



BOBS FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – Monday 11th November 2024 - Term 4, Week 5

Please read our newsletter each week as this is an important means of communication with our parents and community. It is also available on our webpage each week if the hard copy is lost in a bag! Don't forget to check out the school Facebook page which we update regularly with lots of photos and reminders for you all!

REMINDERS

Fri 22 nd Nov	<i>JD's World of Magic show- free! 2-3pm All welcome!</i>
Mon 25-Fri 29 th Nov	<i>Intensive Swimming Scheme 10:15am-11am at Tomaree Aquatic Centre</i>
Mon 25-29 th Nov	<i>Student News and Talent presentations 9am or 2pm</i>
Fri 29 th Nov	<i>Visit from Awaba Public School 1pm</i>
Dec 5 th	<i>Last day of Breakfast Club</i>
Wed 11 th Dec	<i>Yr 6 bowling/ farewell dinner night at Soldiers Point Bowling Club</i>
Fri 13 th Dec	<i>Presentation Day 1-3pm- Formal report presentation and performances</i>
Tue 17 th Dec	<i>Dolphin Cruise/ Christmas beach picnic</i>
Wed 18 th Dec	<i>Last day for students</i>

Please note - Our official school Facebook page is Bobs Farm Public School, not BFPS Parent Forum.

Canberra Excursion, PACER funding - Students from our school have or have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding to our school in the amount of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We at Bobs Farm PS took that \$45 off the cost of the camp to students. Thank you to the PACER Scheme for your contribution. Please visit <http://www.pacer.org.au/> for more information.

University of Newcastle - Congratulations on Bobs Farm Public School's nomination and induction into the University of Newcastle's Industry Hall of Fame!

"Catchment Crusaders Show "on 22nd November at 2pm - Funded by Hunter Local Land Services. During 2024 Hunter Local Land Services has continued its partnership with JD's World of Magic to provide the Catchment Crusader Show to Hunter schools to provide our students with the 2024 version of his show.

Intensive Swimming – Week 7, November 25 – 29. 10.15am to 11.00am. Pool entry is \$25 for the week, bus for 4 days covered by Sporting Schools funds. On Friday November 25, we require parent transport. Permission note is attached.



KINDER ORIENTATION - Next Kinder /Yr. 3 Orientation is Wednesday December 4, 9.30am -12pm.

Please spread the word that BFPS consider OUT OF AREA enrolments and to contact our school to let us know if they are coming along to consider a wonderful, family-orientated, small school experience for their child.

Awaba Public School - will be attending our school for a BBQ/ small school interschool catch up after intensive swimming on Friday November 29. More detail on the afternoon activities to follow. 😊

A note from Mrs Baxter

What a special privilege it has been for me to join the Bobs Farm family these past two weeks. Thank you to all the children, staff and families for making me feel so welcome here. Of course, we all wish Mrs Elliott a speedy recovery though, and hope she is literally back on her feet soon. 😊

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning and celebrating some significant events. The book launch excursion to Soldiers Point Bowling Club was a wonderful experience. Braxton, Ruby and Nash represented the school community with maturity and confidence as they spoke on stage in front of a substantially larger audience than they're used to. With special guests including John 'Stinker' Clarke, new Mayor for Port Stephens, Leah Anderson, and NSW Member for Port Stephens, Kate Washington, it was a star-studded affair. However, the Bobs Farm children were the real stars of the show, in my mind, as they received special acknowledgement from MC Scott Bevan from the ABC. A big thank you to the parents and Mr Springfield for assisting with transport.

The Halloween disco and BBQ were certainly more highlights from that day. What a PERFECT evening it was; warm summer-like conditions, fantastic costumes and decorations and a lovely family atmosphere. A huge thank you to the staff, especially Miss Kish, for their organisation and willingness to spend some of their own family time helping put on a special event for our community. I hope everyone enjoyed the experience as much as I did.

Since then we've had Healthy Harold visit in the Life Education van, weekly AFL sessions on the oval and a special Remembrance Day commemoration under the trees in the front playground this morning.

With lots of end-of-year activities coming up in these next few weeks, please make sure you stay closely tuned in for permission notes and updates. We understand that this time of year becomes hectic and costly for families, but it really helps with organisation and decision-making at school when families assist by getting their notes and payments back in on time. If you are having difficulty paying by the due date, please just give the office a call or send an email and we can certainly discuss a payment arrangement for you.

One exciting activity coming up is the annual Swim School program. Please see the details above to make sure your child is booked in and ready to go! Fingers crossed for some warm sunny weather that week!

Have a great week everyone! I look forward to seeing you all at the gate in the mornings and afternoons. 😊

Jenny Baxter

Reminder for full school uniform to be worn at school, including black or white socks. Funny sock days will require a gold coin donation each day they are worn from now on. Which will go towards Yr 6 Farewell

Primary Christmas Play - Senior students have main character parts for our *Christmas on Mars* play for Presentation Day. Everyone has a part to play and sing! Main characters are asked to buy a funny tinsel wig from \$2 Bargain shop and suggested outfit ideas will be shared [e.g.](#) coloured tights, baggy green sloppy joe, big ears, tinsel wig etc. Ask your child and send in when you have it.

Please note – Just a reminder that school begins at 8:30am. We open the gate for early bus students but please be mindful that teachers need to prepare before school so other students, please don't arrive until after 8:30am. Breakfast Club does not open before 8:30am on Wed/Thurs, which SLSO staff open and prepare as well. We appreciate the volunteer mums arriving at 8:30 am as well. **Please note last day for Breakfast Club for the year is Thursday December 5.**

P&C meeting – Next Meeting Tues 19th November at 3:15pm. We need to discuss end of year activities, News and talent program during swimming scheme, 2025 student numbers, 2025 school camp suggestions etc. Megan will be attending.