### CALENDAR
**TERM 1 – 2015**

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<td>Panthers to present jerseys to the school at 11.30am</td>
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<td>Stage 3 The Anzac Story 11:30am to 1pm</td>
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| 27th February | K-6 Assembly 11:30am  
School Sports begins |
| 6th March   | 3-6 Assembly 11:25am  
K-2 Assembly 12:25am  
District Swimming Carnival |
| 13th March  | K-6 Assembly 11:30am                                                  |
| 20th March  | 3-6 Assembly 11:25am  
K-2 Assembly 12:25am                                                    |
| 26th March  | Cross Country                                                         |
| 27th March  | K-6 Assembly 11:30am  
CLC Summer sports finishes                                               |
| 1st April   | K-2 fun run                                                           |
| 2nd April   | Last day term 1                                                        |

**TERM 2 – 2015**

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| 1st May     | 3-6 Assembly 11:25am  
K-2 Assembly 12:25am                                                     |
| 5th May     | Greg Alexander Trophy                                                  |
| 8th May     | K-6 Assembly 11:30am                                                   |
**FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENTS AND PERMISSION NOTES**

- 25\(^{th}\) February, 2015 - The ANZAC Story $16 for Stage 3 students

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.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

We are almost halfway through Term 1 already. We are still getting new enrolments coming to our school every week. The parents of these children have been telling me that the school community is recommending Bennett Rd PS as the school to attend. Thank you to those people who are supporting our school.

On Tuesday afternoon we had our “Meet The Teacher Afternoon” and we had an excellent number of parents and carers attending. Your children appreciate it when they see you supporting them at school events.

This Friday is our induction assembly for our school leaders, SRC and Library Monitors. I’m sure this will be a proud moment for the children involved and their families.

Keep checking the newsletter and school website as there are many more upcoming events happening at our school during the rest of the term.

Matthew Plummer
Principal

**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 walkway. 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.
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.

SMS NOTIFICATION SERVICE

Bennett Road Public School now has an SMS phone notification Service.

This service is a text message sent to mobile phones in order to keep parents up to date and informed as to what is happening in and around the school.

Each family will receive one text message each.

The first set of text messages were sent out early last week. If you didn’t receive an SMS or you would like to change the mobile number the messages are being sent to please contact the school office.

If you have any questions please see one of the office staff.

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

K-2 MORNING LINES

The morning assembly under the K-2 COLA is a great way to start the learning day. The example that we give students is very important. Thank you to the parents and carers who continually stand at the back of the assembly. This enables students not to be distracted and to walk to their classroom in a safe manner.

Please continue to assist us by standing at the back of the assembly and away from your child once the morning assembly commences.

Mrs Carroll and Ms Doyle

KINDERGARTEN STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Welcome once again to Bennett Road Public School.

Please note that the student requirements for Kindergarten are as follows:-
• Box of tissues
• Antibacterial (no water required) hand sanitiser
• Library bag
• 4 glue sticks (or one each term)
• Spare change of clothes and underwear

It is requested that all items are clearly labelled (e.g. all clothing items, lunch and snack boxes, drink bottles, toys) and that the spare set of clothing be in your child/children’s bag each day in case of an accident.

Voluntary School Contribution fees at Bennett Road Public school are $20 per year for each enrolled student. This money is used to purchase resources to support your child’s education. Payments can be made at the school office.

Mrs. Carroll
BREACKFAST 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.

Sharon’s Superb Slices
Specialty cakes for all occasions.
Cakes, pastries and slices made to order.
Sharon Peach Qualified pastry chef / specialist cake decorator.
12 Carpenter Street, Colyton Phone 9673 4361 Mobile 0423 341 901
Email: sharonssuperbslices@aapt.net.au
Web: sharonssuperbslices.com.au

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.
Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.
Find out more:

Assignment starters for the arts
Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.
Find out more:

Primary school
Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.
Find out more:

Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?
Find out more:

BEARS OF HOPE FAMILY FUN AND MARKET DAY

Pregnancy and infant loss support

On Sunday 1st March, 2015 at Lang Park St Marys from 9am to 3pm (next to Village Shopping Centre grass area at Target end of car park).

Shave for a cause at 1pm Sarah McKenzie will shave her hair in memory of her baby boy Aiden Murphy. Aiden was born 9th October, 2013 and sadly passed away on 24 October, 2013. If you wish to support Sarah please come along on the day. There will be police/fire trucks, car show, waterballs, sausage sizzle, pony rides, jumping castle and market stalls.

100-114 Bennett Road, Colyton. PO Box 3059, St Marys South 2760. Phone 9623 1805 Fax 9833 1037
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Wednesday 8 April 2015

10am-2pm

Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

Come and learn all about recreational fishing in NSW, as well as go fishing and then take home your own new fishing rod, t-shirt and hat!

Spots are limited, so be quick to secure your place. 8-14yrs.

For more information please contact

Education Officer, Recreational Fisheries
Ph:(02) 9741 4849
Email:fish.care@dpi.nsw.gov.au
To all students, staff, and community members:

We remain vigilant in our efforts to ensure the safety and security of Colyton High School and its surroundings. Please report any incidents of trespass and suspicious activity to the Police – 000 (they will respond the quickest if needed); St Marys Police 9677-7499, or Crimestoppers – 1800 333 000; School Security – 1300 88 0021 and Bez Corp Security 9835-6627.

Colyton High School, Trade School

School in 2016

Welcome to Colyton High School. Trade School.

Attention Parents of Year 7 Students 2016

Information Evening February 24, 2016
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