Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Increasingly we’re being asked to pay more and more for things which were once considered part and parcel of our daily activities including compulsory education. As a parent of both primary and high school aged children I know firsthand the costs associated with the start of a new school year - books, uniforms, stationery and the list goes on, excursions, visiting performances, sport and the dreaded voluntary school contributions (or school fees). As a school leader I am acutely aware of the huge benefit to schools and the flow on effect for students when parents make voluntary contributions. Our yearly voluntary school contributions of $25 per child are very reasonable in comparison to many schools. Voluntary school contributions provide our school with additional funds which help purchase additional library books, computer technology and other classroom resources which cannot be provided from within our school budget.

Please support our school through voluntary contributions. Information notes are being sent home today.

Thank you,
Michael Hepi (Principal).

Classroom Assistance
Do you have a spare 10 – 15 minutes a week or more? All classes would love your help with one on one reading. Please contact your child’s class teacher for more information.

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
Bonville will again participate in the PRC, all Kinder, Years 1 & 2 will complete the Challenge in class with their class teacher and myself. Years 3 to 6 have just 20 books to read from the Challenge before mid August. plenty of time and some children are well on the way. Permission notes need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. Further information is on the web site and children may enter their own books online at the beginning of March. See me if there are any problems. Mrs Hart

Library News
Library borrowing has begun for the year.
Library Borrowing -
Kindergarten - 1 fiction
Years 1 & 2 - 1 fiction, 1 non-fiction
Yr3 - 2 fiction, 1 non-fiction
Yr4 - 2 fiction, 2 non-fiction
Yr5 - 3 fiction, 3 non-fiction
Yr6 - 3 fiction, 3 non-fiction
There will be changes as the year progresses.
Happy reading!
Mrs Hart

Uniforms
Although the uniform is changing shortly, any unwanted second-hand uniforms would be greatly appreciated in the second-hand uniform pool.

School Swimming Carnival
Thank you Mrs Watson for coordinating a great day for all involved. It was pleasing to see so many of our students displaying a ‘have a go attitude’! Congratulations to those students who were successful and are progressing on to the Toormina District Swimming carnival on Wednesday 20th February at the Coffs Memorial Pool. The true winners of the day were those students who gave their absolute best and kept participating no matter where they finished. You are all STARS!
School Parking

**No Parking** – drop off and pickup between specified times.

*Mobile Parking Scheme (MPS) permits only!*

For the safety of everyone Coffs Harbour City Council last week erected signage to the front of our school. Please take care and observe the parking rules to ensure everyone’s safety and of course avoid the possibility of a hefty fine.

**The NO PARKING symbol means** you may stop for a maximum of two minutes. The driver must be in attendance of the vehicle and not more than three metres from the vehicle. This is to allow a vehicle to pick up or drop off passengers and goods, dropping children off at school within No Parking Zones. Disobeying a No Parking sign in a school zone in NSW will cost $165.00 and 2 demerit points.


**ONLY** disabled drivers with a Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit displayed on the windscreen are entitled to the park within the zone marked with the sign shown. Heavy fines do apply for misuse.

**Absences**

When your child is absent from school for any reason, please notify the school office or their classroom teacher by way of a written note, phone call or email. It is Departmental policy that if an explanation isn’t received within seven days of the absence, it will be marked as an “Unjustified” absence.

If your child is arriving late, please report with them to the office before they attend class so that they may be officially signed in.

When collecting your child early or during the day (for medical appointments for example), please report to the school office to sign them out before you collect them from the classroom.

Coles Coupons and Sports AMART

Our sport supplies have been boosted with the arrival of new equipment purchased through our school community’s support purchasing from the above mentioned stores. The latest COLES supplies add to the new soccer goals and balls we received late last year from your ongoing support at Sports Amart. Sports Amart contributes 5% of your spending towards a school of your choice, so please mention Bonville PS! Over the past 6 months our school has been able to purchase approximately $900.00 of sports gear for FREE. From today (weather permitting) our Sport Captains will again demonstrate leadership roles as playground sport equipment monitors.

School Teams – CHESS and PSSA CRICKET

This week students will be given opportunities to be part of a number of school teams. Students will be selected on age and ability as well as their level of commitment. Today our school’s cricket team was selected and tomorrow students will commence trialling for the school touch football teams. Thursday Mr Karrasch will be selecting students to represent our school in chess. Any student interested should meet Mr Karrasch in the 5/6 room at the beginning of lunch. We thank Mr Karrasch for taking on the role of School Chess Coordinator for another year. Mr Karrasch has also volunteered his time to assist as PSSA Soccer and PSSA Cricket coach.

In coming weeks we will be selecting our PSSA Netball and PSSA Touch Football teams.

**Scripture**

Scripture will be commencing this Friday. If you DO NOT wish your child to attend scripture lessons, please notify their classroom teacher or the school office before Friday.

**What’s On This Week!**

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<td>P&amp;C meeting 7pm school library-ALL parents welcome!</td>
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**Bouquet of flowers**

To our wonderful band of parents and Toormina High students who assisted with our school swimming carnival last week and Mr Karrasch for coordinating our school chess teams. Thank you everyone!
School Photos
Please add another date to our Term Calendar. The School Photographer will be here on Tuesday 2nd April. Further details will be available soon.

Band and Music Programs
What a great start! The Djembe (African drums) group is full. Ukulele group has 2 spots left and there is still room in Band for those students wishing to participate. Please contact the office for further details.

Fun, Fitness and Flexibility
Dance classes for primary school children
Tuesday 3:45pm at Bayldon Community Centre
$100 per term. Ladies classes held Tuesday evening 7:30pm, $9 per class. Call Astri on 0429112873 or email astri.dance@gmail.com

Coffs Coast Community College
Free Internet Training for Residents
The Coffs Coast Community College is providing FREE courses in light of the National Broadband Network arriving in Coffs Harbour. Bookings are essential. For more information phone 66 525378 or http://coffscollege.nsw.edu.au/digital-hub-training

Don’t forget our Parent/Teacher Information evening next Wednesday 20th February from 5:30pm in the library.

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

Community News
22nd Nestlé Junior Triathlon Saturday 16th Feb 2013
Organised by the Trial Bay Triathlon Club
Enquiries to: trialbay@gmail.com
02 6567 4681 - 0428 674 312

Sawtell Junior RLFC Registration Day
All new and existing players from Under 7’s through to Under 16’s are requested to attend our registration day.
When: Saturday, 16th February
Where: Centro Toormina Shopping Centre
Time: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
Enquiries: sawtyjuniors@hotmail.com

If you would like your child to have private tuition with Mr K please complete and return to school the Private Tuition note this week and tuition fees before Thursday Week 5.

Advertise with us!
From as little as $10 per term (excluding GST) we will advertise your business in our newsletter. Please phone the office for more information.