## BLACKBOARD NEWS 2015

**Term 4**

**Week 2**

15th October, 2015

### TERM 4 – 2015

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**Please note that the school parking lot is only for the use of staff, delivery vehicles and special transport. The safety of our children is paramount; therefore the gates will be locked at different intervals throughout the day.**
FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENTS AND PERMISSION NOTES

- $5 – Beach Party Dress-Up Disco due 20th October, 2015
- $31 – Kindergarten Staying Alive at Taronga Zoo due 3rd November, 2015

Please be advised that these dates are final. The school sets these dates as final numbers are required for administration purposes, which include ordering buses when needed and settling the final payment amounts which often depend on the number of students attending.

Payments can be made by cash, EFTPOS (before midday) or online. Online payments should only be made via the school website which is listed at the top of this newsletter. Once you are on our website you click on $ make payment and follow the instructions.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to the last term of the year. As always, this term will be very busy.

I would like to welcome all the new Kindergarten students and their parents who will be starting school in 2016. Over the next three weeks they will be participating in their orientation here at Bennett Road Public School.

If you know of any parents who have not enrolled their children for 2016, could you please let them know it is time to do so.

CLC sport starts again next Friday and I will let you know when Colyton High Trade School will be having an open day for sport again.

Keep your eye on our Newsletter for upcoming events this term.

Matthew Plummer

KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS

If you have a family member or know of a child likely to start school next year please advise the school now or encourage them to visit the school and commence enrolment. They need to complete a form of several pages, produce a copy of the child’s birth certificate and immunisation records and proof of residential address (electricity account or similar).

If you prefer to have your enrolment form completed before coming into the school you can go on line to download, complete and print the application form out.


KINDERGARTEN 2016 ORIENTATION LEAD UP VISITS

Today was the first of our Orientation Lead Up Visits and our new 2016 kindergarten students were all very excited to be here. If you haven’t yet enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2016 there is still time to enrol and attend one of our Lead Up Visits on either 22nd October or the 29th October, 2015.
These visits will start at 9:10am and finish at 10:55am. Each visit will include a tour of the school, a play session in the Kindergarten classrooms and a morning tea with our Principal Mr Plummer, the P&C representatives and our current Kindergarten teachers.

If you are enrolling your child with Bennett Road Public School in 2016, please notify the office so you can complete the enrolment forms to be allocated a day for the Kindergarten Lead Up visits. If you know of a family who are thinking of enrolling their child for 2016 and haven’t yet done so, please inform them of these visits so they don’t miss out.

We are looking forward to meeting our new families and students for 2016.

Mrs Polkamp

**KINDERGARTEN TARONGA ZOO VISIT**

During this year Kindergarten has been learning about “Staying Alive,” a unit of work relating to the things that living creatures need to stay healthy and happy. To support this theme, an educational experience has been organised to visit Taronga Zoo on Tuesday 10th November, 2015.

We will be leaving at 8:00am, returning by 3.00pm so that we can see as much of the zoo as possible. The cost for this excursion will be $31.00, which includes bus fare and entry to the zoo.

We encourage all students to attend this valuable learning experience that supports their classroom learning. Safety and wellbeing is always a high priority at Bennett Road Public School. To attend this excursion it is expected that students are able to and willing to follow directions at all times.

Students will be required to wear school uniform, including a hat. They need to bring all their food and drink requirements.

There will be no opportunity to purchase anything at the venue. Further information regarding food and clothing will be sent out closer to the excursion date.

To assist with the excursion, there may be a limited number of parents / carers able to assist with the excursion by walking with a group of students. If you are able to attend please inform your child’s classroom teacher. Parents/ carers will be notified once the school has final numbers. Please note that no toddlers are able to attend.

Please fill in the permission note below and send the completed notes in an envelope with your money by Tuesday 3rd November, 2015. Due to the need to confirm numbers, no money will be accepted after this date.

Mrs D. Logan
CONGRATULATIONS!

This week has been an exciting one for some of our Year 4 students and their families as we have been eagerly awaiting the outcome advice about an Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 for 2016.

It is with great pride that we congratulate Madalyn and Kayla from 4B on their success in gaining an OC Placement. Madalyn has been offered an OC Placement and Kayla is on the reserve list at Colyton Public School for 2016.

We would also like to acknowledge all of our courageous Year 4 students who applied for and sat the examination for an Opportunity Class placement. We are proud of your courage and effort.

Kind regards,

Ms Sarah DiMarco
OC Coordinator 2015.

1R STUDENTS WORKING WITH iPADS

Students in 1R have enjoyed working with the iPads over the last two terms. Some students were lucky enough to participate in an Apple store field trip. We were able to learn how to use the app Keynote to create information reports on many topics. The students had a great time and enjoyed sharing their knowledge back at school with other Year One classes.

We have also been creating information reports with Green Screen. Green Screen is a creative app where you can combine images from multiple sources into a single video. These images can come from photos or videos in your camera roll, or from the live video camera. Green Screen is an effect often used in movies to make it look like an actor is standing in front of something that is not really there. It is also used on TV to make it look like news readers are standing in front of an animated weather map.

Beach Party Dress-Up and Disco Day!

On Thursday October 22nd the school will be having its Beach Party Dress-Up and Disco Day! All the students from K-6 are invited to take part in this exciting event. This Thursday will be a mufti-day, with students encouraged to come to school dressed in their favourite Beach Party outfit!

Please note: Beach attire must be appropriate
wear for school. Colourful shorts, shirts, dresses etc…NOT swimmers please. ENCLOSED SHOES must be worn.

The **K-2 Beach Party Disco** will take place from 2pm until 3pm

The **3-6 Beach Party Disco** will take place from 3pm until 4.30pm

**The cost will be $5 per student**
During each session there will be a number of small prizes awarded at the **Beach Party Disco**.

Also, at the end of each disco session the students will be given a **drink** and a **packet of chips**.

Please support this event. ALL money raised will go directly towards reducing the high costs associated with staging this year’s Year 6 Farewell and will provide a gift to school from the departing Year 6 students.

Please sign the permission slip below and return it with your child’s $5 to the office by Tuesday 20th October 2015. **No money will be accepted after this date.**

Wow, Term 4 already!
Our big air conditioning fundraiser for this term is our Christmas Raffle. We are currently seeking prize donations. New toys or vouchers to ease the expense of the holiday season are always very sought after prizes. Any donations can be left at the office. Raffle tickets will go home later in the term.

Thank you to every-one who returned Earn and Learn stickers last term. We are now in the process of organising the resources to be used in the classrooms. It is now in the last few weeks that the 5c collection tins will be in the classrooms. Remember to send as many 5c pieces in to enable your child’s class to win.

Year 5 and 6 have been able to continue learning in comfort during the recent hot weather, due to their classrooms being air conditioned. We would love to have all the children cool and better able to concentrate regardless of the weather.

Our next P&C meeting is Friday 23rd October at 9am, meeting under the K – 2 Cola. Any new ideas, assistance in any way is always very welcome. As the saying goes, many hands make light work!!
BENNETT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Bennett Road Public School

Date: 1 March 2015

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Total: 130.00

Order Details:

Name: John Doe

Phone: 0403 567 890

Mail: 123 Main St, Colyton

Payment Method: 

Cash

Cheque

EFT

Credit Card

Card Holder Name: John Doe

Card Number: 1234 5678 9012 3456

Expiration Date: 12/2023

Security Code: 123

Signature: John Doe

Date: 1 March 2015

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Security Services: Please report all incidents of Trespass and other Suspicious Activity on school Grounds to the Police – 000 (they will respond the quickest if needed); St Marys Police 9677-7499, or Crimestoppers – 1800 333 000, School Security – 1300 880 021 and Bez Corp Security 9835 6627

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Opening Hours Term 1 2016

8:30 am - 9:30 pm Every Tuesday

8:30 am - 9:30 pm Every Thursday

8:30 am - 9:30 pm Every Friday

8:30 am - 9:30 pm Every Saturday

8:30 am - 9:30 pm Every Sunday

The Last Opening Day of the Term is the 8th December 2015

Extra Opening Times for Kindergarten Orientation

8:30 am - 9:30 am Tuesdays

Regular Opening Time

Unicorn Shop Hours

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BENNETT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Contact Number: 9623 1805, Fax: 9633 1037

100-114 Bennett Road, Colyton. PO Box 3059, St Marys South 2760.

Phone 9623 1805 Fax 9633 1037

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Phone 0403 567 890 Email: info@excellence.com.au

Any queries can be made direct to Excel Uniforms

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Please note this is an Excel Uniforms document and has been reformatted for easier reading.
### PBL PLEDGE

At Bennett Road, I promise to be a Safe, Respectful Learner!

I will be Safe by following the school’s expectations.

I will show Respect for all, including the school, other people and myself.

I will learn by trying my best, taking on challenges and learning from mistakes.

I will act in ways that others will be proud of me and I will be proud of myself!

Students who are Safe, Respectful, Learners in the playground can get a playground ticket. This is collected throughout the term and drawn at the end of each term. From K-2 and 3-6 one winner is picked and then the tickets are put together for a major prize draw. At the end of last term we draw the attendance and PBL raffle.

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### BREAKFAST CLUB

The school breakfast club has become very popular with the students and we are now running it on four days each week. The Breakfast Club will run every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning in room 19 from 8:30am to 8:45am. All students are most welcome to join in.

We have a variety of cereals and toast available. This is a free service which is made possible by the generous donation and continued support from **Baker’s Delight** at Centro Nepean and Springwood, who have been supplying our bread each week. Thank you for your continued support.
SCHOOL CROSSING

There have been reports that some parents and students are crossing Bennett Road without using the pedestrian crossing. For the safety of all students and the school community please ensure you use the crossing and children are supervised at all times while crossing the road.

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8 October 2015

NOTICE TO PARENTS
Re: Whooping Cough

Dear Parents,

A member of the school community at Bennett Road Public School has recently been diagnosed with WHOOPING COUGH (pertussis). Whooping cough is a disease which can spread easily from person to person. In order to prevent your child and other students from catching whooping cough the Public Health Unit would like to inform you that:

1. Full immunisation is the best protection against whooping cough. However, even children who are fully vaccinated can develop whooping cough.

2. If your child has any of the early symptoms of whooping cough, such as a cold or dry cough, then please consult your doctor as soon as possible, and take this letter with you.

3. Your doctor can arrange a throat swab to test for whooping cough. Please keep your child at home until these results are available (usually a couple of days).

4. Antibiotics are recommended for treatment of whooping cough and are effective in reducing symptoms and further spread of whooping cough if commenced within 3 weeks of symptom onset.

5. Please keep your child at home until they have completed at least five days of the course of antibiotic treatment, or until your doctor advises that they are no longer infectious.


Please do not hesitate to contact an Infectious Diseases Officer at the Public Health Unit (telephone: 4734 2022) if you require further information.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Bradley Forssman
Director, Public Health
WHAT’S GOING ON AT BENNETT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL?

We have a number of ways of finding out what is happening at our school, you can either check out our new notice board on Bennett Road, we have a Facebook page, our Web site or the Skoolbag app which is free to download.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click “Get” then “Install”.
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in “Notification Manager” changed to “Allow” instead of “Notify” in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for “Skoolbag” in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the “Pin” icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
7. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au  Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 😊
Kindy Orientation for 2016 presents ‘Book Bugs’

Fridays in Term 4

Library Story Time

2.00pm – 2.45pm

Friday 16th October
Friday 30th October
Friday 13th November