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Term 1 Week 6

Thursday 7th March 2019

CALENDAR

Week 6

Fri 8th Mar Assembly 9.15am - hall
P&C AGM 2pm - connected classroom

Week 7

Mon 11th Mar School Photos

Week 8

Fri 22nd Mar Harmony Day Assembly 9.15am - hall

Week 9

Fri 29th Mar **Parent/Teacher Interviews**
NRMA - Science and Road Safety Day

Week 10

Fri 5th Apr Assembly 9.15am - hall
School Cross Country

Week 11

Mon 8th Apr Easter Hat making - Infants 2pm
Thurs 11th Apr Easter Concert
Fri 12th Apr ANZAC service 9.15am
Last day of Term 1

SCHOOL BELL TIMES

School starts at **8.55am** and finishes at **2.55pm**.



Reminders from the Office

Please complete and return the following **urgently**:

- Publicity/Media Permission note.
- Contact Details form.
- Updated Medical Health Care plans. Asthma and Anaphylaxis plans for 2019.

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Student School Banking has recommenced on Tuesday's. Please bring in your CBA supersaver account with **COMPLETED** deposit slip and money. Bank books are to be left at the office.

This service is available thanks to our student banking volunteer. As we are only receiving one or two deposits at the moment, we may have to discontinue this service.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS NEXT MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2019

All students need to be in

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM
and at school by 8.55am for the whole school photo.

Please no coloured headbands, ribbons and Jojo bows. Small red or black ribbons and headbands are acceptable.

Every student has received an individual photo envelope. School Photo envelopes are to be returned on photo day with money enclosed or ordering can be done online.

If a family envelope is required, please see the office.

Welcome to Week 6!

The Term is picking up some pace now with learning and special events!

Below are a few key messages for parents and carers:

Harmony Week

This year is the 20th anniversary of Harmony Day. The event has been renamed Harmony Week to recognise diversity and inclusion activities that take place during the entire week. It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

In week 8 of Term 1 Fennell Bay students will come together wearing a splash of orange to signify social communication and meaningful conversations. In Creative Groups students will celebrate our diversity through a range of activities. At our weekly assembly we will formally celebrate Harmony Week.

Behaviour Procedures

On class Dojo next week teachers will attach the draft Behaviour Procedures for parents to review. I will be holding a consultation meeting on the 5th April after the School Assembly at 10.00am for parents / carers to provide feedback on the draft. If you would like to attend please call the office and leave your name. Alternatively feel free to send comments to teachers via Dojo or via the school email address.

Bus and road safety

Could you please remind your children how to travel on the bus safely and also how to exit safely. I've had reports of students running across roads and crossings. Staff will also remind students of safe behaviours and the NRMA Roadshow on the 29th March will help support with key messages.



Attendance

Please see attached Information for parents on compulsory school attendance.

Recording and monitoring student attendance allows us to identify students who have low attendance, and are at risk of falling behind. Tracking student attendance is also a legislative requirement and part of every school's duty of care. Attendance data is important because it provides a measure of students' engagement – which is critical for evaluating school and student performance.

If you ever need support in getting your child to school please let your class teacher know. If your child's attendance rate sits at 90% it equates to 20 days absent across the year, which has a significant impact on their learning. We will contact parents if student attendance is unexplained or drops below 90% to look at support strategies to increase attendance.

Clean UP Australia Day

Thankyou to Mr Agnew for organising Clean Up Australia Day last Friday 1st March. Teachers spoke about the importance of looking after our environment and students were given gloves to help collect any rubbish around our school. Every little bit counts!

Kind Regards

Lenise Hollis



Lilac

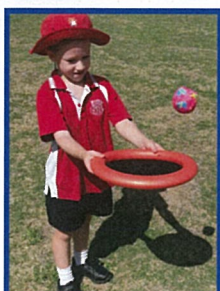
Lilac has had a busy start to the year! Yesterday we had a slithery, scaly visitor in our room—Steve the snake! The students loved meeting Keynen's very friendly pet spotted python.

We have been joining Lime and Aqua for Sport on a Friday. We have had lots of fun playing dodge ball, practising shooting hoops and participating in tabloid activities.

In class, we have been learning about making patterns in Maths. In Literacy, we have read lots of funny stories about animals creating Hullabaloo's in zoo's and holding Best Bottom competitions. They have been the theme for our hilarious writing and entertaining artworks!

We look forward to working really hard this year, so stand by and watch us grow!

Kristen Leary
Classroom Teacher



Creative Groups and Choir

Creative Groups commenced last week and students enjoyed being involved in their activities. Mr Preece is running a musical coding and harmonica group and Mr Dunlap is creating water colour pictures with his group. Mr Agnew and Mrs Gilford are running art and craft groups and Mrs Valentine is producing sculptures with her group. Mrs Thorley has taken a dance group and Miss Campbell is teaching the students aspects of mime and drama. What a great way to spend a Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Fragar and Mrs Parker are working with the choir as they learn their repertoire for the Opera House. Tuesday afternoons we listen to the whole choir sing and Wednesdays we rehearse with the altos and on Thursdays with sopranos. Our school community will be amazed when they hear the choir perform their songs.

Mrs Fragar and Mrs Parker



Regional Swimming Carnival.

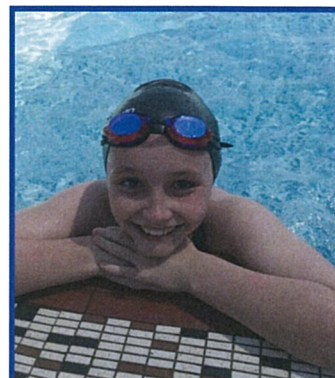
Congratulations to Keleigh Davidson from Emerald class who competed in four events at the Regional Swimming Carnival held at Lambton pool on Tuesday.

Keleigh represented Fennell Bay in four races. She had a very successful day and her overall ranking was fantastic. Keleigh came 11th overall in backstroke, 10th in butterfly, 13th in breaststroke and 9th in freestyle.

We are so proud of you Keleigh.

Well done!!!

Mrs Parker



Congratulations Leaders!

On Friday 22nd February, we celebrated the appointments of our new leaders for 2019.

Hannah and Mackenzie did a wonderful job leading their first assembly. Well Done!

Parents/Grandparents, staff and fellow students were extremely proud of our new school leaders and we know they will do a fantastic job.

OUR SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2019

Captains:	Hannah Avison Mackenzie Sullivan
Bus Monitors:	Liam Webb Reni Rawnsley
Library Monitors:	Courtney Underhill Makida Fennell Mckayla Barrett Ricky Ranger
House Captains:	
Shortland Captain:	Josh Rose
Vice Captain:	Payton Fennell
Reid Captain:	Emmett Watson
Vice Captain:	Oscar Hellum
Hunter Captain:	Logan Hart
Vice Captain:	Curtis Mills
Macquarie Captain:	Danielle Robson-Norton
Vice Captain:	Nathaniel Beves



NRMA SCIENCE AND ROAD SAFETY SHOW

Want to learn the WHAT, WHY and HOW of road safety with your child?

The NRMA will be visiting our school on Friday 29th March 2019 to conduct a Science and Road Safety Show.

Parents are invited to attend the show with their child during their stage session in the Fennell Bay School Hall. The aim is to increase student knowledge and drive positive attitude and behaviour changes towards road safety.

Students are invited to bring their bike helmets on the day.

Show times are as follows:

Years 3 and 4	Show commences 9am
Kinder and Year 1	Show commences 10am
Years 5 and 6	Show commences 11.45am

We hope to see you there!



Did you know?

Speech sounds and language are quite different.

A word can be made up of a variety of speech sounds. For example the first speech sound in the word 'cat' is 'k'.

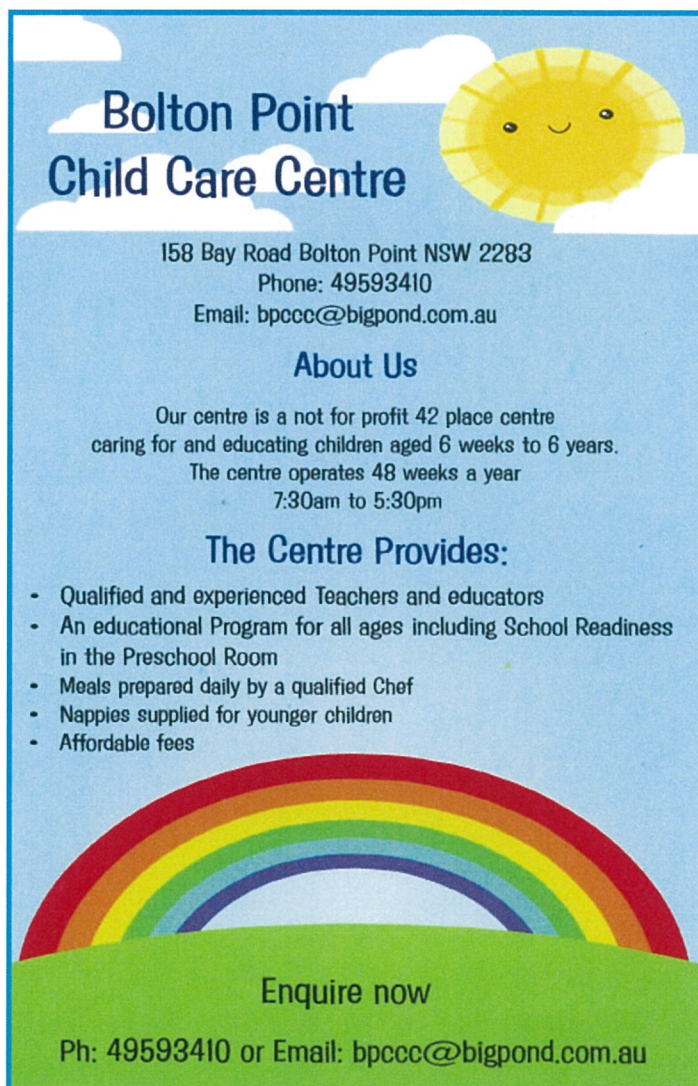
Expressive language is a broad term that covers areas such as vocabulary, semantics (meaning) and syntax (sentence structure). For example; having 'ed' on the end of a word (walked) refers to something that has happened in past tense.

Receptive language refers to your child's ability to understand language. Speech sounds refer to the sounds your child uses when talking. For example: saying "tar" instead of "car". If your child has difficulty with these things it could be having an effect on their developing literacy levels.

Having good literacy levels makes it easier for our children to learn. Please discuss any concerns you may have with your child's classroom teacher.

Jordan Jeffery

Speech pathologist/ Clinical Educator



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P&C News

P&C Meeting– Friday 8th March at 2pm in the connected classroom.

Looking for a fun way to support our great school? Why not join P&C. The P&C here at Fennell Bay Public School is made up of a small group of caring parents and community members who meet once a month to support the students through fundraising and organising exciting events.

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 8th of March at 2pm in the Connected Classroom and all old and new members are welcome! Pre-school children are welcome as well.

Our Easter Hat Parade and Concert is always a hit and the P&C raffle is HUGE. We ask parents to donate to our Easter raffle with chocolate eggs, bunnies, baskets and more. Please bring your donations to the office where books of raffle tickets will also be available. Tickets will be available to buy at the parade on Thursday 11th April. The raffle will be drawn after the parade.

Please chat to Karen Wilesmith or Betsy Campbell if you are interested or have any questions or suggestions.

Have a wonderful week and thank you for supporting our great school!

P&C Committee

Canteen News

- The canteen would like to invite parents and caregivers to volunteer some of their spare time to assist on the canteen. This does not have to be a day a week, it may be for one hour a week or even two hours in a fortnight.
- Please be aware that neither the canteen or the office are ABLE to heat up food for students. This is a WH&S issue.
- Just a reminder that the Canteen is closed for second break. Afternoon Tea can still be ordered on these days but are collected from the office.
- The canteen can not supply spoons for items bought from home without them being purchased.

All profits from the canteen go to supporting our students.

Jeanette Tait

Canteen Supervisor



Good for Kids good for life



ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

The program runs year round, so kids can get active at any time!
Visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids to apply



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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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