Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to some more wet weather! We are loving the green grass but not some of our blocked underground drains! We have a visit from our Department of Education Properties office booked in this week to help determine the best way to get water flowing away. In the meantime, we try hard to keep everyone as dry as possible, but it does get damp underfoot. Apologies in the meantime if any students come home a little wet, and especially with wet feet/shoes!

Community Pavers – Get Your Name Down in History
We have a shipment of pavers which will be laid in our front school path this week. These will add to the many names of students, staff and families from our past and present at BPS.

Good news – we are once again taking orders. If you would like to add your child’s name, or your family, to our school pathway, there is a form enclosed in today’s newsletter. Please follow the directions on the form, include the $25 payment and note the closing date – 5th June.

ARCO Position at BPS
My name is Mr Young and I am Bomaderry Public School’s ARCO officer for 2020. ARCO stands for Anti-Racism Contact Officer. The role of the ARCO is to receive and mediate complaints of a racial nature from students, staff and parents. My job is also an educational one in which I have discussions with students around the issue of racism. It is also a platform for celebrating the rich cultural diversity we have in our school and local community.

Please visit the following website https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/multicultural-education/anti-racism-education/complaints-of-racism or contact me at school for any further clarification
- Mr Young

2020 – ‘Celebrating our Diversity’ – Date For Your Calendar
Bomaderry Public School is lucky enough to have families from a diverse number of cultural and country-of-origin backgrounds. We have a rich local community with people of many language backgrounds and also some families who are very new to Australia.

On Friday March 20th, we will celebrate ‘Harmony Day’. We will have a celebratory assembly at 10.00am, followed by activities across the school for students to learn about many different countries and cultures. If you can offer expertise/information/skills from your own cultural background we would be so grateful.

Please contact Ms Hanbidge or Mr Young through the office if you could team up with one of our teachers to:
- Help teach some words, numbers, phrases in your home language (other than English)
- Teach a dance or song from another country
- Bring along artefacts, instruments, clothing or other cultural items to share (from another country)
- Tell a story from your culture/country
- Bring along, or help cook, food from your cultural background

Students will be able to wear mufti on this day. We are inviting them to wear the cultural dress from another country or clothes which match the colours of a country’s flag – maybe the country their class is named after?? Please start organising this outfit so that our day is filled with colour and celebration of cultural dress. Thank you.

THE NEST ‘Homework Club’ Starting This Week
At BPS, we are lucky to have a ‘Schools as Community Centre’ – also known as ‘The Nest’. Mrs Kristen Harford is our Nest facilitator and the centre is located at the front of the school adjacent to the administration/office building.

2020 will see many fantastic programs running in the Nest. These are for our Bomaderry community – this means YOU! Please see the information enclosed in todays’ newsletter about ANOTHER fantastic program on offer to our school community – a Homework Club.

The club is open for all students in years 3-6. It is run by staff from William Campbell Foundation. WCF had a house burn down in the recent fires and BPS has offered our NEST and STEAM room spaces to help facilitate their program. This has now allowed BPS students to have the program offered here also. Ms Rebecca Gallagher, one of our 2019 class teachers, will supervise the program along with a volunteer. Students in 3-6 classes are invited. Attendees MUST:
1. Bring along some homework tasks (including readers and library books if applicable)
2. Be collected, no later than 4.50pm by an adult, and be signed out.

The Nest is funded specifically to support families with children 0-8 years of age. If you know neighbours, friends or family members with younger children, please let them know about our community programs. We aim to link with Bomaderry families when children are as young as possible. This will allow us to know our families and students as early as possible so we can support, care for and teach them as best we possibly can. Please phone Kristen through the school, on 4421 6577, for any further information, or to offer ideas about programs, events and other ways to support our Bomaderry families.

Personalised Learning at BPS
Please keep an eye out for notes and messages from your child’s teacher inviting you up for a time to get to know one another and collaboratively set some learning goals for your children. You can also pop in to tee up a
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communicate updates when they are available.

At BPS Attendance is a Priority
It is not OK to be away!
Students should be at school every day the school is operational. Please provide a valid explanation after any necessary absence. This should be provided the first day the student returns to school. A note can be sent to the student’s teacher or a text can also be sent to the designated text message line at school 0429 934 116.

Parents & Citizens (P&C) – FIRST MEETING THIS WEEK – Please Join Us
The first P&C cuppa/meeting will be held in the NEST room this Thursday February 20th at 3.30pm. We would love to see YOU there.
We currently have a dedicated group of parents who focus their efforts on fundraising and liaising with staff to help support the school, and of course make funding injections where possible. This allows us to purchase engaging equipment, hold community events, run a professional uniform shop, and more.
Please consider coming along to a meeting. The P&C members love a new face! We NEED families to help run events and fundraisers throughout the year. Sometimes we just need help for an hour or two. It is all for the kids.

Interest Groups – So Much To Do During Play Breaks
Our students are lucky enough to have a large variety of lunch and recess activities on offer across the school week. This term, the activities timetabled include Drama, Hockey, Fun Science, Tee-pee Building, Choir, Run Clubs, Gardening, Lego, Basketball, Dance, Japanese, Boot Camp, Loose Parts Play, Drumming, Origami and Art. So many things to interest our students and keep them busy while meeting new friends and learning new skills.

At Bomaderry Public School we are SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and great LEARNERS every day.

Aim High, Achieve High.
Ms Dionne Hanbidge
Principal

Compete Swimming Carnival
Our WHOLE SCHOOL swimming/water safety/sun safety day was postponed last week. We did hold our competitive races for the students who wanted to try out for qualifying for the District carnival.
Congratulations to all of those students who gave an enormous effort on the day and dealt well with the flexible arrangements. A thank you must go to Ms Emma Goodman and Mrs Kristel Muggleton who organised the carnival/s and Mrs Gemma Tunks, Ms Chantelle Scott and the parent volunteers who attended the competitive event and helped run the races.
Ribbons for the successful swimmers will be presented at our Whole School Assembly tomorrow, in the hall at 12.30pm. Some eligible students will also receive an invitation/permission note to compete at the District carnival.
At this stage, we are investigating an alternative option to run the Water safety/fun component of the carnival for all students. The existing permission notes and money will be held until the new date is confirmed. The same arrangements will be in place and students who will not be attending will have regular supervision provided here at school.
Thank you for your understanding. We will

Quality Work
At Bomaderry Public School, teachers ensure that their class has a clear understanding of what they need to achieve during each lesson. This explicit teaching allows students to strive to achieve high quality learning and work samples. Students know the criteria and can work hard to achieve them.
Congratulations to Harmony-Rose and Lilli, in 4M. These girls scribbled their class bookwork expectations neatly, using correct setting out and use of headings. Hayden in 2KT also completed some self-directed quality work last week. He responded to the book ‘The Green Sheep’ by illustrating the events in the book and retelling it for Mrs Wall to scribble. He re-created his own copy of the text to take home.
Skye in 5/6P produced high quality writing which incorporated a range of literary devices and good use of adjectival phrases.

Time or send along a note with your child, requesting a time. One of our school ‘targets’ is to have 100% of our families involved in the PLP process - we want parents and carers to be an integral part of the goal-setting for their children (and part of the team helping them to achieve these goals!). Let’s work together to make this a priority. Your child’s teacher is looking forward to meeting with you.
PBL Superstars

What a great start to 2020 all students have had! We have kicked off our first few weeks focusing on being SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS in ‘All Settings’ of our school. Students and teachers have been working together to create classroom expectations that align with our core values. Lots of B莫斯 have already been handed out! Students are already saving these, ready to spend at our fabulous PBL shop which will be open again this year, twice a term. The PBL playground rocket is also ready for take-off! We are anticipating some super exciting whole school acknowledgments this year.

Last week at our Primary morning assembly we celebrated individual students who demonstrated the PBL focus all week, in all settings. Students all received one of our new and improved Yellow Merit awards. The ‘CLASS OF THE WEEK’ award went to Mr Piper and 5/6P. They luckily received 20 minutes extra play time at recess!

Our ‘Whole School Reward System’ is up and running, so keep collecting those merits! Even though we have some updated merit awards, students can still use the original merits to hand in to their teachers when they have collected five.

This week BPS students will be focusing on ‘All Settings’. Students will be learning how to be respectful and safe when moving around all areas of the school.

Congratulations BPS on a FABULOUS start to 2020. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead of PBL. Bomo has been so delighted to see all the SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS around our school. Keep up the great work!

Library Matters

Last week in the library several classes participated in STEAM activities based on the picture book, “Roly Poly” by Mem Fox. Roly Poly is a polar bear whose younger brother Monty drifts away on a cracked piece of ice. Roly Poly dived into the icy water to save Monty but the book doesn’t actually tell how the rescue took place. Using collaboration, creativity and a limited selection of materials, the students had to create and describe how they thought Roly Poly rescued Monty.

Mrs Urquhart – Teacher Librarian
FREE DESKS - PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

Bomaderry Public School have 6 x desks that need to be re-homed for FREE. Heavy duty, 740 x 1170.

Please call the school office on 4421 6577 if you are interested. Pick up time MUST be arranged prior to collection.

P&C News

The P&C are calling for new members to join their team! The P&C play a critical role at BPS, and without them we wouldn’t have available many community involvement events.

There are 3 Entertainment Books left at $25, these are valid until June this year.

Bread pickup volunteers are still required - even one pick up a term will help enormously.

The P&C are also seeking a Treasurer for the committee, (basic bookkeeping skills required).

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th Feb 2020 at 3:30pm in The Nest. The P&C would love to see new faces at this meeting.

BIG BLUE AWARDS

5/6T Cameron
K-6T Elijah, Jyi

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop has now resumed normal trading hours each week:

Tuesday 8:30am-9:15am
Thursday 2:30pm-3:15pm

A reminder that hats can also be purchased from the school canteen Monday to Friday.

Cricket NSW

Woolworths Cricket Blast pop up clinics are coming to your local region. Fast track your cricket skills through a fun program for kids who can’t wait to get out on the field.

Be part of the crew and have a blast...fast!

Shoalhaven Centre now open for registrations at www.playcricket.com.au

Cost: $59 - 4 week program
Where: Bomaderry Oval
When: Friday 6th March 4:30pm-6:00pm

Participant Pack Includes a bag, ball, bottle and World Cup hat.