Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Technology DOES NOT replace the skill of reading books and writing but should be used to enhance it. Over the past 12 months there have been numerous school newsletters mentioning ‘coding’ and STEM programs. Over the past 3 months Bonville students have been learning the basics of writing code, in short, writing code tells the computer what to do, but it’s not quite that simple. A computer can only understand two distinct types of data: on and off. In fact, a computer is really just a collection of on/off switches (transistors). Coding is what makes it possible for us to create computer software, apps and websites. Both the Federal Government and Opposition are strongly committed to Coding and STEM programs in schools. Increasingly, tomorrow’s workforce will require these skills. Using GONSKI funding EVERY child at Bonville has been able to enjoy a 10 week coding program. Next term, Bonville PS will be offering a new 10 week coding program. The coding program costs $50 per child. Fortunately the P&C will be subsidising the next program at $30 per child. The remaining cost ($20) will be at the expense of families. To learn MORE about CODING please attend our Parent Workshop on Wednesday 8th June between 5:45-6:45pm in the library.

Last Wednesday evening I attended a video conference with the Advisory Committee of the Southern Cross University campuses. A presentation delivered by Professor Amy Cutter-Mackenzie highlighted national research priorities, research funding breakdowns across universities as well as the Southern Cross University’s increased standing as a research institution based on world standings. Well done Southern Cross University! Bonville Public School enjoys the experience of hosting student teachers from the Southern Cross University as they take the journey into a most fulfilling and rewarding career - teaching.

On Saturday 3rd September Bonville teachers will be attending Professional Learning around working with children with difficult behaviours. The PL will be presented by Dr Bill Rogers a world renowned teacher and consultant. As a result teachers will not be attending school on Tuesday 20th December. This day is typically a Staff Development Day. This decision will have no effect on behaviours. The PL will be presented by Dr Bill Rogers a world renowned teacher and consultant.

Bouquet of Flowers

Trish Isles and Megan O’Connor continually support Bonville students in travel arrangements for sport. Thank you Trish and Megan!

What’s On This Week!

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Toormina District Cross Country

The Toormina District Cross Country carnival will be held this Wednesday 18th March at Sawtell Reserve. Good luck Bonville students!

Bongi Bongil Musicale

TAKING 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 are on sale and will sell fast!

Child/student $8, Adult $12, Family (2 adults, 2 children) $35 and Concession $10.

Performances

Matinee 11:30-1:30pm – Monday 20th June and Thursday 23rd June

Evening 6:30-9pm – Monday 20th June and Thursday 23rd June

Tickets are available from Toormina High School

Bonville Public School will be inviting students from Year 3-6 to attend the matinee performance on Monday 20th June as part of a Year 3-6 excursion. Notes will go home this week.

Library

Please return any overdue library books ASAP.

SRC News - reminder

On Thursday 26th May (next week) 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 Uniforms
If you have any school uniforms which are no longer needed please consider donating them to the school. All sizes needed.

Assembly
This week’s assembly will be presented by KH. Everyone is welcome to attend from 2:20pm in the Memorial Hall.

Parent Workshop - Coding!
Invitations have been sent home inviting parents to attend a Coding Workshop on Wednesday 8th June 5:45-6:45pm in the library (prior to the next P&C meeting). The workshop is designed to inform you of what coding is, what Bonville students have been learning and what Bonville students will be learning in the near future in IT. Please lock this date in to your calendar. We hope to see you all there!

Year 5/6 Major Excursion – Reminder
$100 deposit for the Brisbane excursion is due on Thursday 2nd June.

Visiting Performance
Young Australia Workshop presents ‘Sharing Culture’ performed by Gwenda Stanley. Gwenda has spent the past 25 years touring Australia and New Zealand bringing a deep knowledge and passion for her culture to every performance she delivers. Notes went home a couple of weeks ago. The performance is being held next Thursday 26th May. Cost $4.50 per student.

Parent Coding Surveys
Please return coding surveys this week. Thank you!

Student Coding Surveys
Last week students from Year 1 to 6 were asked 5 questions requiring YES, No or UNSURE answers. Their responses are below.

Number of students who answered ‘YES’

Number of students who answered ‘NO’

Over 90 students completed the survey. Generally, the results indicate ‘coding’ is very popular and engaging across the school. The connection between current learning and future benefits for students will become more evident as the program continues.

Small school – Large family!
Bonville kids use their Knees – They show resilience and move forward.

Have a wonderful week!

Michael Hepi
Principal

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