Dear Parents and Caregivers,

“Everyone enters the world with potential. Our experiences develop our abilities and shape our expectations, which in turn colour our perceptions of the world in which we live”. NSW Public Schools are committed to empowering individuals, to build resilience and in turn contribute positively to collective wellbeing and an inclusive community. Bonville Public School works hard to ensure every child’s wellbeing is at the fore-front of our daily practice. The NSW Department of Education and Bonville Public School is committed to creating quality learning opportunities for children and young people. In 2015 the Wellbeing Framework for schools was published with an emphasis on supporting students to connect, succeed and thrive. Over the past 12 months the school has implemented a number of initiatives to support Bonville children connect, succeed and thrive. When prospective parents visit Bonville Public School they are informed of 3 key elements central to our school. 1) At Bonville your child is safe. 2) At Bonville your child’s happiness is paramount. 3) At Bonville your child will learn. Throughout the year each family will be contacted for feedback on the school’s overall performance. Feedback will be sourced through a couple of questions. This is in addition to the regular surveys the school conducts each year. We look forward to your responses as they are always valued.

This week NAPLAN is administered across Australia. **What is NAPLAN?** NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy And Numeracy) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. A couple of times per year the school practises emergency evacuation and lockdown drills. These drills are mandatory and enable the school to identify and make amends to flaws if they arise. This week there will be a ‘Lockdown’ drill during a busy period of time.

**Bouquet of Flowers**
Thank you Nat Cuthel. Nat ensured Bonville children had lovely Mother’s Day gifts to purchase for their mums.

**Toormina District Cross Country**
The Toormina District Cross Country carnival will be held on Wednesday 18th March at Sawtell Reserve.

**P&C meeting**
Everyone is welcome to attend this week’s P&C meeting to be held in the library from 7pm.

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**Bongi Bongil Musicale**
**TAKE THE LEAP**
The Bongi Bongil Musicale ‘Take the Leap’ is fast approaching with shows commencing on 20th June. It is an epic ‘other world’ tale about finding our way home to family. Bonville PS has 24 students performing in this wonderful experience in singing, dancing and drumming. It’s a once in a lifetime opportunity for many children to perform in such a spectacular event with over 150 cast members from across the Bongi Bongil Community of Schools (Boambee PS, Toormina PS, Toormina HS, Sawtell PS, William Bayldon PS and Bonville PS). Tickets will go on sale soon.

**State Sports Unit**
Last week Bonville PS hosted a K-2 Professional Learning course presented by the NSW Department of Education. Teachers from across the northern region were in attendance.

**Library**
Overdue notices will go home next week. Please return any overdue library books ASAP.

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**What’s On This Week!**

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**Assembly**
On Friday many students received their Bronze Award for consistent effort across 50 school days. Well done everyone!
Congratulations Bronze Award recipients!

Last week’s Class Awards! Well done kids!

Aboriginal Language and Culture
As part of the Department of Education’s commitment to Aboriginal programs local schools have received additional resources, Aboriginal Tutors. The Aboriginal tutors will work with Year 1 children teaching them the local Gumbaynggirr language. This program will run in conjunction with Fun Friday activities. Bonville Public School welcomes ‘Bryce’ to Bonville. Bryce will be the school’s language tutor.

SRC News
On Thursday 26th May the SRC will be holding a fundraiser for the Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. We are asking each student to contribute a piece/serve of fruit. This fruit will then be available at recess in the form of either a Fruit Salad cup, or 2 fruit kebabs for $1. All money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council.

School times
Over the past couple of months the number of students arriving to school early has been increasing. Please be aware that staff are not officially on duty until 8:30am. Teachers often arrive earlier to prepare resources and lessons. Last week we experienced a couple of students walking around in an area which is unsupervised and out of sight before school. Your child’s safety is our concern. Thank you for supporting the school.

Mathematics and English ICAS
The Mathematics and English ICAS competitions are now closing. If you would like your child (Year 3-6) to participate please contact the office immediately.

School Uniforms
If you have any school uniforms which are no longer needed please consider donating them to the school. All sizes needed.

Your child will learn in a safe and happy environment! Bonville kids use their shoulders – carrying the load of others, lending a helping hand without a fuss.

Have a great week!

Michael Hepi

Principal
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