Principal's Report – Mr. Scott Campbell.

Big thanks to all of our families who turned up to the Parent Information Evening held last week for all classes K-6. It was another great opportunity for families to hear our plans for the school for this year and for families to ask questions about each class. Overall it was a highly beneficial event and we look forward to working with you all in 2015.

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

• Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer. For more information please see:


Attached to the back of the digital version of this newsletter is some practical information about claiming this rebate. If you do not have digital access, please see the front office for more information.

Last week we held interviews for the final four candidates for our new teacher position. Over 120 people were considered for the position and the quality of the candidates was exceptionally good. A successful candidate has been notified and they will commence work here at BNPS when we have final approval from NSW DEC staffing.

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits from the NSW DEC.


Student Welfare is one of our major priorities at BNPS. We have a strong welfare policy and do not tolerate swearing, physical violence or any form of bullying. Each class conducts Anti-bullying lessons each Monday afternoon and we run several well-being programs for all students K-6. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you have any concerns about their welfare or social development.

Upcoming Events

March 5
“Yoga To Go” lesson #3

March 20
Harmony Day

March 23
National Young leaders Day

Important Announcements!

School Fees for 2015 are $44 per student and can be paid by instalments.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Term 1, Week 5 Award Winners

Principal’s Award

K/1C  Madison
K/1N  Macy
2S  Michala
3B  Athena
4A  Sofala
5/6M  Eliana
5/6W  Brandon

Student of the Week

K/1C  Elia
K/1N  Harper
2S  Codie
3B  Zane
4A  Latisha
5/6M  Tia
5/6W  McKenzie

You Can Do It – Resilience

K/1C  Cooper
K/1N  Taj
2S  Malachi
3B  Bridee
4A  Nickolas
5/6M  Dylan
5/6W  Ayden

Merit:

K/1C  Breanna
1/2N  Lacey
2S  Shaneal
3B  Mali
4A  Mitchell
5/6M  Keisha
5/6W  William
Leadership Assembly

Last Friday BNPS held the Year 6 Leadership Induction and Sport Captains Assembly.

Our Leadership Group holds an extremely responsible position, both as role models for our students and as much appreciated helpers with the day to day running of the school.

It is a milestone that our Leaders and school are very proud of and we would like to thank our parents, friends and school community (including the possum), for their ongoing support.

Glenda Williams - Year 6 Teacher

Asthma Australia

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Please return Asthma Action Plan

All students who have medically diagnosed Asthma are required to supply the school with an Asthma Plan.

A copy of the asthma plan was given to each student in Week 1 and a reminder has been given at each assembly since then.

The Asthma Plan must be signed off by your family doctor and returned to the school ASAP.

P&C EASTER RAFFLE

DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE

The P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle and are asking for donations of Easter Eggs.

Please hand all donations to the canteen volunteers. Donations can be all sorts and sizes of chocolates.

The more donations we receive the more prizes to win!!!!
The CANTENE will open again every Monday from 9th March.

The next P&C meeting will be held in the teacher’s staff room on Tuesday 10 March 2015 at 2.00 pm. Importantly, please note that meeting time has been changed to 2pm.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen is now open Mondays - A big thank you to Mel Hogan, one of our regular weekly canteen volunteers, who has very kindly offered to take on a further day so that the canteen is open on Mondays. We will still some new volunteers to help out and Monday would be a great day to learn as it is one of the quieter week days. If you can assist for half a day to help with morning preparations and lunches it would be appreciated.

LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE HANDED IN BEFORE 9AM – the doors will close at 9.10am as late orders are consistently happening and they simply cannot be cooked in time. Late orders will receive a vegemite sandwich.

A reminder that the canteen is unable to accept $20 & $50 notes.

FUNDRAISING NEWS
It’s Easter time!!! The P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle and are asking for donations. Please hand all donations to the canteen volunteers. Donations can be all sorts and sizes of chocolates and ALDI have a great range at low prices. The more donations we receive the more prizes to win!!!!

UNIFORMS SHOP
The Uniform shop will be CLOSED this Friday 6th March. The uniform shop is only open on Friday mornings from 8.45am to 9.15pm. If you cannot make this time please put your name & contact number in an envelope and place it in the letterbox in the CANTENE for us to contact you to make arrangements. You can also place an order & money in the letterbox and we will give the items and receipt to your child.

NEW SHIRTS a full stock of new shirts arrived last week and sold fast. We have sold out of some sizes already and another order has been placed.

LAYBYS – The uniform shop allows laybys to assist you with purchasing uniforms. Layby conditions are that you make weekly payments off your layby and the layby must be completed within 6 weeks. We cannot separate the laybys.

Swim/sports bag – We have a great light weight bag in stock that is great for taking to swimming lessons, out of school sports and excursions etc.

Canteen Roster
Term 1 Week 6

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Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer.
- Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

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2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

APPLY ONLINE NOW!