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BLACKBOARD NEWS 2015
Term 1 Week 2 5th February, 2015

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FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENTS AND PERMISSION NOTES

- 25th February, 2015 - The ANZAC Story $16 for Stage 3 students
- 10th February, 2015 – School Swimming Carnival $10 For students turning 8 and above in 2015 – this is limited to students who can confidently swim 50m without stopping.

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.

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back for a new school year. I would like to welcome all the parents and new students in Kindergarten starting for the first time at Bennett Rd PS. We hope you have a very successful and enjoyable time at our school.

Remember that for your child to be successful at school, it takes the parents, teachers and students to be working together as a team.

I would like to also welcome all our new enrolments who have joined us this year. Therefore, the classes are only temporary for the first two weeks as we have had to form a new Kinder class already. We will let you know of these changes as soon as possible.

Please remember that school starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm now. Parents, please try to arrive after 2pm when you come to collect your children. If you are here before the end of lunch it disrupts the students and their routines.

Once again, welcome back and I look forward to your ongoing support during the year.

Matthew Plummer

STAFF CAR PARK

As our new school year begins we would like to remind parents that the staff car park is only for the use of staff, taxis and deliveries. Already we have noticed there are some parents using the car park and even escorting their children through the park.

The safety of our students is paramount, it is important to remind your children about the dangers of using the car park as a walk way. We ask parents to lead by example and only use the designated walkways.

Because of this practice we advise that it will now be necessary to lock the car park after the arrival of our taxis, the gates will then be unlocked after 3pm.

INDUCTION ASSEMBLY 2015

On Friday 20th February (Week 4), our school will be having its first assembly of the year. This assembly will be the Induction Assembly for the upcoming school leaders for 2015. The leadership roles for 2015 are School Captains and Vice Captains, School Councillors, House Captains and Vice Captains, Library Monitors and the Student Representative Council.
All the successful students were carefully selected by both their peers and teachers; and will be expected to be Safe Respectful Learners by following ALL the school rules, being an excellent role model to others’, and doing their best at all times.

Parents and caregivers of these students will receive a formal written invitation to the Induction Assembly sometime during Week 3.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The Bennett Road School Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 12 February 2015 at Ripples St Marys. Due to the limited number of students from Bennett Road Public School who can swim 50 metres, we are combining with St Marys Central. Most classes at school will run as per normal, although some primary staff will be at the carnival.

**Please note that only children who can swim 50 metres continuously can attend.**

Permission and medical notes have been sent home and need to be returned by Tuesday 10th February, 2015. The cost will be $10 (this covers pool entry and lifeguard hire only)

On Wednesday 25th February 2015 at 11:30am until 1:00pm, students from Stage 3 will have the opportunity to attend an incursion in the school hall. The performance will support our history unit for term 1 and it is hoped all students will attend.

The show aims to captivate the students in Australian History. It brings to life the real story of the Anzacs, in one of Australia’s most interactive and educationally sound performances. The Anzac Story uses the latest special effects, audio and computer-aided technology to allow students and adults of all ages to experience life in the trenches. The Anzac Story is performed with the greatest respect to the memory of the soldiers and is a moving presentation that treats the subject of the ANZAC, and Australia’s history with true honour. This is a great way to commemorate ANZAC Day. Lest we Forget!
The cost of the incursion is $16 dollars. This must be paid by 9:00am Wednesday 25th February. Parents may attend but it will also cost them $16.

**CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY IN 2015**

In 2015 the librarian and teachers at Bennett Road will be making changes to the school library to help it become the heart of the school. The teachers would like the students to see the library as an important place in their school lives. We would like them to spend time in the library because they find it stimulating, safe, enjoyable and a wonderful place to learn.

This year all students will spend time in the library to research and investigate topics that are part of their classroom programs. They will have opportunities to learn how to use technology for learning as well as learning how to locate a wide range of information to support their class work. During these lessons students will be taught by both the class teacher and the librarian.

The library will also be open during the lunch break so that students are able to spend additional time reading or doing research.

A strong emphasis will be placed on encouraging all students to borrow books from the library every week. Each class will have a special borrowing time. The students will be supported by the librarian and the class teacher to select books that are suitable for them.

Reading an enormous number of books is incredibly helpful for learning. Reading books helps students to:

- develop knowledge
- increase their reading ability
- develop written language skills
- increase the number of words in their vocabulary
- develop their spoken language
- develop an interest in reading for pleasure

Every student will be encouraged to bring a library bag to protect the books they borrow however if students forget to bring their bag we will supply one because it is important to us that they don’t miss out on borrowing for that week.
We know the students will look after the books well and we hope they will enjoy having them at home. Students may like to do different things with the books they borrow. Some may:

- only want to look at the pictures
- want you to talk about the pictures with them
- want you to read to them
- want to read to you or their brothers and sisters
- read quietly to themselves

All of these ways of using books are good. We hope that the books your children borrow from school will provide many happy hours of reading. Please encourage them to be a weekly library borrower.

Mrs. Webb

Welcome back to a new school year we hope you all had a wonderful and safe holiday.

The P&C have been busy over the holidays coming up with new ideas on ways to fundraise. 2015 is set to be an amazing year for the children at Bennett Rd. To make all our ideas come alive we will need help. Please come along to our first meeting of the year which will be on Friday 20th February at 9am we will meet under the K-2 COLA and then move off to our meeting room everyone is welcome.

If you are unable to attend you can still be involved through our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/bennettrdpandc. For regular updates or contact us at bennettpc@outlook.com.au

Looking forward to an exciting year ahead,

Haylee Brown
P&C President
0400 546 772
**BREAKFAST CLUB**

We are pleased to report that 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 and Panthers on the Prowl for the supply of cereal.

We wish to thank you for your continued support with the supply of goods for our healthy breakfast.

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**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.
2015 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video. Find our more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please be reminded that high school students are not to enter the school grounds before 3pm, if collecting siblings they can enter the grounds as soon as the bell is sounded.
What is Bullying?

Bullying can be said to be repetitive intentional, ongoing behaviour by an individual or group of individuals that causes upset, distress, hurt or an intense sense of fear.

Bullying involves intentional and wilful misuse of power in relationships.

Bullying often seems to involve direct or indirect harassment, humiliation, violent or physical domination and/or intimidation of others.

Bullying behaviour is repeated:
- Verbal such as: name calling teasing, putdowns, insults, threats or abuse.
- Physical such as: hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting.
- Social such as: isolating, excluding, making rude, cruel or crude gestures.
- Emotional such as: spreading rumours intentionally; menace; dirty looks; hiding or damaging possessions’ inappropriate notes, letters, phone messages (verbal); SMS misrepresentation (text)

If bullying happens to me there are active steps I can use to take action.

Talking about a problem is not dodging!

We want to make our school safe for everyone.

Expectations

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

Consequences of bullying at Bennett Road Public School
(In line with the Student Welfare Policy)

- Intervention by the class teacher when bullying is known to be occurring. Managed at class level.
- Loss of playtime, possible playground / classroom monitoring card.
- Loss of privileges e.g. Dance groups, choir, PSSA sport other special school events.
- Intervention by Assistant Principals for continued acts of bullying.
- Parents notified by telephone or letter
- If bullying continues interview with Assistant and/or Principal, student and parents.
- Referral to school or community based counselling.
- Applying DEC consequences.

Bullying is not accepted at Bennett Road Public School

All children can and should behave appropriately

United Nations Charter states that:

“Every child is entitled to an education.

Every child is entitled to be safe”

MOVE TO SUCCESS

“Be a SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNER”

EVERYONE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO REDUCE AGGRESSION IN OUR SOCIETY
Bullying is not accepted at Bennett Road Public School

- Bennett Road students, staff and parents will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind. We are totally opposed to all forms of bullying.
- The students are expected to make a real effort to be tolerant of others regardless of their abilities, disabilities, race, religion, beliefs, appearance or any other differences.
- Bullying is never ignored or condoned when it is seen occurring. It will be stopped by seeking adult help.
- Everyone must be fair in the playground games and space should be shared with others.
- Everyone is to be kind to others even if they are not a special friend.
- Talk to teachers and parents/ carer’s about problems that occur at school or on the way to and from school.
- Seek help from friends, school leaders, parents, teachers, and school counsellor, Assistant Principals or Principal if you are worried about any aspect of bullying.
- The individual members of Bennett Road Public School will not bully and will not support or cover up for students who bully others under any circumstances.
- No one will bully students from Bennett Road Public School on the way to or from school.
- Everyone will take responsibility for their actions and will not blame others for things that they have done.

If your child is being bullied:

- Stay calm
- Listen carefully to your child.
- Assure your child that it is not his/her fault.
- If your child is different in some way, help them to be proud of their differences.
- Give your child some strategies to cope. Practise the strategies with your child.
- Get accurate details from your child and the school.
- If the problem persists seek assistance from the class teacher.
- If the problem continues seek support from an Assistant Principal or Principal.

If your child is bullying others:

- Initially you may be defensive and unbeliving. This is natural.
- Find out all the facts from the school, telephoning other parents can stir up a lot of unnecessary concern and inaccuracies.
- Talk to your child, but do not blame.
- Emphasise that bullying is not acceptable in your family.
- Seek assistance from school or health professionals.
- Role play alternative behaviours.
- Be specific regarding consequences for continuing unacceptable behaviours.
- Reward appropriate behaviour.

Information for Students

How to handle children who bully you?

- Be firm and strong even if you don’t feel it. Look them straight in the eye and stand up tall. Tell them to leave you alone and walk away.
- Ignore them, pretend you didn’t hear the comment, and find a friend to play with.
- Find a friend. Play with friendly children.
- Go to a trusted friend and seek help.
- Avoid them. Never find yourself alone with them. Stay in view of an adult. There is often strength in numbers.
- Don’t fight back physically. It just gets you in trouble too.
- Tell your class teacher, the teacher on duty, teacher’s aide, Assistant Principal or Principal immediately.
- If the bullying continues, keep going back and letting the teacher know about the bullying.

BULLYING
NO ONE LIKES IT
NO ONE DESERVES IT
NO ONE NEEDS IT
SO REPORT IT
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Dear Parent / Caregiver,

Yours sincerely,

Class

Child’s name

(date of absence) due to

Please excuse my child’s absence on

Benner Road Public School