

BOBS FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – Monday 9th December 2024 - Term 4, Week 9

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

Tues 10 th Dec	Active Request program on tennis court 12.30-3pm
Wed 11 th Dec	Yr 6. bowling/ Farewell dinner night at Soldiers Point Bowling Club
Fri 13 th Dec	Presentation Day 1-3pm - Formal report presentation and performances
Tue 17 th Dec	Dolphin Cruise/ Christmas beach picnic
Wed 18 th Dec	Last day for students
Thurs 6 th Feb	First day back for students (staff development days Jan 31, Feb 3, 4, 5)

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

A Message from Mrs Elliott- Principal – Well, this will be the last newsletter written by me over all these years! Next year you may even have a lovely CANVA produced one!

A big congratulations to Jenny Baxter in her successful application for relieving principal beginning next year, which I fully endorse! Jenny will bring fresh eyes to Bobs Farm PS whilst still ensuring the legacy I leave will live on. I am very excited for the school as I know Jenny will do a fabulous job and is such a good fit for our school.

I will miss you all terribly as school has been such a major part of my life, especially at BFPS! I hope early next year we can have a get together to celebrate my time with you all with past and present staff and community. AND I hope I am invited to every Presentation Day in the future, (just like Mr Eric Holliday!)

End of year dolphin cruise and lunch – We are having our annual dolphin cruise and picnic on Tuesday, December 17. (permission note attached) It should be a great day to finish off another wonderful year at Bobs Farm Public School. Students wear Out of Uniform for this day. Swimmers worn underneath. Bring own towel in beach bag etc. Parents are welcome. Cost to parents is \$40 and Bobs Farm students \$14 (subsidised). Other children are \$24. Families east of the school can meet us at the Marina at 9.45am., Parents not participating on the cruise can then meet us at Little Beach at 12pm where they can set up for a BBQ and Christmas food sharing. Take along picnic chairs, picnic rug, towels, sunscreen, etc. The day finishes around 2:15pm to pack up and get some students back to school for buses.

Year 6 Farewell dinner (Year 6 only) - Looking forward to this special celebration for our wonderful yr 6 students! Meet at 6pm inside, dress up nicely and let's celebrate at Soldiers Point Bowling Club. Mr Springfield has organised Ten Pin Bowling for Yr. 6 at 915am - 12:30pm and will be transporting them in his van with Ms Kish. Mrs Elliott will remain at school and do something special with the other students. Permission notes should all be in by now! Full school uniform to be worn. Take own usual lunch and water bottle! Thank you, it should be a great day!

P&C Things discussed at meeting – Year 6 farewell and bowling session – (Mr Springfield will transport in Lucky Dog minivan to bowling), Yr 6 dinner at Soldiers Point Bowling Club, Presentation Day set up - **decorating assembly area in the morning with parent/ senior student help**, bring a plate to share for afternoon tea 1pm- in canteen, Tues 17th Dec - *Imagine* Dolphin Cruise leaving at 10.00am from Dock C D'Albora Marina (must arrive 15 mins before) \$14 per child, (subsidised by school) \$40.00 per adult. Students and allocated staff walk to Little Beach along coast walk for swim, Christmas cheer and BBQ provided by P&C. Bring along a plate to share. Set up near the playground equipment.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION AFTERNOON.

Parents and friends are invited to our Annual Presentation Afternoon on Friday 13th December from 1-3pm.

Afternoon tea (bring a plate to share at 1pm) Formalities begin at 1.30pm.

VIPs in attendance; including Service Club representatives and our Port Stephens director Trish Bowen. Students will receive their end of year reports and special prizes and Students K-2 and Yr 3-6 will perform their items they have been practicing.

We are always need some of Santa’s helpers to set up and decorate the assembly area if you are able.

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Dolphin Cruise/ Beach Picnic- Tuesday 17th Dec 10am-2:15pm

I hereby give permission for my child/ren.....to attend the Imagine Dolphin Cruise boat at Nelson Bay Marina followed by a beach picnic at Little Beach, Nelson Bay. Adults can set up at Little Beach if they prefer while cruise is on.

My child/ren can go on the boom net supervised.....Y/N
My child is permitted to go in the water (please circle response):

- **A non-swimmer:** My child is unable to swim.
- **A weak swimmer:** My child is comfortable and confident in shallow water but cannot swim very well.
- **An average swimmer:** My child is a reasonable swimmer but is not very strong or confident in deep water.
- **A strong swimmer:** My child is a strong swimmer and is very confident in deep water.
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Wear swimmers/boardies under beach clothes. No uniforms required. Beach towel packed etc.
Picnic - Everyone brings a plate of nibbles to share and own drink bottle. Sausage sizzle provided.
Student cost for dolphin Cruise.....\$14.00.....
Parent cost to attend Dolphin Cruise \$40.00.....Other children \$24

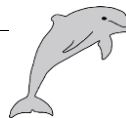
I will/will not be able to transport my own child.
I will meet teachers at the marina at 9.45am.

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise on my behalf the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (e.g. allergies, sensory impairment, etc):

Carer Acknowledgment and Consent

- I have read the information provided in the itinerary and I hereby consent to my child participating in this excursion.
- I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.
- I acknowledge that my child will be under the duty of care of the supervising teachers.
- I acknowledge that if my child seriously contravenes behavioural expectation, they may be immediately excluded from the excursion.
- In the event of any accident or illness, I authorise the obtaining, on my behalf, of an ambulance and any such medical assistance that my child my require.
- I acknowledge that if my child sustains a concussion, or experiences any concussion symptoms, prior to the excursion commencing, I am required to report this to the organising teacher. I further acknowledge that, should this occur, my child will only be permitted to participate in the planned activities, if a medical clearance is provided.
- I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, my child has no medical condition or injury that places them at risk by participating in this sport activity.

Name: _____ Amount enclosed:



SIGNED: _____ Date _____