



# Bomaderry Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6



### Upcoming Events

3 March  
Uniform Shop Open  
8:40am - 9:10am

3 March  
K-2 Assembly  
9:05am  
in the K-2 Quad

3 March  
3-6 Assembly  
2:15pm  
in the COLA

5 March  
Nowra Zone Touch  
Trials

6 March  
School Leaders at GRIP  
Leadership Conference

7 March  
Stage 3  
Boys Netball Gala Day  
Berkley

7 March  
South Coast Basketball  
Trials

Dear parents/caregivers

Welcome to Week 6. We are flying through our first term and couldn't be happier with the way our students are approaching their learning, fun new opportunities, sport, dance, new topics, new classmates and new staff. Way to go, Bomaderry PS. Even with classrooms being put out of action, construction going on around our site, changes to assemblies, uniform shop, and more, we don't stop our learning and being safe, and respectful.

Please be sure to be modelling safe behaviours at pick-up times each afternoon at the front of the school. Parents and carers are asked to park only in lawful, designated areas and to cross the road only on the staffed pedestrian crossing. Please DO NOT enter the vehicle entrance/driveway which has a sign stating: Strictly NO Pedestrian Access. Thank you for your help to keep our students safe at all times.

### Whole School Cross Country Carnival/Excursion K-6

Our students are all getting excited for the upcoming carnival for K-6 on the **26th March 2025**.

This will be the first full school activity when students will be part of their Sports Houses. Each student in the school is a member of a sports house:

**Kookaburras (Yellow), Magpies (Black), Emus (Red) or Swans (Blue).**

At this running carnival, all students participate in age races, other fun PE activities and cheer their house members on in their events.

Parents are very welcome to attend and the canteen will give more information soon about a special lunch order deal for the day.

Please see the details below and jump onto the Compass app for more information and instructions.

# CROSS COUNTRY 2025



## Weather Conditions

Please note that in the event of rain, races may be rescheduled to an earlier time. Should the weather deteriorate further and conditions become unsuitable, it may be necessary to postpone the event

## Where

Willandra Cross Country track, Tapitallee, NSW.

## Date

26th of March, 2025.

## What to bring

Students will need their lunch, snacks and plenty of water. A modified canteen will be available on the day.

## Information

Age Division	Distance	Girls	Boys
8/9 years	2km	10:30am	10:40
10 years + multi class	2km	11:00am	11:10am
5-7 years	1km	11:30am	11:30am
11 years	3km	11:45am	11:55am
12/13 years	3km	12:10pm	12:25pm

## Home Learning and Home Reading Survey Findings

Another thank you to the parents/carers who gave their time to share their feedback about Home Learning and Home Reading at BPS. These families gave excellent insight and ideas on these topics which we have now collated into findings.

Some of the common opinions:

- Home Learning is highly valued.

All participants thought some type of task should be offered for students from Years 3-6. Most parents also thought K-2 students could benefit, but some were open to the idea of less expectations in the early years.

- Almost 100% of families value the provision of the elective-style grid activities.
- Reading should be encouraged from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Most families thought students would engage with an online digital reading program if access was given to every student free of charge and texts at their personal level were accessed. There were some concerns about families who may not have an appropriate device and some families would love to see 'real' books also still available.

- Numeracy was also mentioned as the other Key Learning Area parents would like to be kept as part of home learning.
- A large number of participants thought options of project-type assignments could be incorporated in Stage 3, or particularly Year 6, as students prepare for high school.
- And the final point, almost everyone has been in agreement on: is the plan to increase the number of book incentives throughout the year for Home Reading. Rather than one significant presentation at the end of the year, consistent home readers K-6, will be awarded each Term and hopefully help motivate others. Our end goal is more books in more homes more often!

Have another fantastic week and don't forget the Cross Country - permission notes are live on the Compass app where you can also make payment.

Aim high, Achieve high  
Mrs Dionne Hanbidge  
Principal



# Sports Report

What an exciting sports week we've had at Bomaderry Public School! The energy was as electric as our K-2 AFL Gala Day, showcasing their budding talents on the field. We had 3 of our students trial for the zone basketball team on Tuesday and BPS had 4 teams attend the Rugby League Gala day on Friday.

On Monday we commenced the week with the K-2 AFL Gala day which was an absolute hit! There were 9 different activities set up around our oval that targeted a specific area of skill. K-2 learnt how to tackle, pass, work together as a team and so much more.



# Sports Report continued

On Friday the 28th of February BPS were fortunate to have 4 teams attend the Rugby League Gala Day. We consisted of 3 Rugby League teams and 1 League Tag team. Despite the hot weather all 40 children gave it their absolute best the whole day. It was great to see so much positivity, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn new skills throughout the event. Each team played a minimum of 3 games on Friday, worked extremely hard the whole time and got in there and gave it a go. We had a mixture of students attending the gala day, from students who have never played football before to students who have played for several years. Whilst all the teams were playing their games, the rugby league zone selection was taking place at the same time, from this Bomaderry Public School are so proud and happy to congratulate Emmett, Declan, Jakhari, Taj and Thor on their selection into the next progression of trials.

These 5 young men's commitment to sportsmanship not only exemplifies the values we uphold at our school but also inspires their fellow students to strive for excellence. We're so proud to see our students making waves in the sporting world, and their efforts are a brilliant example of passion and perseverance. Goodluck at the next stage of your trial boys, go out there and give it your absolute best.



# Sports Report continued



Tuesday consisted of the Zone Basketball trials where Elijah, Khaleesi and Logan showcased their skills amongst other students in the Shoalhaven region. We would like to congratulate these 3 students who have shown incredible determination and enthusiasm to represent Bomaderry Public School at these trials and we couldn't be prouder of you for getting in there and having a go!

From these trials Elijah was selected in the Shoalhaven Zone Basketball team where he will compete this upcoming week at the South Coast trials. A massive congratulations to Elijah, your resilience, hard work, dedication and commitment to the game of basketball is incredible and we are so proud of you! Goodluck this week at the South Coast trials Elijah!

Elijah commented from his recent trial: "We were asked to do dribble skills to show them how good we are at ball handling and movement. We played a game to show our teamwork and from there they picked 20 to move on and play a game against each other. After the game they selected 10 people to go to Wollongong next week and I was lucky enough to be 1 of the 10!"

Brycin and the South Coast Cricket team have had great success throughout the week in Maitland at the NSW PSSA Primary Cricket Boys Championship. In their first matchup the South Coast Team took the victory over the Riverina, Brycin bowled 2 wickets in this matchup! (SC 2/73 v R 10/72).

The second matchup was against the Hunter region with the South coast team coming out on top again (SC 7/212 v H 10/193).

The third game for Brycin and the South Coast team was against North Sydney. This match handed the South Coast team their first loss in the tournament (SC10/120 v NS10/147).

The South Coast team narrowly missed the bronze medal against Mackillop going down (Mackillop 5/100 v SC10/98) in the NSW PSSA championships.

Bomaderry Public School is thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of one of our own, Brycin! His hard work and dedication have truly shone through, as he represented BPS and the South Coast with great pride and skill.

Keep up the fantastic work, Brycin! We look forward to seeing more of your incredible accomplishments in the future!



## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

From Friday to Sunday, thousands of Clean Up events happened right across the country, from up North in the Tiwi Islands to right down South in Abels Bay in Tasmania, including us here in Bomaderry! Over 800,000 passionate Clean Up legends from all walks of life, pulled on their gloves and did their bit to make our environment a cleaner and better place!

Why is participating in Clean Up Australia so important to us at BPS?

Clean Up Australia is so important because it's good for the animals and the environment, but mostly importantly, it looks so much better when there's no rubbish around. *Hunter*

Need to pick up trash because it makes the water and the beach dirty. *Archer*

It's important to get rid of rubbish in case it goes in the ocean and a turtle thinks it's food and chokes or it goes around its throat. *Nakia*

Because I make the classroom all clean. *Zac*

Because the school has to be clean because it is Clean Up Australia. *Bobby*

Because we have to make our school cleaned tidy, otherwise it gets all dirty and disgusting. *Leon*

The environment, the animals and nature need to be protected. *Taj*

Our school looks better when things are cleaner and nicer. It's good for the environment and then birds don't accidentally take rubbish to their nests. *Isaac*

We need to clean up rubbish so it isn't all messy and also so it doesn't blow away into the ocean and hurt animals. *Bella*



## Big Blue Awards

### Stage 1

Rubi 1/2Y  
Sophie 1/2M  
Hezekiah 1/2D  
Scarlett 1/2D

### Stage 2

Heath 3/4B      Jaxon 4G  
Wayde 3/4B      Zoe 4G  
Sakura 3U      William 4K  
Gemma 3U      Clara 4K  
Ryse 4-5Ny      Zara 4K

### Stage 3

Ajva 4-5Ny  
Grace 5/6G  
Auston 5/6B  
Rose 5/6W

## Gold Awards

Jaylah 4D  
Layla 1/2Dj  
Calvyn 5/6W



# Achieving Our Goals

One of the whole school focus areas for every student, and every staff member, at BPS, is our collective efforts to achieve our goals. We 'Aim High to Achieve High'. When students achieve one of their learning goals, they have the opportunity to share this achievement with the Principal. This is then celebrated and shared here with our community. Our students love to talk about their new goals and involve their families in this process.

Last week Ally, Ellayna, Reef and Amelia from 3G achieved their learning goals. Ally can count backwards from 20-0. Amelia can count by 4s to 40. Reef knows the letters and sounds for SATPIN, and Ellayna can count by 3s to 30.



Hohepa, Cameron, William, Mason and Jye from 5-6K achieved their goals and can say or write their own addresses. Very important skill. Congratulations, boys.

## Quality Work

When teachers introduce a task or sequence of learning, they explain to the class what this will look like, why they are learning it and how to do their best. When students work hard to meet the learning criteria, they are rewarded with recognition for 'Quality Work'. We have already had a number of students produce high quality work which was worthy of celebration with the Principal. We congratulate them here:



Isaac, Micah, and Hannah from 5/6B completed quality writing. They all wrote descriptive passages about Bomaderry creek. They used excellent punctuation, amazing figurative language and other descriptive devices.

Chrissy, Zac, Skylah and Silas in K-1W all completed quality Maths work. They classified 2D shapes by different attributes; colour and shape. Mrs Al Rady was super proud and no wonder!!!





# Year 7 Expression of Interest

The Year 7 Expression of Interest online form is now available for all Year 6 parents/carers to complete. This EOI application is required to be completed for ALL students starting Year 7 in 2026, including students in support classes. It is important to understand that their Year 7 enrolment is NOT automatic, an EOI MUST be completed.

Please follow the link below to complete the EOI, or alternatively visit our Bomaderry Public School website and click on the Enrolment tab. All EOI online submissions are due by Friday 28th March 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Bomaderry Public School on 4421 6577.

<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/year7/expressionofinterest?schoolCode=1287>

## BOMADERRY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

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Meet at BHS Hall  
Tuesday 4 March  
5:00pm-7:30pm

ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM YEAR 4-6 ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



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# Nest News



## 2025



**PCYC**  
**MINI MOVERS**  
1-5 YEARS  
**GOLD COIN DONATION**  
Tuesday - 10am - 11am

KinderGym focuses on developing your child's motor skills through playbased learning. Each session your child will learn critical principles of movement, such as balancing, jumping, running and hand-eye coordination.

To find out more contact  
Kristen Harford 4421 6577

**PAPERBARK LEARNERS**  
**PLAY GROUP**  
4 AND 5 YEARS  
**FREE**  
Wednesday - 9am - 11am

Do you have a little one who will be starting school at Bomaderry Public in 2026/2027?  
Join us while we explore all key areas into a successful start to school. Please bring a packed bag with a hat, a healthy lunchbox and a bottle of water.

To find out more contact  
Kristen Harford 4421 6577

**PINE LEAF**  
**PLAY GROUP**  
FROM BIRTH TO 5 YEARS  
**FREE**  
Thursday and Friday - 9am - 11am

Explore indoor and outdoor play, craft, songs and stories. Meet new families and explore what supports we have in our community over a cuppa. Fruit provided for morning tea.

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**Bomaderry Dental Surgery**

**DENTAL PROGRAM**

**KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 6**  
**Thursday - 12noon - 1.30pm**

Each week a small group of supervised students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will have the opportunity to attend Bomaderry Dental Surgery who offer a dental exam, scale, clean, fluoride treatment and full report by Ailssia, Oral Health Therapist with no out of pocket expenses.

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