

BONVILLE NEWS



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I know I have written about Gonski in the past but I feel it's important that our community is aware of the latest developments. Currently there's plenty of speculation in the education community regarding the future of GONSKI funding for all schools across Australia. The Sydney Morning Herald on Sunday 1st December reported the Federal Education Minister Christopher Pyne had announced last week that the government would back away from its pre-election promise to adopt the Gonski reforms over four years.

The Gonski Review was the most comprehensive investigation of the way schools are funded in almost 40 years. The review was commissioned in 2010 by the Gillard Government. A panel of independent professionals and business people was chaired by respected businessman David Gonski. The review was established for a number of reasons including:

- Declining student performance overall
- A growing performance gap between students doing well, and those struggling
- A lack of adequate co-ordination within the current model to address students' needs
- An unnecessarily complex current system that lacks transparency
- An imbalance of funding responsibilities between state and territory governments, and the federal government.

The Panel received over 7000 submissions, visited 39 schools and consulted 71 education groups across the country in the preparation of their final report.

What did the Gonski Report recommend?

Gonski found that Australia is investing far too little in education, especially in public schools. As a result, too many students are missing out on the resources they need, and there are growing performance gaps in the achievement of students from different backgrounds.

Gonski recommended that we fund schools based on *student need*.

Under this new system, every school in Australia would receive consistent funding per student. Additional funding ('loadings') would apply to provide extra resources where students are disadvantaged, for example students with poor English proficiency, students with disabilities or learning difficulties, Indigenous students, students from disadvantaged backgrounds, or students at small, regional or remote schools.

These extra funds would be invested in schools to tackle those sources of disadvantage, for example through:

- Smaller class sizes
- More specialist teachers in areas like literacy and numeracy
- Greater support for students with higher needs, such as those with disabilities
- Additional training and classroom support for teachers.

So what does this mean for Bonville Public School? Under the previous Gillard and Rudd Government it was proposed that Bonville would receive approximately \$574,608 in extra Gonski funds (up 53.44%) over 6 years. This figure was revised by the

opposition prior to the election as they promised to commit to a 4 year deal not 6 years and publicly announced during election campaigning a 'unity ticket' with the then government. Disappointingly, it now seems that there is no longer a 'unity ticket'. Mr Adrian Piccoli, NSW Education Minister, reported by the Sydney Morning Herald over the weekend stating, "The Commonwealth has implied that, if there is a reduction in funding ... that reduction may well only come out of public schools". This issue will no doubt be a hot topic for debate and discussion over the coming months. We will wait and see and continue to do what we do best, provide Bonville students with quality education programs in a caring and nurturing environment. Meanwhile please visit <http://igiveagonski.com.au> to lodge your support for increased funding for our kids.

Class 1/2 Assembly



Congratulations to our Bonville students who received a Merit Award last week.

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.

More tickets are available at the office if you require them.

PLEASE RETURN ALL TICKETS and MONEY THIS FRIDAY





Well done Liam, Klara, Dom, and Liam on receiving your special awards last week!

Congratulations Bonville PS

Last week Bonville PS received a Diamond Award for the completion of the Premiers Sporting Challenge. The Diamond Award was reached by calculating time involved in student daily fitness, weekly PE and Sport and other playground physical activity. This is our 2nd year in a row achieving the highest level.



Bonville House Captains proudly displaying our latest award!

Mini Fete Fundraiser

The Mini Fete raised approximately \$1500. Well done and thank you everyone!

Thursday SRC fundraiser

\$1 a scoop ice-cream available at recess and lunch this Thursday!



K-4 Swimming Scheme

Swim School finishes this Friday. There are still some children coming to school unprepared for swimming. Please ensure your child has swimmers, towel and a change of underwear for their return to school.

Bouquet of Flowers

Thank you parents who have supported Bonville students at the swimming pool during Swim School.



Library News

Please return all library books this week. We are currently doing the annual stocktake. Lost books will incur a replacement cost.

Presentation Assembly and Thank you Morning Tea

The 2013 Presentation Assembly will be held in the Memorial Hall from 9:30am on Wednesday 11th December (next week). Following the assembly will be a Thank you Morning Tea for our parent volunteers. We openly invite our school community volunteers to join us at the morning tea.

Canteen News

We sincerely thank Danielle for her dedication throughout the year. Thanks Danielle!

What's On This Week!

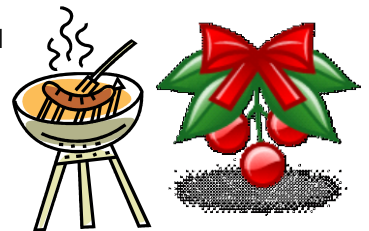
Tuesday 3.12	Wednesday 4.12	Thursday 5.12	Friday 6.12	Monday 9.12
	Toormina High Orientation for Year 6.	Choir Band – Ukulele and Djembe Sport \$1 a scoop ice-creams	Last day for Swim School	

Student Reports

Student reports are currently being finalised. Students will receive their reports on Wednesday 11th December. This gives opportunities for parents to discuss the reports with their child's teacher if required before the end of the school year.

Christmas Concert

Don't forget the Bonville School Community Christmas Concert. The concert will be held from 5pm on Monday 16th December. Santa arrives at 6pm. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for sale.



Bonville PS- Inspiring 21st Century Learning!

Michael Hepi
Principal

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