Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Mrs Watson returns from leave this week. Thank you Mrs McDonald who did a tremendous job ensuring Class K/1’s routines and learning were not disrupted.

Last Friday the Toormina District Cross Country carnival was held at the Sawtell Reserve. Bonville students, as always, conducted themselves with pride and demonstrated an outstanding level of support for one another. The top 6 place getters progress to the Mid North Coast Zone carnival to be held at the Sawtell Reserve on Friday 22nd May. Congratulations Tristan Staines (2nd 8/9 Years), Blake Taylor (2nd 11 years) and Dylan Shepherd (4th 12/13 years) on your great achievement. Well done all Bonville students on your participation and encouragement. Bonville Public School finished 3rd behind Sawtell and Boambee PSs.

In recent weeks there have been media reports on university studies comparing academic outcomes for public and private school students in Australia. I was not surprised that these found no difference between public and private schools, once student background was taken into account. What did make a difference were things like the age and gender of the child, their health status, the initial stock of skills that the child has before commencing school, their parents’ level of education, the neighbourhood they grow up in, household income and the number of books in the home. This reinforced the findings of other studies, some of which have found advantages for public school students in social development and university performance. Accordingly, congratulations Bonville parents – your children are receiving an excellent education, and you are saving thousands in school fees every year! If you missed the 60 Minutes report on this subject, go to www.9jumpin.com.au/show/60minutes/stories/2015/april/public-vs-private

Bonville's Mother's Day BBQ breakfast was a great success. There were many children with their mums enjoying breakfast in the 'wintry' sun.

Child safety is everyone's business! Last week it was reported that school children on the Northern Beaches had been approached by a man and woman as they rode their bikes to school. Consequently, Bonville teachers spoke to children about ‘stranger danger’ as they do regularly. We ask that students who are collected from school at the end of each school day remain seated in the front of the classrooms where they eat lunch and recess. This enables children to be well supervised. Additionally, please ensure any variations to ‘normal’ travel to and from school are conveyed to the school in the first instance. Also it is a timely reminder to ensure the school has your current emergency contact details. If you’re unsure please contact Trish in the office.

As part of the DEC’s annual maintenance of schools the school canteen has received much needed external repair and painting. The exterior of the canteen looks ‘new’ and blends well with the rest of the school.

Last week a small number of parents attended the 21st Century Learning workshop. Those parents found the workshop to be valuable and gave them a greater insight into what goes on in classrooms at Bonville Public School.

Proud Moment

Each week class teachers identify one student from their class for a ‘proud moment’. All our students make us proud, all day – every day. Students who have been identified by their class teacher will receive a phone call home from Mr Hepi to mum and/or dad. This is a ‘special proud moment’ for everyone.
Bouquet of flowers
Nat Cuthel, Jess Palmer and Tim Karrasch ran a wonderful Mothers’ Day stall on behalf of the P&C. Thank you for ensuring Bonville students were able to purchase something special and affordable for their mums.

Class 5/6 Assembly
This week’s assembly will be presented by Class 5/6. Everyone is welcome to attend the assembly at 2:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Parent Workshops – Bonville PS A Centre for Learning!

How Maths is taught – How to help your child with Maths at home!
This workshop will give parents a deeper understanding of how Mathematics is taught in classrooms today. The workshop will give parents fun ways to help children at home in Maths. Everyone is welcome to attend. The workshop will be presented on 27th May between 6-7pm in the library.

HIP HOP
Please be reminded that payment is due weekly if students have not paid the full amount up front.

NAPLAN
Please be reminded that NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) will be held this week for students in Years 3 and 5.

School Uniforms
REMINDER: The Bonville school uniform is now sold at Slick Sportswear and Uniforms. ‘Slick’ has now taken over the selling of the school’s uniform (including shirt, shorts, skorts and jumpers). The school hat is to be purchased from school. This will result in increased quality of material as well as supporting a local business. Slick is located at 2 Lawson Crescent Coffs Harbour and can be contacted on 66519030. If families have school uniforms that they wish to donate to the second-hand clothing pool it would be greatly appreciated.

Life Education Van
Each year the Life Education Van visits schools across the region. The purpose is to provide quality teaching programs across the PDH curriculum. Notes went home last week.

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Bonville students are focused, balanced kids!
Small school, large family, great results!

Have a great week.

Michael Hepi
Principal

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