for the transition to NAPLAN Online. Our experience with the school readiness test confirmed that our school was ready to transition to online testing in 2018. Our teachers and students will be involved in preparation and practice activities in the lead up to NAPLAN this year. This will include participate in a practice test during March, where students will have a further opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will be asked in NAPLAN Online.

More information about NAPLAN Online, including the latest fact sheet for parents and carers, can be found on the NSW Department of Education's NAPLAN Online website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/nsw-transition-approach>

SAFETY FIRST

A reminder to parents regarding keeping children safe. We have a number of students arriving at school too early in the morning – often as early as 7.30 am.

Teachers do not go on duty until 8.30 am. Until this time they are busy in meetings or classrooms preparing for the day. Children should not be at school until after 8.30 am. Please consider use of our terrific OOSH facilities should you need to bring your children to school before hours.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Parents/carers who need to collect their children from school early are required to go to the office **BEFORE GOING TO THE CLASSROOM** to receive an 'early leaving' slip. Teachers are unable to release students without this. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of your children so your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Should your usual home plans change ie if another adult is going to collect your children, please put this in writing and give to the teacher on the morning of the change.

BUS TRAVEL AND OPAL CARDS

The Entrance Red Bus Company has asked us to inform parents of the following:

As you may be aware students have been allowed to travel with no questions asked since the start of the 2018 School Year due to the School Travel Moratorium. Red Bus wish to advise the Moratorium ends today for all students.

As of Monday 26.02.2018 all students will be required to produce an Opal Card, Cash Fare or Receipt of application for travel to be allowed travel on any bus.

Any queries, please contact the Red Bus Company on

4332 8655.

BOOK PACKS

As you would be aware all schools have a 'school fee' system which is a voluntary contribution made by parents. Under this system, families are often unsure what school fees are actually used for.

After consultation with the school community, the P&C and staff, our school decided instead of asking families to pay school fees, we would ask families to contribute to the book pack so they could see how their 'fees' were being used. We have used this system for the last few years. The book packs provide the equipment, resources and materials the students use on a daily basis.

The school continues to cover the cost of numerous other resources and 'replacement' usable item i.e. Paint, pencils, glue, paper, lamination etc. throughout the year.

As in previous years, book packs are \$70 per child and payments can be made through the usual channels. For the convenience of families an invoice will be sent home each term so families may pay in full or by instalments.

Michelle Dwyer
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

P.B.L THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: TRANSITIONS PBL TERM 1 WEEKS 5 & 6: OVALS & CLASSROOM:

RESPECTFUL: Sportsmanship

RESPONSIBLE: In bounds, right way right play, Stop,
Walk, Talk

SAFE: Sunsafe



PLAYGROUND REWARDS FOR TERM 1 WEEK 5 AND WEEK 6: Congratulations to our Term 1 Week 4 Marley playground community reward winners:

- Kinder:
- Year 1: Monty H – 1M, Byron W – 1C
- Year 2: Kallan M – 2J, Morgan M – 2B
- Year 3: Kayden K – 3H
- Year 4: Andie C- 4W, Scarlett K – 4M
- Year 5: Gracie G – 5MC, Kyra D – 5B
- Year 6: Mia K – 6S, Finlay E – 6W

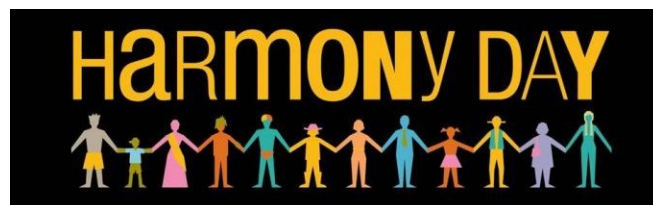
There were no playground reward winners from Kindergarten this week.

PROPERTY CENTRAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD: The Term 1 Week 5 winner of the Property Central Citizenship Award is Madi Y of 6W. Her award read "Madi is a kind school citizen. She always puts others before herself". Congratulations Madi.

PROPERTY CENTRAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD: The Term 1 Week 6 winner of the Property Central Citizenship Award is Molly R. of 5-6T. Her award read "for being a positive force in class and for generously supporting others". Congratulations Molly. One student per week will receive a Citizenship certificate from Property Central and a \$20.00 book voucher. There will be a different class chosen each week.

THE DARE TO LEAD TEAM NEWS: The Dare to Lead team works to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students and their families within the Bateau Bay school community. The Dare to Lead team would like to announce the following news:

- 1) The Bateau Bay Koori Choir are being organised by Ms Pizzuto, Mrs Trigg and Mrs Grootjans in 2018. The Koori Choir are having a workshop and performance at The Entrance PS on Wednesday March 14 from 10.50 to 1.15. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.
- 2) The GulangFest message stick assembly is being held on Tuesday March 20 commencing at 10.30. Afterwards ATSI parents and family are invited to attend a PLP Welcome BBQ in the yarning circle from 11.00 a.m. onwards. Invitation letters are being sent home to ATSI families soon. We look forward to seeing you there.
- 3) The 2018 GulangFest has been scheduled for The Dolphin Theatre, The Entrance Campus of Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College on Thursday November 22 (Term 4 Week 6)



HARMONY DAY: Bateau Bay Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 23 March 2018 (Term 1 Week 8). A parent information note will be sent home in Week 7. Students are invited to wear orange, yellow or red mufti (at no cost) on this day. All students will be participating in 6 activities on 20 minute rotations during the middle session of the day. Parents are invited to attend a family picnic on the grass above the COLA with their children from 1.45 to 2.25. Full details will be available in the parent information notes. We look forward to an exciting day.

2018 BICYCLE LICENCE: Congratulations to the following students on receiving their 2018 bike licences: Zane P - 5MC, Bailey B – 6W, Max L – 6F, Liliana R – 5B, Finlay E – 6W and Robbie E – 4G.

It is recommended by Services NSW that children under the age of 10 do not ride their bicycles on busy roads unless under the direct supervision of a responsible adult.



At BBPS we encourage students ten (10) years or older to obtain a school bicycle licence in an effort to promote bicycle

safety awareness. Students, in consultation with parents, are asked to follow the Bicycle Safety rules: these are: always ensure that your bike is in good working order, your brakes, chain and steering are safe, always wear an approved helmet, bring a safety lock to lock up your bike, walk your bike on pedestrian crossings or traffic lights and within the school and follow the road rules.

Bike licences can be obtained from Mr Waite's office, signed by parents (after family discussions about safety) and returned to Mr Waite.

Please note that the riding of skateboards, scooters, roller skates and roller blades are deemed too dangerous to ride to school.

Mark Waite
Deputy Principal

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

WHAT ARE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act of 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ARRIVING ON TIME AT SCHOOL AND CLASS:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.
- Continued lateness will result in further actions being taken.

At any stage if you feel your child is avoiding school for any reason please contact the school and discuss how the school can help you and your family.

Mark Jennings
Deputy Principal.

TLPSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 6 March 2018 a group of students from Bateau Bay Public School attended the TLPSSA Swimming Carnival at Mingara Aquatic Centre. The students were proud to represent our school and compete in a variety of events. We had some wonderful results on the day, with students from Bateau Bay Public School making it into a freestyle finals race for every age group. A number of students have also made it through to the Sydney North event to be held later in March, including our junior and senior boys relay teams. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents and friends who came to cheer our students on and support our school.

Sophie Best and Kristy Grootjans
Swimming Co-Ordinators



Senior Boys Relay Team



Junior Boys Relay Team



FEBRUARY IGA \$62.51



Operation Art is an initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education. The Operation Art program provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of NSW. This year our school has decided to participate in this program and allow students to submit a work of art. Each artwork will be displayed at school but unfortunately we can only select one piece for submission to Operation Art. This is due to the fact that there is an entry fee of \$95 for each artwork. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are able to enter a piece with the size being a minimum of A4 (30x 21cm) to a maximum of A2 (42x 60cm), with a maximum depth 5mm. The submitted artwork will be framed and exhibited at Sydney Olympic Park. One hundred and fifty works are selected for further exhibition opportunities including fifty selected for a tour series and then given to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The theme for each artwork is a cheerful and uplifting subject appropriate for display in hospitals. Judges will look for a work that will make the viewer smile. There are seven major categories of work that students can use to create their artwork. Drawing, painting, mixed media, print making, photography, fibre and electronic. If you access the website at:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/node/9224/view>

you will be able to view examples of entries using each medium. The entries will be due at school on Friday 6th April. We will exhibit the entries at school and submit the winning school entry in the first week of Term 2. The due date for submission of our school's entry to Operation Art in Sydney is Friday 11th May. Our school hopes that your child will be able to take part in this initiative and have the opportunity to have their work exhibited at school. Please make sure that your child's name, age and class are displayed on the back of their artwork.

Ross McGowen
Coordinator



K-6 Easter Hat Parade

Date: Tuesday 27 March 2018

Time: 9.15am

Location: COLA

Dear Parent and Caregivers

The 2018 K-6 Easter Hat Parade will take place on Tuesday 27 March 2018 at 9.15am under the COLA.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be making and decorating a hat at school to model during the parade.

Years 5 and 6 will be sporting crazy hair, with an Easter theme where possible, which they are required to create at home on the morning of the parade.

There will also be an Easter Raffle run by the P&C with tickets being sold prior to the parade. The winners will be drawn at the completion of the event. The P&C will send home more information closer to the date.

We encourage parents, caregivers, family and friends to join us on this day as the students' parade their creations. Don't forget the camera! We look forward to a great morning.

Melinda Coggins

Easter Hat Parade
Coordinator

Happy Easter!





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BATEAU BAY PS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Service PH: 4333 5168 Mobile: 0421 087 607

OPENING HOURS

Before School: 6.30am-8.30am

After School: 2.50pm-6.30pm

Vacation Care: 7.00am-6.00pm

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea provided daily

Kindergarten students escorted to and from classrooms



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J&B DANCE



Classes held on Mondays in the
school hall from 3pm

New Dance Studios now open at Long Jetty

- Classes from \$5.50!
- All Styles of Dance From Beginner to Elite. 4 Air-Conditioned Dance Studios
- 1 Large Acrobatics Room
- Comfy Waiting Area
- Viewing Windows for Parents!

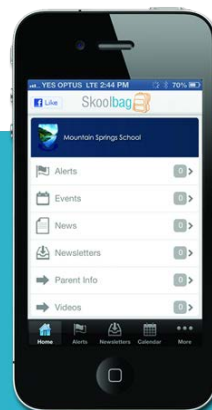


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OPAL

Students are required to tap on & off with Opal cards or pay the appropriate fare.

If students are still waiting for School Opal Cards a printed copy of the receipt of application is sufficient for travel.



Skoolbag

Download Skoolbag our mobile app to receive communication and alerts from the school straight to your phone and devices