Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Most recently there has been significant advertising across media about GONSKI funding. GONSKI funding is a relatively new phenomena and is designed to ensure schools are funded fairly according to school complexity and enrolments. At Bonville, GONSKI funds are directed towards strategies which are identified in the Bonville School Plans. These strategies are to enhance learning outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy, build leadership as well as increase community partnerships across the school. GONSKI funding has also increased the amount of dollars available for the professional development of staff. Over the past number of years teacher professional learning has increased at Bonville. It is anticipated that teacher training will continue increasing along with GONSKI funding.

Increasingly, teachers will be off class attending courses/workshops either at school or at alternative venues.

In the Sydney Morning Herald, on Monday 15th March, Andreas Schleicher, the Education Director of the Organisation for Economic Development criticised the Australian education system for falling behind global standards. Speaking at the Global Education and Skills Forum in Dubai, Mr Schleicher said Australia's emphasis on having teachers in front of a class over their own professional development was an area that needed addressing. "Australia more or less defines teachers by the number of hours that they teach in front of students," he said. "That is part of the problem." According to Mr Schleicher, high-achieving education systems such as Finland have implemented selective teacher training with high academic standards, prioritised the development of teachers and principals as goals and allowed teachers to be creative in their implementation of the curriculum.

What does this mean for Bonville Public School?

It means that the leadership team at Bonville Public School is committed to teacher training and professional development of teachers. Teachers will over time have and will continue to access increasing professional training. Our teachers are dedicated to delivering high quality teaching programs.

What is currently happening at Bonville Public School?

Currently all teachers participate in Action Research around student engagement aimed at increasing student outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The Action Research conducted by teachers is strategically linked to the needs of their students. At present Action Research in the areas of Mindfulness, Project Based Learning and Visual Learning Goals is being demonstrated across the school. In addition: Lesson Study, teacher mentoring and Instructional Leadership processes are also embedded to support the implementation of the Action Research and Quality Teaching.

What is the end result?

Bonville Public School prepares 21st Century learners with knowledge, skills and values in an inclusive, safe and supportive learning environment. Our aim is to build confidence in all students so that they develop a love for lifelong learning. Empower all students to make profound and informed decisions about local and global issues, including humanity and sustainability. All of this could not be possible without GONSKI!

Last Thursday I shadowed the Director Business Systems, Mr Andrew Fielding, in Sydney at DE State Office. Throughout the course of the day I attended the Department of Education International Principals and School Support Staff Conference and meetings around the functionality of the Parent Payment Portal that is going to be released to coincide with the LMBR (software) deployment as well as detailed discussions around the migration of data from ERN to Ebs4. These programs will have an impact on all schools. On Friday I attended a Principal's Conference presented by the Teachers' Federation. During the conference Principals were given updates on GONSKI and from Veronica Kapsimali (Director, Staff Efficiency & Conduct (EPAC), Department of Education).

Farewell Mrs Hart

All students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their 'Favourite BOOK CHARACTER' for a Book Character Parade as part of Mrs Hart's retirement. This is a fitting way to encourage students to continue their love of reading whilst acknowledging Mrs Hart's work as the Librarian.

The Book Character Parade will be held on Wednesday 6th April from 10:30am.

Bouquet of Flowers

Again, Tracey King (Ethan and Riley's mum) has been very busy covering new library books. Thank you Tracey! The school constantly receives 'waves' of new library books. If you are able to assist covering them please contact Trish in the office.

The school would also like to thank the families who have donated Easter Eggs for the Easter raffle. The raffle prizes look fantastic! Trish Isles (Ray, Abbey and Tayla's mum) is to be congratulated for coaching and transporting the netball players to last week's gala-day. Thanks Trish!

NSW Netball Cup

Last Wednesday Bonville's mixed netball team, 'The Bonville Blazers', competed in the NSW Netball Cup. Out of the 6 games they played, they won 4, drew 1 and lost 1. Congratulations on your great success!

Easter Hat Parade and raffle

Please be reminded that the Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 24th March from 9:15am. We hope
you can join us. There may also be a visit from the Easter Bunny. Students will make Easter Hats at school. Please keep selling the raffle tickets. The tickets are $1 each. Prizes include: Easter eggs and chocolates. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the school’s Easter Hat Parade. Each year the school seeks donations of Easter chocolates for the raffle. Donations can be left at the office.

THE P&AC NEEDS YOUR HELP!
If you can lend a hand to help ‘set up’ on Monday 28th March (Easter Monday), Tuesday 29th March, Wednesday 30th March, Thursday 31st March or Friday 1st April please contact Trish Isles (P&AC President) on 0431611243 ASAP. Assistance is ALSO required to ‘pack up’ on Sunday 10th April.

Canteen MEAL DEAL
There will be a ‘Canteen Meal Deal’ on the 8th April. Order forms have already been sent home. Please return orders BY Wednesday 6th April.

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School Photos are coming!
The School Photographer will be at Bonville Public School on Thursday 28th April. This is Week 1 of next term.

ANZAC Day - ADVANCED NOTICE
It is traditional that students march on ANZAC Day as a school group. Bonville Public School always has a very solid turn out of students who march in full school uniform at the Sawtell community parade. Again, all Bonville students are encouraged to march as a school this ANZAC Day, 25th April. Please note. This date falls in the school holidays. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Book Club
Please be reminded that Book Club is due back to school by 1st April.

Library Books – OVERDUE!
Overdue Library book notices are going home today. Please return books so that they can be circulated.

Harmony Day
Today Bonville Public School celebrated Harmony Day. The students were treated to Year 10, 11 and 12 refugee students from Coffs Harbour High School. Bonville students enjoyed the high school students lending a hand and sharing stories in class.