Welcome Back

I would like to welcome all parents and students to, what is shaping up to be another fantastic year at Bungwahl Public School!

Already, our timetables and our calendars are filling with exciting new projects, events and teaching/learning programs.

I would like to, especially, welcome our new teacher/librarian, Julie Carpenter, to our school. Julie has held a broad range of teaching positions. All of which will help her support our students to fully engage as 21st century learners.

We would, also, like to welcome our new kindergarten students Beau (parents, Helena and Richard), Bowen (parents, Steve and Katrina) and Frankie (parents, Naomi and Glen).

(Frankie is absent from photo)
Term Timetable

A term calendar will be attached to next weeks Monday Messenger. We are still finalising activities. There will be events to add so please keep it handy on the fridge in your magnetic sleeve (available for sale $5.00 from office) for weekly updates. Events will be explained as they get closer!

Just a reminder that we also have a website and we upload the calendar each week as well. www.bungwahl-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Internal Times

Listed below are the school hours we will be using this year

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Arriving Late, Picking Up Early

Please go to the office to sign your child in and out of the school if you are arriving or leaving outside the times listed above. This also applies if you need to collect your child midway through the day eg dentist or doctor’s appointment.

Attendance

Just a reminder regarding school absences. We need either a written note, phone call or email the day after your child is away from school by way of explanation. Please refer to your handbook on the type of explanation that is NOT acceptable. If you are planning any long absences eg family holidays, a Certificate Of Extended leave - Holiday issue is available from the office. This form must be completed before students are on leave. It would be appreciated, if you can let us know of any plans.

Homework

Both classes will commence homework this week. Upper Division will commence just with spelling. It is important that all homework books are returned, completed every Friday.
School Helpers
Both Amy and I are establishing class routines and will probably be looking for classroom helpers commencing week 5.

Small School Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 11th February 2015

*Upper Division students* will be involved in the annual Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival at Gloucester on Friday, 11th February to select a team to compete at the zone carnival Wingham in a couple of weeks. Notes are attached to this Monday messenger. All notes are to be returned by Monday 9th February 2015

Contacting Staff
If you wish to pay accounts, obtain uniforms or do any other business with the school you need to be aware that Felice does not work on Fridays.
The school does have an answering machine. However we can not guarantee messages are received, especially on Fridays.
Hence if you have a sudden change for your child’s after-school routine, it is best that you arrange for another person to collect your child from their normal bus stop rather than relying on the school to get the message for your child to get off at a different stop.

If you know in advance that there is to be a change, it would be appreciated if you could write a note to the school *(not the bus driver)* outlining the change. As you are aware Felice has an outstanding system of keeping him up to date with changes to weekly routines.
I have also attached your phone and emergency contact details. Please check them carefully and notify the school of any changes.

If you have a concern about your child it is important that you discuss any issues with *their teacher*, not Felice. *(It is not her role to advise on non-administration matters.)*

If you wish to contact any member of staff during the school day there are only a few times a week that we are actually “off class”:
- All staff are available to take phone calls from approximately 8:00-8.25am & 2:15 – 2:45pm daily.
- Amy “has no class!!” - *11.15am-2.10pm on Wednesday*
- Greg “has no class!!” - *10:30am-2.10pm on Thursdays.* *(Unless he is out of the school at Principals’ meetings)*

If you wish to discuss a specific issue it would be appreciated if you could phone for an appointment. It is not appropriate to hold parent teacher interviews at the classroom door or 5 minutes before class begins. We just can’t give you our full attention.

Bus Travel
All students K-2 are entitled to free bus travel to and from school daily. However *students 3-6* need to live at least 1.6 kilometres from the school for this to apply. All students starting yr 3 this year will have to fill out a new bus travel form. *(forms are attached for all yr 3 students)*

I would like to remind you all of the behaviour expected on the bus.
- Boarding the bus (either from school or at the bus stop in the morning) – the youngest children get on first and sit in the first vacant seat.
- **We fill up only the front of the bus – no one is allowed down the back of the bus**
- Children are to remain in the same seat for the entire journey
- Bags & legs out of the corridor
- No limbs outside the bus
- Chatting to the person next to them only – not yelling to someone 4 seats away!
- No distracting the driver

In short – follow our school’s core values, particularly safety & respect!
Crunch N Sip

This year we will again conduct a 15 minutes fruit/water time during the first morning session. The guidelines for the program are as follows:

- fresh fruit – diced or in small pieces (or small whole fruit)
- easily packed – strawberries, grapes, cherries
- 15 minutes only allowed
- **No packaged foods (including dried fruits)**
- able to be eaten at their desk.

We would like to stress we don’t wish to lose vital learning time with this program. It is not an additional break. If students choose not to bring fruit or water they will simply continue working. Upper Division will be playing spelling baseball during Crunch N’ Sip. (We will no longer be supplying fresh vegetables for crunch and sip. Teachers are not able to cut up fruit for students.)

Vehicle In & Around the School Grounds

I would like to stress to parents the procedure regarding vehicles in the school grounds. For new parents, we received the coroner’s report following the death of a child who was run over in school grounds in 2005. We are required to take on board the findings and implement protocols for our school.

To this end we have implemented the following procedures:

1. Only staff vehicles to enter and park in the school grounds (car park) at any time.
2. All other vehicles to park on the road outside the fence.
3. Children to enter & leave the school through the main entrance (near Upper Division room). **No child is permitted to enter or exit through the vehicle entry near the office building. Please don’t call your child to this exit. So we ask parents not to pull into the gateway to drop off or pick up (as tempting as that is!!).**
4. Children waiting for parents will wait under the covered walkways in front of the classroom. They are not allowed to play off the cement area.
5. It is preferred that parents walk in and collect their children (particularly Lower Division) especially if they are parked near the vehicle exit area.
6. Parents collecting children are asked to exit via the main entrance **not the vehicle exit.**

We must keep in mind all this is for the safety of all children.

Double White Lines Out In The Front

Please do not do u-turns in front of the school across the double lines. Police patrols are frequent in our school zone area. Please go down and turn around at the tennis courts.

Book Club

Accompanying this messenger is the first Book Club offer for this year.

For new parents, Ashton Scholastic publishers have a special offer for students through their Book Club program. Book Club flyers are sent out 7 times during the year.

It has quality graded books for students:

- **Wombat** for Pre K and K
- **Lucky** for years 1 and 2;
- **Arrow** for years 3 and 4
- **Star** for years 5, 6 and 7

There is no pressure to buy each time or anytime.

Orders are returned to school by the due date (written on the flyer) and usually take about two weeks to come back.

Payment can be made by credit card by contacting Scholastic or cash payment to the school.

This book club issue is due back by the Tuesday 10th February.
Student Banking
School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch or Online. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.
Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!
If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. Every deposit earns them a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’re collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.
Information packs are attached.

Some Meetings To Look forward To!!

1. P&C Meeting – 12-02-14
The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 12th Feb from 6.30pm in the Upper Division classroom. (Due to Mr Kelly's change in RFF days, P & C meeting had to be changed to Thursdays)

Membership of the P&C is $2 annually. Parents must be a member in order to vote on issues. With the annual general meeting coming up, we would like as many families as possible to have voting rights. To vote at the AGM or nominate for a position, you must be a member for a month prior. This would be 2014 membership. Please complete the note below and return it to school by 11th February if you are not already financial (Helena P&C treasurer, will be able to tell you if you are current). BUT to vote at meetings in 2015(following the AGM), P&C membership for 2015 needs to be paid after the AGM.
Please note: payment of P&C fees at the AGM do not entitle you to have a vote or nominate for any position.

2. Class Meetings – Week 4
After the classes have had a couple of weeks settling in period, staff hold a meeting of parents to discuss how their class is organised and address any issues that have arisen. We recommend that parent take advantage of this opportunity to meet with staff.

Lower Division Meeting – Wednesday 18th February, 2:15
Upper Division Meeting – Thursday 19th February, 2:15

At the end of the term we will hold Three Way interviews to reflect on individual needs. Details of end of term meetings to finalise Personalised Learning Plans (PLP’s) will come later in the term.

P & C
News years eve raffles raised $715 for the P&C. Thanks to Jodi, Kath, Sal and Monique And Grant for helping. Also to the children Will, Sienna, Jhet and Beau for independent ticket selling and for being wonderful ambassadors for the school, showing confidence and pride in their school and teachers.
Australia day raffles did not go ahead due to lack of volunteers anyone interested in helping in future raffles to let Leanne know so that we have your contact information to organise ahead of time. Thanks Helena
Notes week 2 Term 1

Class Meetings

Yes I will be attending my child’s class meeting:

LD Thursday  Wednesday 18th February at 2:15
UD Friday       Thursday 19th February at 2:15

Name: ________________________  Signed: __________________________

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P&C Membership

Please find enclosed my $2:00 P&C membership for 2014 to enable voting right at AGM in March 2014

Name: ________________________________  Signed: ____________________________________

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Canteen Volunteers

Yes I can volunteer to help out in the canteen on these days:

12th February _____________________________
19th February _____________________________
26th February _____________________________
5th March _____________________________
12th March _____________________________
19th March _____________________________
26th March _____________________________
2nd April _____________________________

Any days without volunteers CANTEEN will be closed.

Name:______________________________  Signed:_______________________________

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SAKGP Volunteers

If you like to volunteer to help with the SAKGP on Fridays contact Nikki on 6554 4570 or email
nicole.dixon3@det.nsw.edu.au

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Monday Messenger

Last year parents had the option of receiving their Monday Messenger by email or hard copy. Please tick what option you would like to receive your newsletter this year. Please remember that all excursion permission notes are hard copied to all parents. In choosing email we are saving on ink and paper and reducing our carbon footprint.

☐ By Email  Address: _____________________________

☐ Hard Copy

Name: ____________________________________________
LOVE KIDS ZUMBA & KIDS ESSENCE!
Awesome fitness for kids!
Learn new moves & rhythms...
Gain self confidence & self esteem...
And have loads of fun!!

NOW @
Pacific Palms Community Hall
with Instructor Rachel Dickey ☺

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WHATS NEW THIS TERM -
KIDS ESSENCE Wed 5.00pm
A BEAUTIFUL 1/2HR CLASS, TAI CHI, STRETCHING &
MEDITATION great for kids

$7 per child or $12 for Zumba & Essence (cash only)
For further information contact Rachel 0435 713 937 or email
loveurlifecoaching@gmail.com

DOES YOUR DAUGHTER LOVE TO DANCE?
See her eyes light up as she twirls,
bounces, skips and plays!
Hear her giggle and laugh
in a caring class with friends!
Watch her gain confidence and pride!

Join Taree Great Lakes Physical Culture Club.
Where girls and women come together to dance their way to confidence.
You can contact us on www.tareegreatlakesphysie.com
0428 210 800
Physie.....The fusion of dance and sport!
Local Land Services, Great Lakes Council and Great Lakes Library Service present “Planet Ocean” - an international documentary directed by Yann Arthus-Bertrand and Michael Pitiot.

With astonishing aerial photography filmed by Yann Arthus-Bertrand, and award winning underwater cameramen, the film will take you on a magnificent and unprecedented journey into the heart of the least known regions of our planet.

The film aims to change the way people look at oceans and encourage them to imagine conservation and stewardship as responsibilities shared by everyone on Earth.

Monday 16th February 2015
6:00 to 8:30pm
Great Lakes Library, Forster
RSVP: contact Isabelle Strachan on (02) 6591 7301 or email Isabelle.strachan@greatlakes.nsw.gov.au

This free movie screening is part of the Marine Discovery Series, coordinated by the Local Land Services in partnership with Great Lakes Council.

Everyone Welcome. Bookings preferred. Light refreshments provided.