WHAT’S ON

Week 11

Monday 14  Year 6 End of Year Excursion to Jamberoo  **Buses leave 7.45am**
Tuesday 15  K-2 End of Year Excursion Snoopy and Charlie Brown the Peanut Movie, Years 3&4 End of Year Excursion Darling Harbour (leave 8.15am), Year 5 End of Year Excursion - Surf Awareness at Nth Cronulla, Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Wednesday 16  Last day of Term 4 for students, Talent Quest (students only), Year 6 parents invited to hall from 2.30pm for the Year 6 Presentation at 2.40pm
Thursday 17  Burraneer Bay Vacation Care begins, School Development day
Friday 18  Burraneer Bay Vacation Care continues, School Development Day

Week 1 2016

Wednesday 27  Term 1 begins – Staff return
Thursday 28  Yrs 1-6 return, Kindergarten Best Start commences after recess,
Friday 29  Kindergarten Best Start continues

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

This is the final newsletter for 2015. It has been a very busy but successful year. Term 4 in particular has been extremely hectic. Thank you to the entire BBPS staff, teachers, administrative staff and support staff for their effort and dedication and for the extras they do, especially in their own time. Enjoy your well deserved break.

Year Books will be issued on Wednesday. You will not be disappointed when you receive it. The 2015 edition captures many of this year’s events and successes. They will be delivered to students’ classrooms on Wednesday. Order forms have been sent home separately and can be downloaded from the school website http://school.schoolenews.com.au/burraneerbayps

THANKYOU

Thank you to Cassandra and Kristen for the assistance given at the Interrelate Family Night Sessions. Congratulations to all the students who were nominated their peers to receive a White Ribbon. SRC reps, Zac and Joab, attended a special White Ribbon Assembly at Woolooware High School where the
importance of promoting respectful relationships was the theme. Congratulations also to our dancers and vocalists who performed at the recent School Spectacular. It was indeed a spectacular performance. Thankyou to Mrs Barry for coordinating all the rehearsals and assisting at the concert. Thankyou to the many students who brought in donations for the ‘Toys ‘n Tucker’ appeal. Your donations will greatly assist Anglicare to support families in need. Thankyou to our wonderful Year 2 students who entertained our friends at the Kurranulla Community Centre recently.

Our ‘Thankyou’ morning tea for volunteers was well attended last week. Thankyou to the P&C and to the Executive and its sub committees for the continuous support you have given throughout the year and the improvements you have made to BBPS. Thank you to the many volunteers who have assisted at school social events such as the Fathers Day Breakfast, School Disco, support for World Teachers Day, and volunteers who have helped with the submission of several grants that resulted in some major improvements to our school. Many volunteers have assisted with reading. Others have assisted on excursions, student banking, uniform shop, pre-loved clothing, Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, morning teas for staff and the community, Special Religious Education and Ethics classes and to the many who assist in the canteen. Thank you to the Year Book and Spring Fair Committees. We are fortunate to have such a creative and hard working group of volunteers who work together to bring about positive outcomes for our students.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all students for achieving so many personal bests across so many fields of endeavour. It was a huge privilege to be able to present so many students with awards at our Sports, K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Assemblies last week. Thank you to Mrs Moss for making all three assemblies such special occasions for the children. Congratulations to our 2016 School Captains - Luke Takacs and Bonnie Joseph, Vice Captains - Will Gibson and Ava Wilson and Prefects - Kai Struve, Audrey O’Rourke, Sam Clancy, Georgia Gallagher, Logan Coffey and Frankie Oaten.

Children in Years 1 – 6 return to school on Thursday 28 January 2016. The school office opens on Wednesday 27 January. Our 2016 student numbers are unstable at this stage. It is possible children will stay in their 2015 classes for the first few days. Students will be placed in their new classes once student numbers have been confirmed and we definitely know what our class structure will be. Students in Years 1-6 are asked to take their bags to their 2015 classrooms and when the bell goes at 9.10am, to line up in their 2015 lines under the COLAS. Kindergarten students will begin their first day of school on Thursday 4th February in a staggered start following their Best Start Assessments.

Please let the office know as a matter of urgency if your child will be away at the start of the year. There are limited vacancies in some grades if you know anyone who would like to enrol. The last day for the year for the children is Wednesday 16 December.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Last week was a huge week for our Year 6 students. They put in all the finishing touches to the Musical – Annie. The full dress rehearsal they provided for Kinder to Year 5 students was very impressive. Their performance in the evening for the whole school community was exceptional with amazing singing, acting and dancing. A huge congratulation to you all on such a wonderful performance. Their Mini-Fete on Friday was thoroughly enjoyed by all children.

On Tuesday evening Year 6 will celebrate 2015 with their peers and staff at their Farewell Dinner which starts at 6.30pm. The farewell parade for the Year 6 children will commence at 2.40pm in the hall on Wednesday. Parents are very welcome to attend. On behalf of the community I would like to wish Year 6 all the best in their future studies and best wishes to those whose association with BBPS ends in 2015 – after as many as 17 years!

I would like to wish all our families a safe, relaxing and happy holiday break with your children.

Greg Fitzgerald
Principal
PARENT SURVEY 2015

Each year we survey parents regarding various aspects of the school. We also gather survey data from staff and students. The results of the surveys will be included in our 2015 school annual report and will help us to plan future direction at our school. The attached link to the parent survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you do not have internet access or would prefer to complete a written version of the survey, paper copies are available at the office. We really appreciate your time and assistance in this important school planning process. The survey can be accessed at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X9NBSXV

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Hat Award – 1G Class Award KA

White Ribbon Award Juliette Paratte 2H & Hayden Taylor 2H
SCHOOL SECURITY
There will be contractors on site during the holidays but if you notice any suspicious activity or groups of unsupervised youths in the school grounds please contact the 24 hour School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021 or Miranda Police on 9541 3899. Please note that the school grounds will be used exclusively by Sutherland Shire Council over the holiday break at the times listed below. Vacation Care staff have been advised to notify School Security if there are intruders on site.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL VACATION CARE
Sutherland Shire Council end of year school holiday Vacation Care program will operate from our school's site on the following dates:
Wk 1 Thur 17/12 – Friday 18/12
Wk 2 Mon 21/12 - Thurs 24/12
Wk 3 Closed
Wk 4 Mon 4/1/16 - Fri 8/1/16
Wk 5 Mon 11/1/16 - Fri 15/1/16
Wk 6 Mon 18/1/16 - Fri 22/1/16

Council's Vacation Care service will operate from 7am-6pm. The number of places available per day will be 45, for children from Kindergarten to 12 years of age. The program and enrolment form can be obtained from the school office.

Please feel free to contact Council's Children's Services Administration team on 9710 0466 should you have any queries or require assistance with your enrolment.

ETHICS TEACHERS NEEDED
Over the past year, I’ve had the pleasure of teaching the Stage 1 Ethics class. I initially volunteered as I wanted to give my own children a non-religious alternative to sitting idle in non-scripture. However, I’ve been surprised at how rewarding and enjoyable the experience has been. The classes involve having the students sit in a circle and discuss ethical issues, with an emphasis on having them generate reasons for their arguments. It’s been amazing to watch them develop their reasoning skills, with the students now automatically providing reasons for their answers to questions. It’s also been fabulous to see how the students respect differences of opinion, since there are no ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ answers in Ethics. On a personal level, it’s been lovely to get to know students I wouldn’t have otherwise met. I’m so glad now that I volunteered.

If Ethics class are to continue to be offered for Stages 1, 2 and 3 we really need some more teachers. Classes run on a Tuesday afternoon. The lessons are all pre-written by Primary Ethics so need very little preparation. Training and support is provided (a background in teaching is certainly not required). I was initially a little nervous at managing a class but found that, once the students settled into the routine, the classes ran smoothly and the children (and I!) enjoyed the discussions.

If you are thinking about volunteering and have some questions, I’d be happy to hear from you (you can email me on rebeccaandgreg@thethingyoufling.com) or you can contact our Ethics Co-ordinator John Dawes on 0412200409.

Rebecca Bowen
Stage 1 Ethics Teacher.
SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2015
Two weekends ago 12 students from Year 5 & 6 participated in the 2015 Schools Spectacular. The theme this year was ‘This is Our World’. Burraneer Bay was part of the ‘Matilda’ segment. The girls were very well behaved, made many friendships from schools around NSW and had an amazing time. Congratulations on all your hard work, dedication and the long hours you put in to make the weekend such a success. Thank you also goes to the parents for your continued support to make events like this possible.

Mrs Barry
Dance Coordinator
CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT
A big thank you to the Senior and Junior Bands, Dance Groups, Violin Ensemble and Year 6 Choir for an amazing night of incredible performances.

A big thank you to Mrs Angela Price for her expertise on sound and lighting.
### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**SCHOOL TERM AND VACATION DATES FOR 2016**

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**SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL VACATION CARE**

Enrolments are now open for Council’s Christmas school holiday Vacation Care program.

Our centres at Miranda, Lucas Heights and Burraneer Bay offer plenty of fun - from visits to Bundeena and the Sutherland Leisure Centre, mobile rock climbing and more.

- **Burraneer Bay**: Kindergarten-12 years
- **Lucas Heights**: Kindergarten-14 years
- **Miranda**: Kindergarten-14 years

Open 7am-6pm. Miranda also open between Christmas and the New Year (Tues 29/12, Wed 30/12 and Thur 31/12).

Programs and enrolment:
- Phone: 9710 0466
- Email: VacationCare@ssc.nsw.gov.au
- Web: www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/VacationCare
Junior Jaws, the popular and extremely successful Sharks School Holiday clinic returns this summer, for the first time during the Christmas holiday period. To be held on Wednesday, January 20, Junior Jaws will on the main field at Shark Park, includes plenty of footy fun to keep the most energetic youngster occupied and also provides the first official opportunity for the Sharks youngest fans to meet the NRL squad before the kick-off to the 2016 season.

Once again, Junior Jaws represents outstanding school holiday entertainment, this time during the upcoming Christmas school break.

Tailored to provide a fun footy skills and learning environment suitable for all ability levels, Junior Jaws is run by qualified NRL Development Officers and is open to young boys and girls aged 4-10.

Throw in a bit of touch football, maybe in the company of a Sharks NRL player, as well as Shark Park stadium tour and Junior Jaws is an event no young footy fanatic should miss.

The NRL squad will also take time out to sign merchandise and posters at the end of the on field activities.

And for the little ‘mermaids’ more interested in dancing up a storm under the guidance and instruction of the ‘big’ Sharks Mermaids, there will be Mini Mermaids clinics for them as well.

The Mini Mermaid Clinics will run 9am-10.30am (3-6 year-olds) and 9am-12 noon (7-14), in the Summertime Bar area of Sharks Leagues Club.

Included in the cost of $65 ($45 for the young mermaids 3-6) all participants also receive a gift bag and t-shirt in addition to the clinic experience, with a free coffee voucher for mum or dad to be used at Sharkies Leagues Club on the day.

Snacks are provided at Junior Jaws and the Mermaids Clinics by Kareela Fresh and refreshments by Solo (water).

With both Junior Jaws and the Mermaids clinics numbers are strictly limited so don’t miss out and book a place now.

Click on the following link to find out more or to book, with registrations to close on Tuesday, 19th of January at 2pm.

Registrations: http://bit.ly/1YvaKUs

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2016 TRADIES SURF AWARENESS CLINIC

Tradies
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Caringbah Leisure Centre

Preliminary Swim:
Friday, January 8, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Caringbah Leisure Centre,
Jacaranda Rd Caringbah.

Surf Awareness Clinic:
Monday, January 11 to
Friday January 15, 2016 (incl.)
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. daily
Elouera Beach

Awards Presentation:
Friday January 15, 2016
From 10:30 a.m.
Elouera Surf Club.

The THIRTY FOURTH annual TRADIES SURF AWARENESS CLINIC conducted by Elouera SLSC will be held at Elouera Beach for children 7 to 12 years of age. The Clinic enables youngsters to have a lot of fun while learning important surf safety do’s and don’ts. All participants must attend and competently swim 50 metres unaided on Friday, January 8 at Caringbah Leisure Centre.

Entry Fees:
A small fee is charged to offset expenses. For all registrations received by Wednesday 31 December, 2015 this fee is $50.00 per child. After this date, but no later than January 8, 2016, an additional late fee of $5.00 per child will be charged. Fee payments can be made by cheques or money orders payable to ELOUERA SLSC and attached to the entry form. Payments may also be made over the phone by credit card or electronically through our Payment Gateway system (refer to Elouera website at www.elouera.com for details). Entry fees are non-refundable if sessions are cancelled after the commencement of the clinic. A cancellation fee of $5.00 will be charged if cancelled before the start of the clinic.

ENTRY FORM

Forward to: 2016 TRADIES Surf Awareness Clinic

c/- P O Box 46
Cronulla NSW 2230

(Payment must be included) Payment Receipt No:

Entries must be received
NO LATER THAN last mail
December 31 2015

I/we authorise the participation of my/our child.

CHILD’S NAME ___________ AGE (as at 11/01/2016) ___________ SEX ________

(Please indicate Yes or No as appropriate): DOES THE CHILD HAVE (1) ASTHMA? ______ (2) EPILEPSY? ______

(3) ANY OTHER CONDITION/ALLERGY we should be aware of? (If Yes, please specify)

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S NAME (please print) __________________

ADDRESS __________________ POSTCODE ______

CONTACT NAME DURING CLINIC (please print) __________________

PHONE (H/W) _______ (MOBILE) ______

EMAIL ADDRESS ________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE ____________________

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TRADIES SURF AWARENESS CLINIC? ________________
Kim’s Schoolwear
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SKOOLBAG:
The Skoolbag App is now being used by over 400 families to receive important information such as alerts, newsletters and other attachments. It can be downloaded and installed on a Smartphone or an iPad, Android users can download via their google account in the ‘Play store’.

In addition, the Skoolbag Communication Centre can be accessed by scrolling down on the BBPS website and following the Skoolbag graphic which allows parents to access all of the content that the school puts in the App. Alternatively navigate to http://www.burraneerb-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/our-skoolbag-smartphone-app

The Skoolbag Communication Centre also has an email subscription service for parents to get content from the app via email as well as push messages.
This six-session program is for separated parents in conflict over their children – where they should live, how much time they should spend with each parent, what school they should attend, or anything else concerning the children.

Parents who are separated will learn:

- about the effects on children of the ongoing parental conflict
- how to shift focus from the conflict with the other parent to child's needs
- skills to reduce conflict
- about parenting after separation
- how to transform the relationship with the other parent into a business-like partnership
- to better understand the emotional needs of each child in the family

Mondays, 6:30pm to 9:00pm
15 February to 21 March
Cost: $150
Venue: Caringbah Interrelate
Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Road
Caringbah

Bookings Essential Phone 8522 440
This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

Children will learn:
- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Tuesdays, 4:00pm to 5:00pm
15th February to 11th of April
With 1 week break on the 28th of March
Cost: $50 per child
Venue: Caringbah Interrelate
Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd Caringbah

Bookings Essential Phone 8522 4408
INTERRELATE

Relating as Stepfamilies

This three-session program assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:
- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 9:00pm
22 Feb, 29 Feb & 7 Mar
Cost: $75 per couple
Venue: Caringbah Interrelate
Address: 383 – 385 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah

Bookings Essential Phone 8522 4408
DECEMBER

Monday 14  Yr 6 Jamberoo buses leave at 7.45am.
Tuesday 15  Yr 5 Surf Awareness, Yr 3 & Yr 4 Excursion Darling Harbour, Yr 6 Farewell Dinner 6.30pm – 9.30pm, K-2 Movie,
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Friday 18  Vacation Care

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JANUARY

Wednesday 27  Term 1 begins – Staff return
Thursday 28  Kindergarten Best Start commences after recess, Yrs 1-6 return
Friday 29  Kindergarten Best Start continues

FEBRUARY

Monday 1  Kindergarten Best Start continues
Tuesday 2  Kindergarten Best Start continues, P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 3  Kindergarten Best Start continues
Thursday 4  Kindergarten commence – staggered start
Friday 5  Kindergarten Start at 9:10 am - finish at 3:10 pm
Monday 8  Cronulla HS/Woolooware HS information talks at BBPS at 6pm
Tuesday 9  Text Book Sales to Students
Wednesday 10  2016 Swimming Carnival
Friday 12  PSSA Season 1 Round 1

MARCH

Tuesday 1  Cronulla Zone Swimming Carnival, P&C AGM
Tuesday 8  Cronulla HS Open Night
Thursday 10  Selective HS Test
Tuesday 15  Sydney East Swimming
Thursday 17  Oz Opera Performances K-6 in HALL - 9.30, 11 and 2pm shows
Monday 21  Creative Arts Camp, Harmony Day
Tuesday 22  Creative Arts Camp
Thursday 24  Minnamurra Rainforest Excursion
Friday 25  GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 28  EASTER MONDAY
Friday 8  Term 1 Ends

APRIL

Monday 25  ANZAC DAY
Tuesday 26  Term 2 begins (Staff)
Wednesday 27  Students return