From the Principal’s Desk

**Whooping cough alert - advice for schools**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

**Up Coming Events**

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Melbourne Cup Day
Tomorrow is Melbourne Cup Day and students are able to wear “a day at the race course outfit” to school instead of their school uniform. We will have a fashion’s in the field parade at 9.00am so the children can display their outfits. Parents and guardians are very welcome to attend the parade. The canteen is also offering a meal deal, please see the details in the canteen news.

Thank you to the Men’s Shed
We would like to thank the Men’s Shed for repairing all of our wooden toys. The students love playing with these toys in the sandpit and in the playground. **Students are reminded not to bring toys to school as they may be damaged or lost.**

Infants Excursion
Permission notes and money were to be returned to the office today for the infants’ excursion to Tamworth on Thursday. If you have not been in contact with the school regarding your child’s participation in this excursion, unfortunately your child will not be able to attend and will need to come to school as usual on Thursday.

Fun Day
The Year 5/6 fun day will be held on Tuesday 10th November from 11.30am to 12.40pm. There will be many fun activities for the children to do including dunking machine, train rides, cupcakes, bike and scooter rides, sock wrestling, juggling, slip and slide, face paint and hairspray, pony rides, guess the lollies. Prices will range from 10c to 50c. Slushies ($1.50). Students need to bring a pair of board shorts and a rash shirt or t shirt to change into for the activities. Please complete the attached permission note and return to the office.

Homework Club
Homework Club will be held each Wednesday afternoon from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Please notify the school office if your child is attending as numbers are limited. Children will need to bring afternoon tea. Volunteers would be appreciated, to listen to children read.

Year 4/5/6 Scratch Project
Mr Wood is available to help students with the Scratch project on Thursday afternoons from 3.00pm – 3.30pm.

School Captains Speeches
It is that time of the year again where we have to choose our leaders for 2016. Notes have been handed out to those students who are interested in running for school captain for next year. There are some very strict guidelines outlined in these letters that students and parents will have to consider before they are signed and sent back to me.

Candidates will present their speeches to the school at the assembly on Friday 13th November.

School Fees Smarties to Year 6
School fees are being received at the front office. They are voluntary but are greatly appreciated to assist the school in paying for supplies. Fees are $40 for the first child (smarties to year 6) and $10 for any additional children. Invoices have recently been sent home as a gentle reminder to those families who have overlooked this voluntary payment.

Enrolments for 2016
The front office is currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten and Smart Start for 2016. If your child is attending kindergarten in 2016 at BPS, please complete and return an enrolment form as soon as possible.

Year 6 Photos
Year 6 students need to bring about six baby photos in so they can be included in the slide show at the Year 6 farewell.
Kindergarten Orientation Day

We will be having our Kindergarten Information Afternoon for parents and carers of children wishing to start Kindergarten in 2016 on Thursday 12th November starting at 2.00pm in the kindergarten room. Children will be able to join in with our Smartie students while parents and carers enjoy afternoon tea and receive information about Kindergarten for next year.

Smart Start 2016

Smart Start is a transition program designed to prepare children for Kindergarten the following year. Smart Start is held on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the school terms. An information afternoon will be held on Thursday 19th November from 2pm to 2.30 pm in the Smart Start room.

School Party

To reward those classes who have had 100% of students in uniform, we will be having a special class party. There are a few classes who only have 2 or 3 students who are out of uniform, please ensure that your child is in uniform. If they are wearing the blue shirt it needs to be buttoned up with the tie.

The overall school percent is at 97% of students in school uniform, we are very close to being able to have our party. Once we reach 100% we will have a school party. If your child is not in full school uniform for any reason, please let us know so that they can be exempt for that day.

We have changed over to summer uniform.

A big thank you to everyone for your continued support with the school uniform.

Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Catalogues

This year’s toy catalogues from Modern Teaching Aids have arrived at the front office. These catalogues are a fun and easy way of fundraising to purchase much needed resources for our classrooms. By ordering through the Chalk & Parent Direct Toy fundraising catalogues you are helping our school. For every dollar you spend, 20 cents will be donated back to our school in the form of a voucher. If we collect enough parent orders, we will receive an additional $400 to purchase useful learning resources and equipment. If you would like to order from these catalogues please pick one up from the front office and simply complete the order forms in the middle of the catalogues and return to us with your payment or order online. We will consolidate your orders and send them to Chalk and Parent Direct. Your orders will then be individually packaged and labelled and sent to us for you to collect. Please return your orders to the school office by 13th November. Orders will then be delivered to the school before the end of term for those wishing to purchase Christmas gifts.

Charna Wood
Principal

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who set up, packed up, supervised, worked in the canteen, donated goodies, cooked the snags, provided the music and organised the games for last Friday’s disco. We couldn’t run these events without your help. The evening was a huge success, the costumes were amazing and the children’s behaviour was fantastic.
**Canteen News**

**Melbourne Cup Lunch Meal Deal**
Nachos with guacamole and sour cream and drink $4.50 available tomorrow only. Please put order on brown paper bag along with money. Normal lunch menu is also available from the canteen.

**Canteen Roster for this week**
- **Tuesday 3rd November** – Stephanie Hancock
- **Thursday 5th November** – Robyn Seddon
- **Friday 6th November** – Craig & Jen Devine
- **Monday 9th November** – Deanne Vowels

If you are unable to make your allocated time please try to find someone to take your place. Do not ring the front office. If there is no one found then students who have ordered for the day will be provided with a vegemite sandwich, and the money from the order returned home.

**Community News**

**Busy Little Hands at Play**
Busy Little Hands at Play is held every second Tuesday of the month. Next session will be held tomorrow Tuesday 10th November at 10.00am-12noon in the Smart Start room. You can always check dates & times on Facebook – Narrabri Neighbourhood Centre or Busy Little Hands at Play. For more information Phone Kate 67923562 Tues-Thurs or email kate@ndcas.com

**Sport & Recreations Swim and Survive Lessons**
Sport and Recreations Swim and Survive classes for pre-schoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes. The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make the program affordable for all the children in the family. Sport & Rec runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW and their instructions are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children. Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school aged children and $49 for preschools (prices excluded pool entry fee). For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.

**Boggabri Swimming Club**
**Swimming Lessons** are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Boggabri Pool. For further information or to book please contact Simon Andren on 0429 133 376.

**Swimming Club** is on Mondays at 5.30pm. We are a family friendly club that caters for all ability levels and are focused on encouraging participation and making swimming fun. We welcome any new members. For further information you can contact Jeaniece Turner on 0427434024 or for membership enquiries you can contact Jacqui McInerney on 67434146.

**Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2017**
Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015. All applications are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

**Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School - Tamworth**
Selective Schools applications now open online.
Farrer is the only all-boys government Agricultural high school in Australia & would like to inform parents of current Year 5 students, that registration for Year 7 2017 is now open online.
To register your son to sit the Selective Schools test visit the Farrer website and follow the Selective Schools link. Applications close 16th November. For further enquires contact Farrer on 6764 8600.
What’s on in the SMART Chef kitchen this week....

**WEDNESDAY 04/11/2015**

**Morning Tea**
Zucchini and Carrot Muffins - $1.00 ea

**LUNCH**
Chicken, Egg and vegie noodles - $3.50

**THURSDAY 05/11/2015**

**Morning Tea**
Lemon coconut slice - $1.00 ea

**LUNCH**
Pineapple, Chicken and Capsicum with Rice - $3.50