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BPS – “Together we Care, Share and Learn”

Principal Message

We have much to celebrate this fortnight.

I would like to congratulate and thank the following newly elected office bearers for the coming P and C year.

P and C Committee for 2024

President: Mr Paul Stiff

Vice President 1: Mrs Pip Cass

Secretary: Mrs Skye McInnes

Treasurer: Mrs Mandy Stiff

Welcome aboard. I am honoured and look forward to working closely with you in 2024.

I applaud all those community members that attend and support our school. The P and C is a great forum for contributing your ideas and thoughts. This is very reflective of how we in turn support our students. Our P and C body is gathering strength and momentum as new families join our school community. Each of you play a vital role in decision making and assisting with the ongoing commitments for special events and fundraising. I thank you all and look forward to the year ahead.

Could we please request all P and C members complete the Working With Childrens Voluntary check. This is a requirement by the department when you have contact with children at the school. Could we ask for a copy of the clearance to put on file at school.

Calendar for Term 1 & 2

27 March Easter Hat Parade
28 March Peachey Cup - Dunedoo
29 March Good Friday – Holiday
01 April Easter Monday – Holiday
12 April Last day Term 1
30 April Term 2 Resumes

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and safe Easter celebration weekend. I hope there are many moments for you to come together to laugh and love. I would also hope the Easter Bunny finds your special place, wherever you may be.

Happy Easter from our school family to yours!

I will now bid farewell to the community. I will be on leave as of this Friday 22nd March 2024. I would ask you to direct all enquires or concerns to Mrs Winkel in my absence. I will be unavailable during my leave of absence, so it is critical that I please ask you to contact the school directly for all communication. I will look forward to seeing you all towards the end of Week 10.

- **Margot Jasprizza**



Primary Classroom

This week, our primary class has immersed themselves in the novel "Blueback," exploring character traits and settings to understand how they shape stories. In math, we're focusing on mental strategies for problem-solving and reinforcing them through double-checking with alternate methods.

- Mrs Winkel

NAPLAN

Congratulations to those students who confidently and maturely sat the NAPLAN testing this year. We finalised NAPLAN today. It is important to remember that these tests are only one measure of all assessments we do at our school. As classroom teachers, we administer regular and reliable testing throughout each term. Classroom teachers are well equipped at assessing academic growth, as we know our individual students so well.

Easter Hat Parade – Change of date

Next Wednesday 27th March we will be hosting the annual Easter Hat Parade. The parade will commence at 2.15pm. It will begin with the 'hat parade', followed by the P and C Easter raffle draw. The afternoon will conclude with an Easter egg hunt... for the children. We welcome siblings to join the celebrations.

You are welcome to take your children home after the completion of the celebrations.

The Infants Classroom

It has been such a great fortnight of fun, learning and challenge. Miss Leanne, Miss Skye and myself are a great team and work closely together to find a balance to create consolidation and challenge for each student. I am continually amazed with our students' resilience and robust attitude towards learning.

There has been some great gains in learning the different strands of measurement this fortnight. We have measured, weighed, covered surfaces, and grappled with volume and capacity. The kiddos are really enjoying the opportunity to engage with hands-on activities.

In English, wowsa!!!!

Kinders are working on being a 5 Star writer:

5 Star Writing	
	Capital letter to start my sentence. I see a dog.
	Punctuation to end my sentence. Where is the dog?
	Use finger spaces. The dog is brown.
	Use neat handwriting & phonemic spelling. Kk
	My sentence makes sense. 

Stage 1 are building knowledge on nouns, verbs and adjectives. And just when things are complicated enough, we throw in the added challenge of prepositional phrases.



Stage 1 have had the opportunity to create an informative poster on crocodiles. Just take a look at their work samples. We are excited to see what comes next.



Mrs Sue McKinnon will be teaching the class for the coming two weeks. Please feel free to connect with Sue should you have any questions or feedback.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrates diversity, aiming to foster inclusiveness, respect and the idea that people of all different cultures can make a valuable contribution to society. Ballimore PS will be celebrating this special day on Thursday 21st March. Students are welcome to wear 'muftie' clothes on this day and we would ask for a gold coin donation to support the purchase of resources for the day. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. We encourage students to wear something orange on Harmony Day to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



Infants Student of the Fortnight



Harper McInnes

“Great listening and contributions to class discussions.”



Primary Student of the Fortnight

Hudson McInnes



“For his beautiful efforts in his homework book.”

Staff Value



Student Value



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