Dear Parents,

A huge thanks to all the families that came to our ‘Meet the Teachers BBQ’. It was a great sight to see so many parents, teachers and children socialising. The teachers were thrilled with the response and the positive attitude to a new year. Please keep those connections going with your child’s teacher throughout this term and the year. Do you know that the parents of some of your child’s friends at school will become lifelong friends. Pretty cool.

Congratulations to our swimming team who competed at the district carnival last Friday. Although we don’t have any regional reps we had a number of children who performed well. There are a number of children currently trying out for school and district teams. These include cricket, softball, soccer, tennis and AFL. Thanks to the teachers for providing these opportunities and good luck to all the children trying out. It makes for good team and school spirit.

I have been asked by Priors buses to inform you that all students entering Year 3 this year are required to complete a bus application in order to be issued a current bus pass. This also includes all children in Years 3 – 6 who live within walking distance from the school. This will entitle students to free travel.

Have a great week

Tom Purcell
PRINCIPAL
TERM 4—2012

Week 5
Thu 28  AFL Trial Hanging Rock
Fri 1   Clean Up Australia Day
              Boys Soccer Selections
              9.30—1.00pm Hanging Rock

Week 6
Mar
Thu 7   P & C AGM 7.00pm

Week 7
Mar
Wed 13-15 Year 6 Camp Pigeon House
Fri 15  Relay For Life
              National Day Against
              Bullying & Violence

SAVE THE DATE:
Senior Camps
Yr 6  13–15 March Pigeon House
Yr 5  20–22 March Shallow Crossing
Yr 4  26–28 March Narooma
Yr 3  3–5 April Racecourse Beach

We need DONATIONS of EASTER EGGS to be brought in. Please drop eggs off to front office. Please write on the bag your child’s name and class as they will go into a drawer to win a prize on the day.

BBPS P&C Easter Raffle
At Least 5 hampers to be won!
Tickets $1.00 each
Drawn Friday 28th March at the Easter Hat Parade.

PELICAN PANTRY
Roster
January Term 1
WK 5  March
Mon 11  Jennifer Hornby & Keren Huggett
Tue 12  Tracee McArdle & Worzil Shaw
Wed 13  Melanie Ingram
Thu 14  Kylie Gilligan Cheryl Healey
Fri 15  Marcia Figg & Jenny Carrick

P & C AGM MEETING—DIARY DATE
The P&C AGM Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th March 2013 in the School Staffroom at 7.00pm. All positions will be declared vacant.
Everyone is welcome so please come along!
See you there!

TOMORROW (THURSDAY 28TH) IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY SCHOOL FEES FOR THE EARLY BIRD DRAWER AND YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A $100 FUEL VOUCHER AND $50 GIFT VOUCHER so be quick!

Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors. Please support these businesses who support us!!.
DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday a small group of children represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival in Narooma. The children tried hard and had a great day. Congratulations to all the children and parents who made the day so successful.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Our new mantra
BE AT SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY.

Has your child been at school every day ??? We are half way through our next attendance target for weeks 3, 4, 5. There are some great prizes at the end of next week for a lucky boy or girl from each grade level and of course an iceblock if you have been here every day.

Polar - our Attendance Bear was introduced on Assembly this week. Polar will visit and share in all the learning, caring, sharing and playing in the classroom who has had the least amount of children away. Congratulations to SW- Mr Wright's class for having 0 children away in week 4. AWESOME JOB.

Community News

Waves Netball Registration

Registration for all ages will be at the Batemans Bay High School from 10am to 12pm. You will need to print off the registration form from the Euro Netball Website www.eurobodalla.netball.asn.au For further information please call Laynie 4472 7308 or Georgie 4471 3028

IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

The Asthma Foundation NSW has advised us of a change in policy. From July 2012 Asthma Australia has implemented a national policy of single-person use spacers (and puffers).

The National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia advises that if a spacer (or puffer) touches someone’s mouth then only that person should use that spacer again. This avoids infection transmission via mucus. This means that best practice for infection control is that all spacers (and puffers) are to be used by one person only and should not be washed or in any way cleaned and reused by another person.

It is for this reason we remind parents to make sure that your child has his/her asthma medication (puffer) on them at all times. If you would prefer to leave a puffer in our school office for your child, we can make the necessary arrangements.

A letter outlining these new arrangements will be shortly given to students that have indicated that they have asthma.

Please contact the school on 4472 4059 if you have a query regarding your child’s health.
Drivers ignoring parking restrictions within the school zone Mundarra Way, Surfside

Eurobodalla Rangers patrolling the school zone during operational times at Batemans Bay Public School have observed in the past two weeks an alarming disregard for the safety of students by ignoring the road rules within the sign posted Bus Zone and No Stopping Zones of Mundarra Way.

In response, Rangers have issued several penalties carrying 2 demerit points to several vehicles in breach of parking zone restrictions.

To improve the safety of our children, penalties for parking offences in school zones are heavy and demerit points apply.

School zone penalties apply to offences committed in school zones during posted school hours. Some of the most common offences include:

- Disobey No Stopping Sign – School Zone $298 2 Demerits
- Stop in Bus Zone – School Zone $298 2 Demerits
- Double Park – School Zone $298 2 Demerits
- Stop on/across driveway – School Zone $165 2 Demerits
- Disobey No Parking Sign – School Zone $165 2 Demerits

Please note: the fines and demerit points outlined above are correct as of 1 July 2012 and are subject to change without notice.

School zones are often chaotic at peak pick-up and set-down times and children are sometimes put at risk. With the start of each school year, many new parents are introduced to parking and speed limit restrictions in school zones, which may be unfamiliar.

Council, in partnership with local schools and Police is working to improve parking, traffic flow and road user behaviour in school zones. Part of Council’s road safety program aims to inform parents and carers of the risks to children from speeding and illegal parking around schools. Council Rangers and local Police officers enforce the Road Rules.

As a community we are all aware that children are vulnerable road users and at a higher risk in traffic because of their size and inability to judge speed and distance.

When in school zones, please observe the following guidelines to reduce risk to children:
- Do not park in the School Bus Zone, on the zebra crossing or on footpaths or in No Stopping zones.
- Never double park. This reduces driver visibility, causes congestion and puts children at risk.
- Never call your child across the road – always meet them at the gate.
- Inform your child that crossing the road between buses is very dangerous practice. The safest area to cross the road outside the school is directly adjacent to the main gate, just before the bus zone.
- Always encourage your child to enter and exit the car from the kerb
- Be patient observe the directions of the School Crossing Supervisor if present
- Remember children are full of surprises! Expect the unexpected. Watch out for kids and think for them because they make mistakes.

By following the rules around school zones we can work together to ensure the safety of our children.

Eurobodalla Shire Council Rangers