Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended the Parent Information Evenings last week. Below are a number of key points raised during the meetings.

1. High expectations of the school community including; students, staff and parents.
2. The new Merit Rewards System. A number of changes have been made to the Rewards System. Students will no longer be required to accumulate their Class Merit Awards to receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold. Class Merit Awards will still be given out at fortnight assemblies for students who use their Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to receive a point each school day for good behaviour. 50 points = Bronze Award, 100 points = Silver Award and 150 points = Gold Award. All students will start with zero points at the commencement of each school year.
3. Bonville Public School’s P&C is a very supportive network of parents. Parents are always welcome to attend P&C meetings from 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
4. Bonville students are 21st Century Learners. Problem solving, critical thinking, collaborative learning and student leadership skills are being taught at Bonville Public School.
5. Child Protection Update 2015. Staff across NSW have been participating in updates to Child Protection. The update emphasised ‘educational neglect’. Below is a summary of what educational neglect could be.

**What is educational neglect?**

- constant lateness for school
- irregular or inconsistent attendance at school
- continually missing school, with or without explanations
- increasing truancy
- developing a dislike for school and a reluctance to attend, with inadequate parent follow up
- excessive absences inappropriately attributed to illness or disability.

6. Class routines, timetables and current areas of study.
7. Homework expectations.
8. Student work-sample folders. These will be sent home with children at the completion of assessment tasks. Folders must be returned back to school, preferably on the next school day.

Year 5 and 6 Lake Ainsworth Excursion
Please be reminded payment is due before Monday 23rd March.

Kindergarten at work
Kindergarten children have been learning their sight words using magnetic letters. Ivy and Mason proudly display their work.

Bouquet of flowers
Welcome Dave Conroy (Zach’s dad) to Fun Fridays. Dave will be working with a small group of children to build a push cart as well as other small woodwork creations. Darren Long (Kira and Tyla’s dad) has kindly volunteered to lend a hand with a couple of the school’s landscaping projects. Tim Karrasch (Lara and James’ dad) is coaching the school’s chess team again this year.

SRC fundraising $1 a scoop ice-creams
Don’t forget $1 a scoop ice-creams on Thursday at recess.

Canteen News
The canteen is always looking for donations of fruit. If you have excess fruit please consider donating to the canteen.
P&C AGM Notice
The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 11th March from 7pm in the library. All positions will be vacant. These positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Canteen Supervisor, School Uniform Supervisor and School Promotions Officer. Following the P&C AGM there will be a General P&C meeting.

School Voluntary Contributions
Each year our school asks for a voluntary contribution of $25 per child. These contributions go towards resourcing the many programs our school provides for students across all curriculum areas. Thank you to the families who have made these contributions to date.

Book Club reminder
Book Club is due on 23rd February.

Class 5/6 Assembly
Class 5/6 presented skits promoting Sun Safety.

Class 5/6 Science
During Term 1 Class 5/6 will be investigating chemical change in Science. Last week students were discovering and recording various methods of melting ice.

Community News
Registrations for the 2014 North Coast Football Club of the year, Boambee FC, have opened and can be completed online at www.boambeefc.com.au or in person at Toormina Gardens on Saturday 14th, 21st and 28th of February between 9am and 1pm. Football is played by 5 year olds up to 85 year olds and Boambee FC hosts experienced and less experienced players. For any further information please contact Fiona Barden on president@boambeefc.com.au or 0429 690 679.

What's On This Week!

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<td>Mr Andrew Fraser MP to present the garden grant.</td>
<td>$1 a scoop ice-cream.</td>
<td>Director Public Schools Cooffs Harbour Mrs Murray visiting.</td>
<td>Fun Fridays. Band/Music. Sport. Canteen.</td>
<td>Mr Hepi on leave.</td>
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Please visit the Bonville school's website http://www.bonville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. The calendar has recently been updated.

Small school, big family, great results!
Have a great couple of weeks!
Michael Hepi
Principal
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