Please don’t forget that at the start of next term we are having 2 staff development days. These days are state wide days, not just at BPPS. The days have been allocated so that staff have an opportunity to commence training for the new syllabus documents that we will be using next year. On Monday 29th April we will be joining with the other schools in the Toronto Learning Community. The day will be held at Toronto High School. **Students will return to school on Wednesday 1st May.**

**A number of our students are frightened of dogs.** With this in mind I would ask that parents don’t bring dogs into the playground or stand with a dog adjacent to the gate. It is actually a breach of the Companion Animal Act (Section 14.1 f) to have a dog on any school grounds.

**Our sporting goods** that came through last year’s Coles shopping promotion have arrived, been unpacked and are now in use. The boys softball team are very disappointed that they won’t get to use their new gear today as their game needed to be postponed because of the wet weather.
2013 Text and Material charges OVERDUE! ...................... $38.00 per child.

DANCE/TAP TERM 2: Dance and Tap classes will recommence Week 2 Term 2.
Payments can be forwarded now, with all payments due by **Tuesday 7th May**. Following this time Dance Class lists will be collated and no further students will be accepted into Dance Groups.

Dance $28  (Term 2, 8 weeks)                        Tap and Dance $56 (Term 2, 8 weeks )

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE: A Stewart House Donation Drive envelope has been forwarded home today.
Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from NSW and ACT public schools. Families are asked to place a donation of **$2** in the envelope and return to the school Week 2 Term 2. All donation envelopes received by this date will go into a lucky draw to win a $4,000 holiday. Thank you for your kind donations and generosity for supporting Stewart House students.

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**PAYMENTS DUE**

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*Forward all payments in a sealed envelope with student name/class/amount/what the payment is for on the front. All payments are to be placed in the admin foyer locked box. Correct money is appreciated as the Office does not keep change.*

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KNIGHTS RUGBY LEAGUE – Last Thursday in hot steamy conditions, the Blackalls Park team had a great day at Keith Barry Oval. The first session was an hour of skills followed by four games. We defeated Rathmines 1’s 6-1, Rathmines 2’s 5-2, Fassifern 5-0 and had a narrow loss to Bonnells Bay 3-2. Our league players Sam, Deekon, Lenny, Sean, Tex and Blake kept our defence intact and organized our attack. Our flying wingers Billy and Lachlan scored sensational tries whilst Liam scored a number of powerful tries up the middle. Courtney deserves special mention for outstanding defence and for scoring a super try. Scott and Lewis also ran strongly and worked hard in defence. Finally a special mention for Sam A who was close to the best player for the whole day with super defence and excellent ball running. Congratulations Blackalls Park.
Excursion **Stage 1 students Travel**

On Thursday 28th March Stage 1 students took part in a wonderful trip to Newcastle Airport at Williamtown. This gave us the chance to experience transport systems at work as part of our HSIE and Science units.

We travelled by a “bendy bus” to the airport where we learnt how to pack our bags safely, what happens to the luggage after check-in, where mechanics work on the planes and what happens in the control room.

We enjoyed a picnic lunch at Stockton Park while watching boats on Newcastle Harbour, including a massive cargo ship being helped in by tiny tugboats.

After an exciting ferry ride across the harbour we had time for a walk along the foreshore and a game in the park before boarding the train to Fassifern.

We arrived there tired but bursting to tell our families all about our day. All the children were polite and showed the excellent behaviour that BPPS students always do when on excursions. Thank you to all the families for collecting their children at the Fassifern Station when we arrived.

A big thank you to all the staff who helped make this day a wonderful experience for all.

Mrs Moller
BAND
The AGM for the Band Committee will be held on Friday 5th April at 3:15pm in the library. This is an essential group of people vital to the band. Please find the time to support your child.

Next P&C meeting - Tuesday 7th May

SILENT AUCTION

Hunter Valley Martial Arts has kindly donated 3 packages, each containing a pair of sporting gloves and a voucher for 4 free lessons, 1 month free membership and a free uniform. This can be used by anyone over 3 years old. Prize value $238.00. To bid for one of these packages all you need to do is fill in the Silent Auction Slip (located in our school office foyer) make sure to write your highest bid (in dollars only, no cents) on the form and place in the locked money box at the office. Bid only, no money. Bidding closes on Friday 3rd May. If we have more than 3 highest bids all bids will be put in a hat and it will be a lucky draw.

P&C NEWS

Monday mornings 8:45 – 9:15pm
Wednesday afternoons 2.30 – 3.00pm

Please Note – The Canteen will be closed every Thursday

Canteen Roster

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