Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome back Everyone!
A very special welcome to our Kindergarten, new students and their families. It is such a pleasure to see all our students looking fresh and enthusiastic for the wonderful school year ahead. We also welcome back Mrs Waton who is replacing Mrs Mackenzie for the duration of 2013.
Accompanying today’s newsletter is our ‘Term Calendar’ which is filling up fast. The term calendar is also available on the school’s website www.bonville-p.school.nsw.edu.au along with some other small changes. Please visit our website and have a look at the new photos we have added to the ‘gallery’. Be aware that changes to the calendar and website may occur through unforeseen circumstances.

**Band and music program.**
This year we are offering increased opportunities for our students to participate in band and music. We welcome back Mr Peter K. who will be coordinating our music program alongside Mrs Batten.
Band and music will be held on Thursdays. Programs include;
- School band (Years 3-6)
- Ukulele group (Years 2-6) **max. 10 students**
- Djembe group – African drums (Years 2-6) **max. 10 students**
- Choir
- Private tuition
There will be a small fee for these programs (excluding choir) to help cover the cost of maintaining and purchasing instruments and tuition. Notes have gone home today and are also available on our website. Groups with ‘limited numbers’ will be accepted on a first in – first served basis.

**Student Leadership**
One of our many focuses at Bonville PS is to empower our students with leadership capabilities so they develop into confident global citizens who are proactive in tomorrow’s society. Today we implemented our Kinder Buddies program involving Year 6 and Kinder, our Student Representative Council (SRC) which consists of School Captains including our Aboriginal student leader, Sport Captains and 3-6 Class Captains will meet each fortnight to discuss issues including fundraising, grounds and gardens, equipment and social activities. All our students can be and are encouraged to be leaders on a daily basis.

**Parent Information Evening**
Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 20th February between 5:30pm-7:00pm in the library. We encourage and welcome all parents.

**Sport News**
This Wednesday is our swimming carnival being held at Sawtell pool for students in Years 3-6 and those students who are turning 8 in 2013. Permission notes and money were due today. If you require another note they are available on the school’s website or at the school office. Mrs Watson is seeking assistance from parents who can give some of their time during the carnival to time keep.

**AFL** is coming to Bonville PS. Auskick and the Sydney Swans will be visiting our school on February 19th for a talk with our Year 3-6 students and a kick of the footy. As part of their visit they will be encouraging our boys and girls to participate in the NAB AFL Auskick Program. This is a 6 week sport program commencing on Thursday 28th February and will take place at school during our school sport time. The program is designed for boys and girls to learn the basic skills of AFL football in a fun and games environment where participation is the priority. The cost of the 6 week program is $27.50 and includes a pack consisting of a pencil case, football, magnetic AFL ladder and rainbow shoelaces. Further details regarding this program will follow.

Our school is currently undertaking our long anticipated overhaul with the new paint job almost complete. The classrooms look fantastic and the external of the buildings now blend in with the library. We’re still waiting for the line marking to occur along Glennifer Road in front of the school to assist in making our school safer for our students and visitors. Later this month the P&C will be installing a digital sign on the outside of the office. This sign will be visible from the road and will be another great opportunity to promote to the wider community events happening at school.

2013 Captains Hannah and Jakob, Vice Captains Xanthe and Ethan
DRU YOGA CLASSES
Northfarm Retreat Bellingen
- Yoga and relaxation
- Yoga for parents and young people
For further details please contact Wendy 0422507517

Quicksilver/Vegemite SURF GROMS!
Book now for new surf grom programs with Lee Winkler Surf School. First course starts week beginning February 16th. For further details visit www.surfgroms.com or phone 66500050.

Book Club
The first Scholastic Book Club catalogue for 2013 will be sent home today. Please place your orders no later than Tuesday 19th February. There are three methods of payment:
- Pay cash at the school office
- Pay by cheque, made payable to Scholastic Australia
- Online by credit card (instructions are on the back page of the catalogue).

Emergency Contact and change of address Information
If your emergency contact details or address and phone details have changed please contact the school to update our records. Our recent School Development Day enabled our staff to be up-skilled in CPR, Child Protection procedures and commence training in the new curriculum.

Small school, big family, great results!
Have a wonderful week!
Michael Hepi
Principal