Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Late Friday evening I received a phone call from the Director of Public Schools, Coffs Harbour, Mrs Murray. Mrs Murray offered me the position of Relieving Principal at Toormina Public School for the duration of 2016. With mixed emotions I accepted the offer. In my absence Mrs Hunter will relieve as Principal with Miss McKillop relieving as Assistant Principal. Both staff members will do a tremendous job having demonstrated great leadership across our school in recent years. Students always come first at Bonville, in saying so; Mrs Hunter will replace me in the library doing release from face to face teaching. Mrs Southwell who KH children are familiar with will take over as class teacher for the remainder of the year giving greater stability for these kids. This will also give Mrs Hunter greater flexibility to attend important principal meetings and tend to the increasing demands of school administration. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

This week Bonville PS will be trialling a modified playground roster due to a couple of unsafe games of soccer being played. From today students in Year 3 and 4 are able to play soccer on the large field on Monday and Tuesday only. Students in Year 5 and 6 are only allowed to play soccer on the large field on Thursday and Friday only. Are students 3-6 allowed to play ‘other’ games apart from soccer on the large field when it is not their ‘soccer’ day? YES! Hopefully the modified playground roster will ‘soften’ the overly competitive spirit of Year 3-6 soccer players.

National GONSKI Week

In 2005 I was part of a small delegation representing public school students across Australia invited to lobby federal parliamentarians and senators in Canberra. Apart from taking a wrong turn and almost ending up in the House of Representatives during sitting time I thoroughly enjoyed putting forward the case for equitable government funding for EVERY child across all school sectors, government and non-government. The result: a review into how schools are funded led by business leader David Gonski. The recommendations are what we hear about and see today; increased funding for students based on need. At Bonville, these additional funds have brought about great changes to teaching, teachers, learning and students. During GONSKI Week we will celebrate the wonderful results our school is achieving. I challenge any politician who argues different to come into Bonville and see the great results for themselves. Increased student engagement, improved teaching practise and better outcomes for students.

The FULL GONSKI – Our children are worth it! Bonville children are ALWAYS worth it!

Coffs Harbour Running Festival – reminder

To further promote wellbeing across Bonville PS and an opportunity for the school to win some cash all children are encouraged to participate in a ‘Schools Challenge’ sponsored by ‘The Doctor On Duty’.

How? On Sunday 4th September (Father’s Day) The Bendigo Bank Coffs Harbour Running Festival will be held. The event has been running for 6 years and this year there are monetary incentives for schools. The more students Bonville has entered in any of the races (half marathon, 10km run, 5km fun run/walk and the 3km family fun run/walk) around the Coffs Creek Walkway the greater chance the school has of winning $500. To register please visit www.villagesports.com.au

Please see Mr Hepi for further information.

Bouquet of Flowers

A large number of Bonville students are participating in the Bongil Bongil Musicale at Toormina High School this week. These students and their families have dedicated so much of their time into the rehearsals and performances. Such a great opportunity!

School Athletics Carnival – reminder

The School Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 30th June at Bonville PS. Each year K-6 participate in the carnival made even more successful by the large number of parents/grandparents who come along to support all our great kids. This year Mr Simpson will be coordinating the carnival and would love the support of parents to assist with time keeping and marshalling. If you’re able to lend a hand please let Mr Simpson know or inform Trish and Christine in the office. Children in Years 3-6 have already been qualifying for Field Events (Discus, Shot Put, Long Jump and High Jump). We look forward to a great day!

Canteen Meal Deal – Pizza, garlic roll and juice

The canteen will be holding a ‘Special Meal Deal Day’ on Friday 1st July (last day of term). Additional slices of pizza $2 each. Meal Deal notes went home last week. Please return by 27th June.

Year 5/6 Major Excursion – Reminder

The $100 deposit for the Brisbane excursion due on Friday 1st July.

Life Education Van – Reminder

The Life Education van is at school now! Merchandise will be available to purchase on Tuesday at recess.
Congratulations 4/5/6S on a terrific assembly item. Well done to Merit Award recipients and those students who achieved their Bronze Award, awesome effort!

Wandering Dog UPDATE
The Coffs City Ranger located the owner of the dog which has been chastising our school community over the past 12 months. With photographic evidence provided by parents and staff the job was made much easier. The owner/s of the dog have been cautioned and further action will be taken if the dog is present in the school grounds again.

Book Fair and Education Week Celebrations – reminder
Each year Bonville Public School holds a ‘Book Fair’ and BBQ breakfast as part of the celebrations for ‘Education Week’. The BBQ breakfast from 7:30am and Book Fair will be held on Monday 1st August. This year’s theme is SUPER HEROES!

Advance Notice
The Coffs Cup is a gazetted half day public holiday from 12noon on Thursday 4th August. Bonville PS will be closed from 12noon on this day. In addition, school buses will not be returning students home on this day.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week’s focus will be on ‘asking relevant questions’. The aim is to encourage students to remain focused, centred and engaged in learning through a positive experience.

Small school – Large family! Great results! Bonville students excel!

Have a wonderful week!

Michael Hepi
Principal

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