## WHAT’S HAPPENING

### WEEK 6

**2nd March, 2012**
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm

### WEEK 7

**5th March, 2012**
School Assembly at 12:35pm.

**8th March, 2012**
Parent Course 123 Magic begins. K/1L, 1P and 1C – SITA Environmental Solutions.

**9th March, 2012**
Stage 3 Assembly at 11:30am. 1/2G, 2S and 2B – SITA Environmental Solutions.

### WEEK 8

**12th March, 2012**
School Assembly at 12:35pm.

**13th March, 2012**
P & C meeting in AV room at 9am.

**14th March, 2012**
Parent Information Session

**16th March, 2012**
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm.

### WEEK 9

**19th March, 2012**
School Assembly at 12:35.

**21st March, 2012**
Life Education NSW and Healthy Harold begins.

**22nd March, 2012**
Close the Gap Day, mufti.

**23rd March, 2012**
Stage 3 Assembly at 11:30am.

### WEEK 10

**26th March, 2012**
School Assembly at 12:35pm. Mufti Day with Easter egg donation.

**27th March, 2012**
School photos.

**29th March, 2012**

**30th March, 2012**
Stage 2 Assembly at 11:30am and K-2 Assembly at 12:30pm.

### WEEK 11

**3rd April, 2012**
Easter hat parade and raffle.

**5th April, 2012**
Last day for term 1.

## Term 2

### Week 1

**24th April, 2012**
Students return to school.

**25th April, 2012**
ANZAC Day Public Holiday.
FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Tuesday 6th March – K/1L and Stage 1 SITA environmental site excursion $10.
Friday 9th March – CARES Years 4-6 $7-50. Parent Information Session – Please advise school if you will be attending.
Monday 19th March - Year 6 Polo Shirt deposit of $15.
Friday 23rd March - Stage 3 Excursion to the Justice and Police Museum $18.
Friday 30th March – Stage 3 Flexi Kids Gymnastics program $29.

Money will not be accepted after these dates.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

On Monday, 5th March to Friday, 9th March we will be asking all parents with a child in K-4 classes to complete the PSP (Priority Schools Survey). It should only take a few minutes to complete.
Each morning and afternoon I will be at the school hall with members from the P&C if you need help. We need 100% of the surveys back if we are to have any chance of receiving any additional Federal Government funding for our school.
It was great to see so many parents and relatives of the children who received Leadership Badges last Monday at the Induction Assembly. The children love to feel supported by the whole school community and I’m sure they will represent their peers with pride.

Matthew Plummer
Principal

PBL - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

This year we are continuing the focus on supporting students learning, development and welfare by implementing PBL. Our expectations at Bennett Road are Be safe, Be respectful and Be a learner.
It is really important students arrive to school on time, be in their lines by five to nine. When students are late to school they miss out on critical learning time. Be a learner and get to school on time, in lines by five to nine.

ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS

Attending school each day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children. The law requires your child to attend school every day that lessons are given unless prevented by sickness or other good reason. If your child cannot attend school you are required to provide a written note explaining their absence within 7 days.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE PLAYGROUND

PBL team are currently trying to put toys and games out in the playground. Currently the infant’s playground has some toys and games that are put out

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at recess and lunch, but we need to replace some of the toys and games. If you have any good toys and games that are working and have all parts and are safe that you don’t need we would love to have them for the children to use. Please take all donations to Room 1.

Paint the Town REaD Ruby’s Corner
Paint the Town REaD is a whole of community strategy to encourage parents/carers to read to their children from birth.

Let your child see you reading, books, signs, magazines, brochures, recipes, e-mails and texts. Parents have the greatest influence on a child’s attitude towards reading.

SCHOOL WEB SITE
www.bennettrdp.schools.nsw.edu.au

WEB We have been updating on our web site and would encourage you to go on line and take a look.

All notes and newsletters that have been sent home can now be found on our web site. This will make it easy for you to check that you have not missed any notes.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Bennett Road Public School would like to invite you to come to our Parent Information Session.

DATE: Wednesday 14th March 2012
TIME: 9.00 am to 10.30 am
VENUE: Room 19
TOPIC: About the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) and How to Read My Child’s NAPLAN Results

At the meeting you will have the opportunity to meet other parents to share ideas and concerns.

Ruth Doyle.

STAGE ONE NEWS.

The stage one teachers would like to praise all of our students for settling so sensibly into their new classes this year.

In the subject area Human Society and its Environment (HSIE), students are now studying the learning theme Local Places, including recycling. In Science, students are investigating sounds. Please ask your child about his / her learning and contact the school to share any knowledge you have in these areas to support our programs.

Class reading and mathematics groups are now underway so if you can offer any help please see your child’s teacher to organise a suitable time.

Stage one teachers would also like to thank our parents for supplying tissues and soap to our class rooms
and for sending your child with all of their school needs. We would also like to thank the parents who helped out with book covering and those who sent in the $2 required to purchase a set of book covers.

Next Thursday and Friday our students will experience an excursion to the SITA Environmental waste site and will also join in with learning sessions from Penrith Council, about recycling in our community.

We hope all our students are enjoying this fun filled term and look forward to celebrating the end of term Easter parade with you all.

Mrs. Carroll
and all the Stage one Team.

STAGE 2 ASSEMBLY
AWARDS

Stage 2 assembly was presented by class 3M on 17th February, 2012 and the following children received awards:

- **3/4F** – Amelia, Nathan, Mitchell and Nirvana.
- **3M** – Tyreshea, Cameron, Jake and Darryn,
- **3T** – Jasmine, Kiegan, Shannyn and Emily.
- **3/4P** – Daniella, Tremayne, Montel, and Tiarna.
- **4S** – Garry, Tayah, Codey and Tyneal.

The Best Class at Assembly Award was awarded to class 4S.

Congratulations to all students receiving awards.

P&C NEWS

2012 has started well for the P&C, we have had our first meeting and put on a free sausage sizzle for the meet the teachers afternoon. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out on the day.

We would love to have more P&C members so if you would like to be involved but cannot always attend meetings you can still be a member and be kept up to date via email. $1 is required to be a member. You can place this in an envelope with your details in the P&C box in the office.

Being a part of P&C is all about helping the school and students and without the P&C there would be no mother's day stalls, raffles, cake stalls etc. All our fundraising goes back to the school and students to provide much needed equipment and supplies. We have an exciting year ahead and any help would be greatly appreciated.

Dates to remember

- **13th March** - P&C meeting 9am AV room
- **26th March** - Mufti day with Easter egg donation
- **3rd April** - Easter hat parade & raffle
- **1st May** - P&C meeting 9am AV room

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- 8th May - Mother’s day stall
- 11th May - Mother’s day raffle

Thank You
Michelle Lyons
P&C President

BECOME A FOSTER CARER

This year around 24,000 young people aged from babies to teens will be living in out-of-home care due to a range of domestic issues. As a result, foster carers are urgently needed and Fostering NSW is calling on caring and stable people to help care for a young person in their home. Foster carers play a vital role by giving these children safe and caring homes, either short or long-term, help to change their lives for the better. If you would like to know more about becoming a foster carer, call 1800 236 783 or visit www.fosteringnsw.com.au/

BANDAGED BEAR APPEAL

With the 23rd Annual Bandaged Bear Appeal running throughout March 2012, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, which treats 70,000 sick children each year, is asking the community to show its support to seriously ill children by holding a Bandaged Bear Breakfast, making a donation or purchasing Bandaged Bear Appeal merchandise.

Head to the Bandaged Bear Appeal Website www.bandagedbear.com.au or call 9845 3481 and register to hold a Bandaged Bear Breakfast, make a donation, or find out where to purchase appeal merchandise.

NATIONAL SEA WEEK 2012

Did you know Australia is one of the most urbanised nations in the world and most people live within an hour or two of the coast? The annual National Sea Week (which this year starts on 4 March) helps draw attention to issues related to the marine environment. This year’s focus is on marine debris (litter) and what we can do to help keep the ocean clean. Go to www.mesa.edu.au/seaweek2012/default.asp for activities and information on how you can be involved.

The first day also coincides with the annual Clean Up Australia Day. www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/

ST CLAIR YOUTH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Upcoming events for St Clair Youth and Neighbourhood team:

Well-Being Project is a healthy lifestyle program that focuses on developing skills in cooking and healthy eating as well as promoting an awareness of healthy and active lifestyles for young people aged 12 to 17 from Erskine Park and surrounding areas. Six weeks commencing 24th February from 3 to 5pm.

At Erskine Park Community Centre, 57 Peppertree Drive, Erskine Park.

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Contact Pete for more info: 
98342708 or 0404787330 
petercarney@scynt.org.au

**KIDZ ARCADE**
Hey Kids! Are you looking for something to do during the school term? Why not spend your Thursday afternoons at our cool Kidz Arcade program where you get to meet new people, make new friends and have a blast. 
We have console games, pool tables, arcade games and lots more to offer and we provide a variety of activities each week, ranging from cooking, craft and outdoor game activities.
We provide a friendly, safe and secure environment. Afternoon tea will be provided each week. 
At 97a Cook Pde, St Clair. 
Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00pm. 
**Cost $3.** For children aged 8 to 11 (yrs 3-6) 
For more info call 9834 2708 or email naomitarr@scynt.org.au

**FREE**
Micro-chipping Day on 15th March, 2012 from 10am to 2pm at Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre – St Clair. 
You can talk to a vet, get advice from our animal behaviourist or speak to the RSPCA.

All cats are to be presented within a suitable cage and all dogs must be on a lead.

**THE LEARNING LOUNGE**
Grades 3-6 
Bookings are essential

The learning lounge is a FREE tutoring service offering educational support for primary school aged students. 
**When:** Friday afternoons (during school terms) 3:30 to 5pm. 
**Where:** St Clair Youth Centre 97a Cook Parade St Clair. 
Visit our website [www.scynt.org.au](http://www.scynt.org.au) to download the registration form or contact the team on 9834 2708.
About Dance

Do you want a dance school that won’t cost a fortune and still gives all students a proper, safe, dance education? Then you need to join our school, because as the name says.. We are ABOUT DANCE!!!

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