Dear parents,

Thanks to the P&C for a great 'Mother's Day' stall last week. Our new fundraising organiser Sophia and her team did an awesome job and I hope all the mothers enjoyed their presents from excited children and had a fun, family day. While on the P&C, they are looking at some other choices for shorts. Next week we will have them on display in the mornings and afternoons for you to look at and vote on or make comment. The children have seen both pairs and will also be given the opportunity to express their opinion/vote.

Our Year 3 and 5 children are currently in the middle of their NAPLAN testing. On Tuesday and Wednesday the children do the literacy parts of the test and Thursday is Mathematics. Friday is a make up day for any children that missed any part of the testing.

Year 4 enjoyed a day at the Botanical Gardens on Tuesday. This facility is a credit to our area and to all the people who have put so much time and energy into making it fun and educational.

Congratulations to our cross country runners who took part in the district trials last Friday. As a result we had 4 runners selected to attend the regional trials. Chanel Glasson, Alex Gadsby, Ella Dexter and Josiah Brierley all qualified. Great effort.

At present we have our school netball, rugby league, softball, girls and boys soccer team in training for upcoming matches. Thanks to the teachers for their efforts in training the teams.

Have a great week.

Tom Purcell - Principal

K-2 ASSEMBLY NEWS

JLT Will be hosting this week's K-2 assembly. Assembly is on Friday and begins at 9am in the school hall.

JM Lakiesha Reynolds & Anthony Nielson
JMC Talan De Brodt, Phoenix Shaw & Nisa Mohammed
JR Andrew Blyth & Ashleyj Hancock
JSO Trisha Aldridge & Harley Trick
JH Caitlin Lake & Jackson Brett
JL Trystan Wilson & Cameron Love
JLT Cooper Montgomery-Hardy & Addison Hansen
JL Sam Callaghan & Dakoda Ella
JS Tiffany Large & Ryan Gould
JT Nathan McCallum, Jay-Lee Bishop & David Smith

SLOW DOWN

A reminder our school is a 40km/hr zone. Police are patrolling during school times to monitor speeding and parking.

Riley Henderson & Dylan Coulter in a dash for the finish...
**TERM 2—2013**

**Calendar of Events**

**Week 3**
- Tues 14: Yr 4 Botanic Gardens Excursion
- Tue 14–Thu 16: NAPLAN—Years 3 & 5

**Week 4**
- Tue 21: UNSW Computer Skills
- Wed 22: Kinder Mogo Zoo
  - The Wrong Book
  - Simultaneous Book Reading
- Thu 23: Disco Jnr: 1.40pm-2.40pm
  - Disco Snr: 6.00pm—7.00pm
- Fri 24: Walk to school

**Week 5 MAY**
- Mon 27: Writer’s Roadshow
- Wed 29: Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
- Fri 31: “The Protectors” show

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**PELICAN PANTRY**

**Roster:**
- Term 2
- May
  - Mon 20: Louise Charlesworth
  - Tues 21: Judy Charman & Worzil Shaw
  - Wed 22: Fiona Shorrock
  - Thu 23: Lou Kennedy
  - Fri 24: Marcia Figg & Jenny Carrick

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***CHANGE IN UNIFORM SHOP HOURS***

Please note that the uniform shop hours have now changed. Come and visit us on:
- **Tuesday 8:30am to 10.00am**
- **Wednesday 2.30pm to 3.00pm**

We are here to help with all of your winter items!

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**PAYMENT REMINDERS**

- Wed 22 May: Kinder Mogo Zoo - $15
- Thu 23 May: Junior & Senior Disco’s—Gold coin donation
- Friday 31 May: “The Protectors” - $5

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**WONDERFUL STEWART HOUSE**

Stewart House offers a well-balanced health and educational program to over 1800 school students from within our public education system. Batemans Bay public School has a very strong and positive connection with Stewart House and we have seen many of our students enjoy the experience leaving them with memories to last a life time. This year we have three of our students attending Stewart House this month. The NSW Department of Education provides staffing and the infrastructure; however the majority of the other essential costs are met by public donation. Please hand in your donation envelopes this. If you would like any further information please contact our school or visit the Stewart House website, www.stewarthouse.org.au.

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**BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS 31.5.13**

Will be presenting ‘The Protectors’, a show about protecting yourself from bullying and strengthening self esteem.

This is an exciting and entertaining way to help children learn different strategies to deal with bullying issues and to take brave, assertive actions when it comes to making hard choices at school and online.

The message is clear - don’t be a bully or a victim and stand up for what is right and fair.

Brainstorm Productions has won the NSW Performing Arts Frater Award - “Best Feedback from Schools” category for 10 consecutive years. Cost is $5 per child. Permission Notes were sent home Tuesday 7 May

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**REMOVING HEAD LICE**

Mention head lice and most of us develop an itch. While head lice and nits (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they are not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits.

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Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors. Please support these businesses who support us!!.
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.”

Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 24th May 2013.

Next Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. BBPS has been participating in this healthy and road safe activity since it's inception over 5 years ago. We encourage parents to join in the fun on the morning and walk with their children to school. More information will be in next weeks newsletter for meeting points and times. You can visit www.walk.com.au for more information.

All Parents & Carers are welcome to our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

WHEN: Wednesday 29 May 2013
WHERE: Our School - Staffroom
TIME: 11am
THEME: Mad Hatters Tea Party - wear a hat

Bring a gold coin donation and come along and join us for a cuppa to raise money for the Cancer Council

Electronic Newsletter

To keep you up to date...
We are in the process of investigating various "app based" products available to you on smartphones, tablets, iPads etc. that will deliver the newsletter, class reminders and calendar items and other various items to parents. We aim to have the newsletter in an electronic form by the end of the term. We will offer a paper version for those families still wishing to have the newsletter in a hard copy on an "opt in" basis. More information to come, stay tuned. If you have any queries, please see Mrs Maxworthy

MOTHERS DAY STALL IS A SUCCESS!

Last Thursday, the P&C held its annual Mothers Day stall and overall it was a fantastic day! All students were given the opportunity to purchase beautiful gifts such as magnets, photo frames, soaps, notebooks, animated face washers, bath bombs and mugs with chocolates.

A massive amount of $2973 was raised, which is an exceptional effort.

Our fundraising coordinator Sophia Lontis would like to thank everyone at home who purchased and supported the event. Special thanks go to the student helpers and parents (Jess, Kellie, Trish, Linda, Leanne, Rhonda & Jenny) who assisted with the stall on the day. Sophia would also like to thank teachers and aides who assisted students with their purchases and ensured the day ran smoothly.

Thank you
P&C Committee
Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program AGAIN.

The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources simply by doing your grocery shop at a Woolworths supermarket.

You can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths.

Place the stickers onto a sticker booklet and when it’s full it can be dropped into the Sticker Collection Box here at the school or at our local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to select from over 7,000 valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

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RSPCA New South Wales

Sunday, 19 May 2013

Eurobodalla Volunteer Branch
PO Box 184, Moruya NSW 2537

RSPCA EUROBODALLA BRANCH MILLION PAWS WALK
RIVERSIDE PARK, SHORE STREET, MORUYA
REGISTRATION & VET CHECK 9.00AM
WALK COMMENCES 10.00AM

Join us for a great day of family fun, there will be entertainment, stalls with great things to see and buy, RSPCA Merchandise on sale as well as yummy food.

All dogs friendly, well socialised on leads are welcome to attend the walk, all dogs must pass a vet check. For safety reasons other breeds of animals are not permitted.

Not a dog owner? That’s ok you can still register and walk the walk!

Win great prizes with our pet competitions on the day. “Best Dressed Pet” “Best Trick” “Pet/Owner Look a Like”

Come along for a great day of fun and help us raise Awareness. We are always looking for new members of our volunteer branch and we are always desperately looking for foster carers who can provide temporary care for animals prior to adoption. We provide cat cages and supply all food, please call the branch if interested on 0424 228 425.

Register online or on the day to help us raise vital funds for the animals in care with the RSPCA.

Find out more about our Million Paws Walk on our Facebook Page or call or email our President Megan on 0401 366 830 or meganelise259@gmail.com

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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2013

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

**THE WRONG BOOK**

**Nicholas Ickle is trying to tell a story, but he keeps getting interrupted by characters from other stories - a pirate, a queen, even some monsters!**

“**To get a chance to tell his story, he has to convince the others that they are in the wrong book.”**

Join 380,000 children at over 2,000 locations across Australia and help us promote reading and literacy by sharing this fun story.

**Where: Batemans Bay Public school hall**
**When: Wednesday 22 May at 10.45am**
**Week 5 Term 2**

Everyone is welcome to come and read along with our students.

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Mother’s Day stall helpers...