

BONVILLE NEWS

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to the many families who returned the 2013 School Evaluation Survey. The surveys have been collated with a response from over two thirds of our student population. Your comments are valued and will assist in moving Bonville Public School towards continued improvement. After reading all of the comments it is reassuring that our school is heading in the right direction. With emphasis on school improvement Bonville will remain a school of **choice** well into the future. Early 2014 Bonville PS will be seeking parents to be involved on the School Improvement Team. The School Improvement Team will analyse parent surveys and work collaboratively alongside staff to develop an action plan for improvement.

How did we rate?

88% of surveys rated Bonville 8 or more out of 10. 9% of parents rated Bonville 7 out of 10 (7 was Bonville's lowest score). 26% of surveys rated Bonville 10 out of 10. Two surveys did not indicate a rating. Surveys rating a half mark were scaled down to the nearest number (ie. 9.5 scaled to 9).

Areas identified as requiring more work include:

- Rewards system needs review
- Bullying
- Bell not loud enough
- Canteen opening more days
- Improved communication regarding decisions made by the school
- More parental involvement in Mother's Day and Father's Day activities
- Supporting students who have been selected to represent the school
- Modernise the toilets
- Too many home readers
- More support for higher achieving students
- More parent/teacher meetings
- Greater feedback about student progress

We are pleased to inform our school community that some progress is being made in some identified areas. From 2014 greater consistency across the school will be evident in student assessment. This will mean parents will receive student work samples indicating progress and achievement more regularly in English and Mathematics. Also in 2014 identified students in Years 3-6 will be invited to participate in English, Mathematics and Science and Technology enrichment programs. All students from K-6 will participate in Kids Teaching Kids gifted and talented opportunities throughout the year. These programs will complement existing programs our school offers in the Performing Arts as part of our school's music program, the Bongil Musicale and Bonville's School Musical.

Bullying is a social problem and not just the responsibility of schools; it is the responsibility of entire communities! The P&C have voted to further support our students' social needs by subsidising *The Free Spirit Girl*. The Free Spirit Girl program is designed to increase self-esteem and confidence in girls. We are hoping to coordinate a focus day for all students, parents and the broader community in 2014 around anti bullying strategies. To

date senior students have participated in Cyber Bullying workshops and the Rock and Water program. Meanwhile our teachers will continue to address student social needs as part of the PD/H curriculum as well as when situations arise.

Decisions made by the school will continue to be presented at P&C meetings and acknowledged through the school's newsletter. Please continue to read the newsletter as this is our main communication line with the school community and if in doubt **always** contact the school for clarification. Being a small school is truly unique for students, parents and their communities. This we want to treasure! Our teachers and support staff work tirelessly to ensure your child receives the perfect balance, increased opportunities to be challenged academically, physically and socially. The P&C work tirelessly to ensure teachers and students have the necessary resources for these opportunities. Great ideas are always welcomed. Bring them along to the P&C or see Mr Hepi.

School Uniform

Last week uniform order forms were sent home. It was **incorrectly stated** in the newsletter that the forms need to be returned to school at the end of term. **PLEASE RETURN UNIFORM ORDERS BEFORE FRIDAY WEEK 8.** The orders need to be placed so uniforms will be available before the school holidays commence.

SCHOOL MINI FAIR
Don't forget to
buy your tokens!

THIS FRIDAY is FETE day!

Year 5/6 Mini Fete

This year's mini fete is set to be huge. All Year 5 and 6 students are very enthusiastic and are looking forward to a wonderful afternoon of entertainment. Students have been busy planning and organising their stalls. Some stalls include:

A white elephant stall, photo booth, movie theatre and popcorn, putt-putt golf, spiders and ice-cream desserts, wet sponge, footy passes and kicks, find the hidden treasure, lolly guessing competition, animal sculpture competition, teddy bear competition, Jaffa smashing and much more! Tokens for the School Mini Fair are available for sale NOW from the office.

There will be plenty of fun things to do for everyone!

DON'T FORGET THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Tokens can NOT be used for the sausage sizzle.



Wanted!

Items for the White Elephant stall are needed. If you have anything that is not damaged and you have no use for please consider donating it to the school fair. Please no clothing!

What's On This Week!

Tuesday 19.11	Wednesday 20.11	Thursday 21.11	Friday 22.11	Monday 25.11
		Choir Band Sport \$1 a scoop ice-creams	9:30am 2014 School Captain Speeches 12:30pm Mini Fete commences	Swim School starts

Christmas Raffle

Please support this great fundraiser. Prizes include: 1st prize a bike, 2nd prize a Dual Hoop Rebound Pro basketball game and 3rd prize a pamper pack.

Tickets are \$1 each and the raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Day assembly on Wednesday 11th December.



Bouquet of Flowers

Thank you Andrea Cocks for volunteering your time covering our new books.



Last week Year 5 met their 2014 Kindergarten buddies!



K/1 Excursion to the Honey Place and Bake's Dairy!



Congratulations Indiana, Tristan, Lara and Rowan for receiving special awards!



Well done kids on receiving a Merit Award last week.

Thursday SRC fundraiser

\$1 a scoop ice-creams will be available at recess and lunch this Thursday.



K-4 Swimming Scheme

The school swimming scheme begins next Monday. Please ensure payment is made. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact the office so that alternative arrangements and assistance can be rendered.

Bonville PS, Inspiring 21st Century Learners!

Michael Hepi
Principal

Your business can be advertised here from as little as \$10 per term in our school's newsletter. Please contact Trish in the office for more information.