### BLACKBOARD NEWS 2015

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FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENTS AND PERMISSION NOTES

- 1st May, 2015 – Year One and Two excursions to Homebush $30

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

This has been an eventful week for Bennett Rd PS. On Wednesday morning we had a visit from the NSW Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli MP.

He spoke to our Instructional Leader Helen Webb and myself about our Early Action For Success Literacy and Numeracy program. The minister said that he was very impressed with the progress the school has made over the last two years.

Mr Piccoli didn’t have time to visit classrooms but he did have time to talk to some members of our staff before he left.

The Penrith Council staff asked me to thank all the parents who helped fill out the surveys about what may be needed in the local community. They had forty surveys given back to them.

Our Easter Hat parade is on Tuesday, 31st March. I hope to see you all there if you can make it.

Matthew Plummer

YEAR 6 STUDENTS MOVING INTO YEAR 7 IN 2016

Completed ‘Expression of Interest’ form should be returned to your primary school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.
CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We are conducting a School Run 4 Fun Program for the students as a major fundraiser for this year, so we do ask for your support. For years 3-6, as well as any Year 2 students turning 8yrs old, the Cross Country Carnival/Fun Run will be held on the 26th March. The K-2 Fun Run will be held on the 1st April. All monies raised will provide additional resources for the students.

Students have now received a poster size Sponsorship Form with a great selection of toy brands including Nike, Sony, Apple, Disney Frozen, GoPro, Razor, Nerf and more. This form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school.

Inside the Sponsorship Form you will find helpful tips on how to raise more money for the school as well as other benefits such as the chance to win a Bali Family Holiday.

We ask you to seek donations on a $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive a reward prize for their efforts. The more donations you receive the better prize(s) you can choose. You can even boost your prizes with the option to mix and match. More details are included in the Sponsorship Form.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the Sponsorship Form and return along with your monies to the School office on or before 1st April. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

We would also welcome parents and family members to attend the event day to help cheer on the students. Happy fundraising!

Thank you in advance of your participation.

Miss Schroeder & Mrs Buckingham
THE FIFTH NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 20 MARCH 2015.

This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying! No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

Students will complete an additional bullying lesson this week to promote National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

K – 2 Assembly for Term 1 Week 6 was held on Friday 6th March, 2015 and the following children received assembly awards:

- KC – Aldree and Nevaeh
- KL – Simar and Selvan
- KM – Georgia and Jaymin
- KP – Mitchell and Sian
- KS – Mackenzie and Jiye
- 1B – Makayra and Dechlan
- 1H – Ellie-Louise
- 1C – Chloe, Kiara and Noah
- 1P – Cody, Zoe and Sharlee
- 1R – Taya and Zac
- 2D – Sharlis, Jade, Daniel D and Liam F
- 2R – Jonah, Montana, Rahela and Eddie
- 2W – Zayne, Jason, Te Ahaga O Mata Lele (Cheryllina) and Elizabeth

The Mystery Teacher Award was awarded to class 2W. Congratulations and well done to all award winners.
3 – 6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The 3 – 6 assembly for term 1 week 6 was held on Friday 6th March, 2015 and the following students received awards:

- 3B – Nia and Tyler
- 3P – Rehan and Dakota
- 3W – Cayley and Taryn
- 4B – Tanou and Maria
- 4J – Jai and Bryce
- 4S – Kiarra and Ishara
- 5/6M – Makayla
- 5F – Daniel and Roseana
- 5T – Sharni and Mandiya
- 6D – Mitchell and Nirvana
- 6E – Emily and Witana
- Library – Wael 4B and Roseanna 5F

Stage 2 Mystery Teacher’s Award was won by class 3P.
Stage 3 Mystery Teacher’s Award was won by class 5T.
Congratulations and well done to all award winners.

KINDERGARTEN BEST START ASSESSMENT

At the start of the school year, all Kindergarten students participated in the Best Start Assessment program. This program helps teachers to find out what each child knows when they begin school.

Due to the hard work of our Kindergarten teachers, the assessments ran very smoothly and allowed for all students’ knowledge to be assessed.

Shortly you will receive the results of your child’s Best Start assessment. The Parent Report also provides some suggestions of ways you can help your child at home.

If you have any questions about the report, please speak to your child’s teacher.

Mrs Carroll
Diamante Poems By 6E

WAR-PEACE
A diamante poem is written in a diamond shape.

Stage Three are studying the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC and WW1. We wrote these diamante poems using words describing war and peace.

War
Noisy, scared
Shooting running yelling
Guns, tanks, aircraft, boats,
Calm, quiet, silent
Victory, absence
Peace
by Ricky 6E

War
Dangerous, scary
Yelling, running, hiding
Fear, sacrifice, friends, family
Praying, caring, helping
Loved, calm
Peace
By Zyndaria 6E

War
Guns, blood,
Killing, shooting, running,
Soldiers, enemy, people, happiness,
Riding, relaxing, praying
Friendly, playful
Peace
By Yogendran 6E

War
Blood, death,
Killing, shooting, bombing
Soldiers, army, friends, calm
Playing, living, laughing,
Fun adventure
Peace
By Akaydia 6E

War
Noisy, scary,
Shooting, running, yelling
Guns, tanks, aircraft, boats,
Calm, quiet, silent
Victory, absence
Peace
Ali 6E

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ANZAC Commemorative March

On Sunday 19th April the St Marys RSL will hold its annual March and Service at Victoria Park. Everyone is invited to attend the march, which will form up at Coachman’s Park, Queen Street, at 2.00pm, ready to march off by 2.30pm.

The march will conclude at Victoria Park, Great Western Highway, where a special 100 year commemorative Service will be held. After the Service, all attending are invited back to St Marys RSL Club for light refreshments.

All in the community are invited to attend and participate in this special event. We hope to see you there!

Mr Plummer and Mrs Rhodes

BRPS ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR TERM ONE!

Hi Parents & Caregivers,

All students are required to be at school each day from 9:00am-3:00pm. It is highly important our students come to school every day so they have the best chance of learning across the school curriculum. Sometimes we get sick, and being away from school to get better is absolutely necessary, but being away because they just don’t want to come or feel like staying at home is not acceptable. We encourage our students to come to school every day, on time and ready for learning!

As a way to further encourage our students, in Week 8 of each school term we will be drawing a raffle for the best student attendance for the term. This means, that for any student K-6 who has had less than 2 days off, their name will go into the raffle and if their name is picked, they will win a prize, which is a $25 voucher to spend! There will be one winner for Years K-2 and one winner for Years 3-6 each term.

I am happy to announce that the winners for Term One are;

Daniel – 2D and Brock – 3P

Congratulations to our Term One Winners!

Ms DiMarco
(Attendance Coordinator)
Easter Hat Parade

Bennett Road will be holding its Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 31\textsuperscript{st} March at 1:30pm in the Primary COLA

School Photographs

School Photographs will be taken on \textbf{Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} April}, starting at 9.00am.

Please ensure your child is wearing full \textbf{summer uniform}.

Photo envelopes need to be returned to the office by \textbf{Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April (2\textsuperscript{nd} day of Term 2)}

Notes and envelopes have been sent home, if you \textbf{do not wish your child’s name to be published} please complete and return the section at the bottom of the note.

P&C NEWS

\textbf{ELECTION DAY BBQ AIR CONDITIONING FUNDRAISER}

The P&C will be running a BBQ on Election Day on Saturday 28\textsuperscript{th} March. Thank you to the parents and staff that have already offered their time on the day but we still need more help to make the day a success. If you can spare an hour or two between 7am-4pm please contact the office or email \texttt{bennett.pc@outlook.com}.
A huge thank you to **Madden’s Plumbing Services** for generously donating 50 kilos of sausages to the BBQ! Also thank you all staff and parents that have already donated cans of soft drinks, sauces, serviettes and straws, including a member of the community who gave a $50 cash donation. We are still seeking donations for items such as bottles of water, poppers and pop tops. If you able to assist there is a donation box in the school office where you can leave your donations.

100% of all monies raised will be going directly to the Air conditioning Fund, so we can get started on keeping our kids cool. So any offer of help or donation, large or small is a greatly appreciated.

We will be having a raffle also on the day. Tickets are $1 each and there are three great prizes to be won.

1st Prize – Family Pass to The Easter Show
2nd Prize – Voucher and Gift Pack for Kelz Kutz & Kolourz
3rd Prize – Family Dinner voucher to Bambussa Buffet at St Marys Leagues Club

**EASTER RAFFLE**

A big thank you for all of the generous Easter Egg donations. Raffle Tickets have now been sent home to all children for the Easter Raffle. Please return them to the office by Friday 27th March with names and contact details clearly marked. Extra tickets are available from the office if needed. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 31st March; tickets will be available for purchase on the day.

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**SCHOOL WEB SITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE**

If you feel like you don’t know enough about what is going on at Bennett Road Public School, maybe your child has been absent and you want to see if they have missed out on anything please check out our web site or Facebook page where you can read up on what’s going on in our school.
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).

School A to Z app

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Find out more:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2015

On Friday April 24th, 2015 (Week 1, Term 2) we will hold our annual ANZAC Day Service at 11:30am under the K-6 COLA.

Morning tea will be supplied by Stage 3 at recess in the Library, and the hall will be open showcasing a special ANZAC display and artwork from students in K-6. All members of the community are invited to attend.
**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.

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

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Specialty cakes for all occasions.

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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.
Road safety around your child’s school

Your child’s safety depends on you

**Drop off and pick up by car**

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the **40km/h** speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous maneuvers such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

**Walking together to and from school**

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

**STOP!** one step back from the kerb.

**LOOK!** for traffic to your right left and right again.

**LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic.

**THINK!** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.
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28th Annual
Penrith Working Truckshow
Sunday 29th March 2015 - 8am-5pm
Australia’s Best Value Family Day

Fun and Excitement!

The Best In Country Music

- Darren Carr
- Christie Lamb
- Mark Shay

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- Direct access from Penrith Station
- Unlimited FREE amusement rides all day (20 rides)
- Concert sound & full stage
- Specialist trade stalls & displays
- Entertaining games & competitions
- Free Balloons & Fairy Floss
- Free face painting
- BBQ, drinks & beer tents
- Major prizes & trophies
- Price includes entry to Museum

Adults $30 up to 3 Children FREE with paying adult
(Children under 10, Student ID required if over 13 years)

The Museum is a registered charity and all funds raised are directed towards saving our families from the dangers of fire while preserving the heritage of our communities bravest.

Sydney Classic & Antique Truckshow on 31st May, 2015 (See website for more details)

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