Dear Parents & Carers,

At last Mondays assembly we inducted our School Leadership Team and House Captains. We are very fortunate to have such quality children in these important positions and our school looks forward to their input during 2015. We also presented our swimming champions for 2015 with their trophies. After the ceremony the children and their families joined the staff for morning tea. A positive start to our school year.

Tonight is another positive experience with our ‘Meet the Teachers BBQ’. It is a relaxed and informal evening where you can bring the whole family along and enjoy a class visit, a sausage sandwich and meet the teacher and other parents in your child’s class. Even if you know the teacher really well, still come along as it gives a clear message to your child you are interested and they can show you the class and their work. This is exciting for your child. A big thanks to the P&C for their organisation of the food and drink. It is really appreciated.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who took part in the district carnival at Narooma on Tuesday. Many of our children were in a number of events on the day and all enjoyed the experience. Needless to say the carnival was dominated by schools that have an indoor facility in their town. Thanks to Naomi Blunden and Judy Gwynne who cheered for and supervised the children on the day.

I have noticed that the camp notes are starting to go out for Year 3 and 5 and that Year 6 have a camp meeting before the BBQ this evening. An exciting time. What a program! A big WOW to the teachers for giving our children this wonderful experience.

Have a great week Learning, Sharing, Caring Playing

Tom Purcell
Principal

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**IMPORTANT—ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

In the past, when families have had an extended absence from school due to a number of reasons, they have been able to apply for an EXEMPTION, which allowed for the child to be away from school but it did not affect the child’s attendance results.

Due to the National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting and the recommendations for the Department’s Audit Directorate this has been changed. Children who are away for an extended absence; say for example due to a family holiday that can not be taken during school holiday time will now be marked as LEAVE and this will affect their attendance results.

An exemption is now only granted for:

- Exceptional circumstances of the child’s health
- The child being prevented from attending school because of a direction under the Public Health Act 2010 (infectious disease—The parent is not required to complete an application for exemption)
- Employment in the entertaining industry—refer to children’s employment,
- Participation in elite arts and elite sporting events.

We strongly encourage you to speak with your child’s teacher in regards to their absences and as always, please send a note in with your child after they have returned from an absence.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Meet the Teachers BBQ—THIS EVENING**

Wednesday 18 February 5:30pm on school grounds.

Come along meet your child’s teacher, visit their class and enjoy a sausage sandwich.
Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors. Please support these businesses who support us!

TERM 1—2015
Calendar of Events

TERM 1

Week 4
Wed 18  Meet the Teachers BBQ 5:30pm

Week 5
Fri 27  Clean Up Australia Day

Week 6
March
Wed 4  Year 3 Camp
Thu 5  P&C Meeting 7pm School Staffroom
Fri 6  Year 3 Camp returns

K-2 ASSEMBLY NEWS
1/2T will be hosting this week’s K-2 assembly on Friday. Assembly begins at 9am in the school hall.

Below are the award winners from last week.

KM  Jordy Bowerman, Shakira Tanner
KMC  Olivia Emerson, Oran Humphries
KS  Atisha Andy-Darcy, Rezna Bels
KST  Kai Parsons, Kyiesha Towers
1L  Brace Colebrook, Kaicie O'Donnell
1TA  Patrick Viles, Ivy Canham
1W  Milly Duncombe, Charlotte Cullen
1/2T  Shayannah Neal, Sarah Morrow
2C  Sarah Clarke, Chelsey Crawford
2M  Jayjay Inwards, Annie Vickers
2T  Mia Blunden, Marli Dennis
Jye Isaacs
K-6H  Ryan Martin

Congratulations to our first Dollarmite award winner of the year.

Sophie—3H

Well done
Sophie keep saving!!

Banking day is Wednesday.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR P&C PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESIDENT DONNA GOOD AT THE SCHOOL ON 4472 4059
THE NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY 5 MARCH IN THE STAFFROOM AT THE SCHOOL

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Library borrowing for this year is now underway. Please check the list below to see which day your child’s class will visit the library each week. Children in K – 2 must have a library bag to be able to borrow. No plastic bags please. A bag with a drawstring at the top is the best, or an old pillow case. I still have a few material ones for sale for $4. I know that the kindergarten children were given bags at the beginning of the term, but if children have a different one that is individual, it does make it easier for the child to recognise their own one. Children in yrs 3 – 6 may borrow 1 book without a library bag, but borrow 4 books with one. If any child still has outstanding loans from last year, these books will have to be returned or paid for before they can borrow again. Please follow this up with your child, as it is so important for them to start good reading habits in these formative years.

MONDAY - 5 Hatton, 3 Mitchell, 1 Taylor
TUESDAY - 6 Nicholas, 4 Connolly, 1 Lavis
WEDNESDAY - 5/6 Wright, All the Kindergarten classes
THURSDAY - 6 Blunden, 2 Canham, 1/2 Tillott, 2 Maley, 2 Thompson
FRIDAY - 5/6 Gwynne, 3 Haynes, 3 Sharp, 1 Williams, K-6 Keane, K-6 Sulis, K - 6 Howard, 4 Scorer

Thank you, Joan Carroll

App of the Week

Each week BBPS will review an Apple/Android App that you can use to assist your child with their learning at home.
Name: Eggy Words / Phonics / Numbers
Cost: FREE—$4.99
Recommended age level: 4+
Helps your child with: literacy and numeracy

WE GIVE IT ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
Pictured here are some of our students from 6N enjoying a bread making experience. This is part of our Year 5/6 Micro-organisms science unit for this term.

**Breakfast Club** is open 8:15—8:45 every school morning. If you are doing your weekly shop please think of buying a spread, some fruit or even a box of cereal for our Breakfast Club. Donations can be left in the office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all our Breakfast Club volunteers.

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**PRIORS BUS SERVICES**

Students who are planning to or are currently catching bus services please ensure you have a current bus pass issued before 20th February. You will need to apply for a new bus pass if you are transitioning from year 2 to year 3, have changed schools in 2015 or have changed your address.

Bus pass application forms are available from your bus driver or from the school office.

School bus information is available on [www.priorsbus.com.au](http://www.priorsbus.com.au) or by calling 4472 4040.
**Batemans Bay Junior Boars Rugby Union**

Batemans Bay Junior Boars Rugby Union Club is now taking registrations for the 2015 competition. Registration costs are $90.

For further information, [https://www.facebook.com/bayboarsjuniors](https://www.facebook.com/bayboarsjuniors) or contact Ronnie: 0408247644 or Kylie 0428743471 email: juniorboars@gmail.com

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**Waves/Seahawks Netball**

Yes, it is true, Waves Netball has merged with Seahawks AFL club, to make a bigger, stronger sporting club for everyone involved in Netball and AFL. We will be taking Netball registrations at the AFL oval on Friday 20 February, from 4pm til 6pm. & also on Thursday 26 February 3.30pm til 5.30pm.

You can register individually or as a team.

Forms are available from [www.eurobodalla.netball.asn.au](http://www.eurobodalla.netball.asn.au)

Registration fees and further info available on our facebook pages, Bay Waves Netball and Eurobodalla Netball Association. For further info you can call Georgie on 0407 923 092 or Laynie 0428 191 091.