

# BONVILLE NEWS

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## Mr Burkitt's Message

Year 5 & 6 students returned on Friday evening after their week long excursion in our State's capital. I'm sure many of them enjoyed a few good nights' sleep over the weekend. I calculated that we totalled approximately 80,000 steps or 70 km of walking, 28km on ferries, 22km on trains and 5km on a bus as well as 18hrs on the XPT. All parents and carers of Year 5 and 6 students should be extremely proud of their children. I have not taken away a better group of students. They were cooperative and supportive of each other. They learnt about being grateful, facing fears, supporting their peers and being inclusive of new people. On behalf of the students I would like to especially thank the staff and parents who were able to attend and assist in the supervision of students ensuring their safety whilst moving around Sydney. The entire excursion was an example of collective efficacy – everyone working together to achieve a common goal. Bonville Public School Stage 3 students have left a wonderful legacy for the younger students of the school. We will be welcomed back to all of the venues that we visited.

Swimming Scheme finished last Friday and all teachers reported that students showed a great deal of improvement in their swimming ability. Thanks to Ms McKillop for organising this important program.

Our Stage 2 students attended Rally Australia on Friday. They were given the opportunity to get up close to the inner workings of this international event. Thank you to Mrs Hunter, Mrs Batten and Mrs Carter for organising this opportunity.

Our planning for 2019 is building in momentum and therefore it is extremely important that we are notified of any students leaving or planning to attend Bonville Public School in 2019.

I hope to see you at the P and C Meeting tonight (6pm) in the school library.

Have a great week and thanks for supporting Bonville Public School.

Dean Burkitt

## Dates for your diary:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November-** 2M & 2/3C library.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November-** K/1H & 5/6G library, THS Extension Class Orientation.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November -** Music tuition, Opera House Auditions Take 2.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November-** \$1 ice creams, Student Banking, KN library.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November –** Choir, 3/4B library, Music tuition, 2M Assembly.

**Christmas Raffle:** Tickets have gone out for our Christmas Raffle. There are great prizes to be won. The Raffle will be drawn at our Presentation Evening on the 13<sup>th</sup> December. Cost is \$1 per ticket.

**Toormina High School:** Reminder THS Extension Class Orientation Day is on tomorrow. Students need to arrive at the High School at 8:50am and be picked up at 3pm to avoid any congestion.

**P&C:** A reminder that Bonville Public School P&C Meeting will be held tonight at 6:00pm in the school library.

**Bookclub** brochures will go out today with the newsletter. This is the last one for 2018. The orders are due back by 30th November. These books make great Christmas presents. **No late orders will be accepted.** Thank you to everyone who purchased books this year as the school receives a small commission which is used to purchase resources for the school.

**Swimming:** Please pay any outstanding K-2 Intensive Swimming fees ASAP. Thank you.

**WRC Rally:** Stage 2 students had a great time at this year's World Rally Championship.

**Don't forget your meal deal by Thursday!**

*Yummy meals every Friday*





## Koalas Need Your Help!

Have you spotted a koala lately? Would you be prepared to help Council learn more about our koalas, how they're doing and where they currently can still be found in the Coffs Harbour local government area?

Council is undertaking a survey as a vital part of the groundwork to review the Koala Plan of Management. The survey and information from the community and landholders will help Council understand exactly where koalas can be found.

We'd encourage everyone to get involved in the koala survey and log their findings to our Koala Register at <https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/Koala-Register> It's a great way to help conserve a much loved and iconic Australian species that we are very lucky to be living with.

Coffs Harbour was the first council in NSW to adopt a Koala Plan of Management back in 2000 with the aim of encouraging the proper conservation and management of koala habitat areas to help protect these important animals and, ultimately, promote growth in their populations.

Last year, an independent review commissioned by the NSW Government also named Coffs Harbour as one of a number of areas with a significant koala population.

That same review revealed that koala populations are under increasing pressure and have declined in many parts of NSW by an estimated 26% over the past 15 to 21 years. Without positive management actions this level of decline is likely to continue.

To register your sightings, go to <https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/Koala-Register>

The revised draft Koala Plan of Management is due to be completed by June 2020.

For more information please contact council on 6648 4000.

