DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY
19 Assembly - 1.15pm presentation of swimming medals and ribbons
23 District Swimming Carnival
24 Book Fair
25 Guide Dog visit 9.10am - 10.10am
26 PSSA Trials - AFL Hanging Rock
29 National Young Leaders Day - Acer Arena, Sydney

MARCH
2 P & C Annual General Meeting 6.30pm
11 Auskick AFL Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4 - Bill Smyth Oval
24 Easter Hat Parade
25 Public holiday - Good Friday
28 Public holiday - Easter Monday

APRIL
1 School Cross Country
8 Last day for Term 1
25 Public holiday - ANZAC Day
26 Staff Development Day - staff only
27 Students first day for Term 2
28 K, 1 & 2 AFL Skills Day - Bill Smyth Oval

Great News Stories

School Website
Our School Website is up and running for this year. We have posted the photos of the Kindergarten students and their buddies enjoying school, as well as photos from our School Swimming Carnival. Thank you to Stacey Garner who supplied us with some wonderful photos that she took on the day. If you are attending one of our wonderful school events and have some great photos please let us know and we will share them on our website. All classes have their own pages where you can find out what is happening in the classrooms and see the wonderful work students.

Our website also gives you access to find various sites to help with understanding and working with your child on their education. One great site is the schoolatoz site, http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/, that gives you access to some great resources and is well worth a look.

School Swimming Carnival Update
Last week we congratulated our Swimming Champions and Runners Up for their wonderful achievements. It has now come to our attention that we indeed had a tie for the Junior Girl Runner Up and we would like to congratulate Talicia Ogilvie on her wonderful effort. A reminder that the District Carnival is next Tuesday at Narooma Swimming Pool.

Parent/Teacher Meetings Reminder
Parent teacher meetings are being held tonight. Teachers will be available to talk to all parents about how the classrooms will run and the many ways you can support your child’s learning and enhance our partnership in education. Meetings will be held in your child’s classroom between 5:00pm and 5:30pm. The meetings will be followed by a family BBQ and family Disco with DJ Matt Brown. The theme for the disco is “Summer”. We have had a wonderful response to this event and we are looking forward to seeing all our families there. So come along meet your child’s teacher, have a lovely relaxing dinner where you don’t have to cook and dance the night away with your child.

Assembly
Our first school assembly will be held this Friday 19th February. Our School Ministers will coordinate this assembly and Year 5/6 will present some work and entertain our school with some Alphabet Aerobics. We look forward to seeing our parents and community members there. Swimming ribbons and champion medals will also be presented at this assembly.
University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments

Entry forms were made available to last week to students who are interested in entering these competitions which are available in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. If your child did not receive an information sheet and you are interested in them participating please see the front office or Mrs Takacs. Entry and payment is required by 29th February.

Homework Centre

Last year we made available to our parents and students a homework centre at the school. At this centre students were able to access the computer room to complete homework tasks, access online resources and be supported by teachers. During term 4 we monitored the use of the homework centre and identified some need for it. We are looking at offering this resource again in 2016 but would like to get an idea regarding the number of students who would access the centre so that we can ensure the centre is properly supported by staff. If you are interested in your child attending the Homework Centre please complete the short survey note attached to this newsletter and return to school as soon as possible.

Book Fair

Next Wednesday, 24th February, we will be holding our first Ashton Scholastic Book Fair for the year. This will be an awesome opportunity for students to purchase books at fantastic prices. Children will be able to preview books prior to the fair and bring home wish lists for parents to consider.

The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the non-consent form on the back of the attached letter to school by Friday 26th February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Quote of the Day: For success, attitude is equally as important as ability. Walter Scott

Lynne Takacs
Relieving Principal
P&C News

Canteen
Hope all the kids enjoyed their meals last Friday. Just a reminder to **PLEASE HAVE ORDERS IN ON THURSDAY EVERY WEEK.**

Welcome BBQ and Disco
The disco and BBQ are on tonight, looking forward to seeing everyone there! Thank you to those parents who said they would help out, very much appreciated, see you there.

P & C Annual General Meeting
Our first meeting for the year is to be held on **Wednesday 2nd March** in the school staffroom at 6.30pm – we would love to see new parents come along to our meeting and join in. Our meetings are informal and fun and it’s a really good way for you to know what is happening at our lovely school. So please come along, we would love to see you there!

Bodalla P&C Association
Contact Michelle Robinson if you have any questions 44735131 or email: bodallapandcassociation@gmail.com

Homework Centre Survey
I am interested in my child/ren attending the Homework Centre.

Child/rens names: ____________________________  ____________________________

Class: ____________________________  ____________________________

My preferred day is: (Please circle options, you can circle more than one)

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My preferred time is:

3:30pm – 4:30pm  3:30pm – 5:00pm

Signed: ____________________________
Our school is an integral part of the community. We value every child in our care and your child’s success is important to us. Our school is a happy and safe environment promoting quality learning.