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From the Principal

- STAFFING UPDATE:** Mrs Jodie Sewer will be attending a Middle School Conference in Brisbane this Thursday and Friday. Jodie will then be on leave until Thursday 4 June. Mrs Jackie Somerville will replace Mrs Sewer during this time. Mrs Schonda Tiller will be on leave from this Friday to Monday 1 June.
- LITERACY TRAINING:** This week teachers in Year 6 and Year 4 will attend two days of this training.
- TOP OF THE CLASS:** Bohlevale State School's Top of the Class team participated in this competition against St Anthony's on Saturday morning at Willows Shopping Centre. Congratulations to the team who won the round 28 to 15. The team will compete in Round two against Heatley State School on Thursday at 6.00pm. Shopper Dockets to help the school can be handed into the school office or taken to Willows Shopping Centre.
- THEATRE RESTAURANT:** The Year 6 and 7 students attended the production of 'Mystery on the Orient Express' at the Northern Beaches State High School today. Thank you to the High School for also providing our students with a sausage sizzle lunch.
- YEAR 7 TRANSITION:** Next Wednesday 27 May our year 7 students will attend the Northern Beaches High School for the day. This is an important part of helping our students for their transition to high school in 2010.
- SCHOOL PHOTOS:** The 2009 school photos will be taken on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 May. A timetable when classes are scheduled for their class photo is in this week's Links. All students need to wear their Bohlevale State School uniform; the blue/ red polo shirt and navy shorts/ skorts/ skirts or the school dress. Students should not wear their sports shirts on these days.
- HONOUR ROLL:** Each week on assembly we congratulate students on their work and behaviour in the school. Honour Roll awards are based on our School's Program; 'You Can Do It' and focus on a different area of development each week. This week's focus is; **Responsibility**
- WHOOPING COUGH:** There has been a reported case of 'Whooping Cough' of a sibling of a Year 1 student. Attached to the newsletter is an information sheet on whooping cough.

Donna Statham
A/Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PMSP	Bailey	Making good choices
PDMA	Ellie	Great Planning
PWLL	Erin	Giving some great ideas in discussion
PPB	Heath	Persisting with difficult tasks
1/2AB	Zac	Great organisation and on –task behaviour
1LVI	Skye	Great counting and number writing
1JSW	Jack	Good behaviour choices in the classroom
1MWH	Lochlan	Great work during buddy reading
1KBA	Korteeka	Working hard in Maths every week
2DWI	Brodie	Using persistence during smart moves
2JPH	Shaun	Being a co-operative class member
3RFO	Shaina	Staying on task. Good Work
3LHE	Andrew	Great work habits& behaviour
3KFE	Konner	Working hard & being persistent during testing
3BN	Daniel	Settling in well to his new school
3MHO	Nathan	Being responsible & working independently
4CMA	Kenny	Making great choices
4GC	Steven	Getting 35 out of 35 in his post test
4LLI	Courtney	Trying her best in Go Maths
4AWO	Leah	Doing her work on time and trying her best
5MFR	Tilana	Always being respectful and working hard in class
5HAL	Declan	Working hard to complete tasks and having a positive attitude to learning
5DPR	Meshach	Great effort in class tasks
5MVI	Jesse	Making positive choices
5/6AM	Chloe	A great effort in school work
6MMO	Liam	Excellent effort with his homework
6SBO	Damien	Writing a great cinquain
6STI	Courtney	Great results in her spelling tests
6/7KA	Kyla	Persisting with your discovery story
7KW0	Dakota	Always listening and working hard
7MBU	Shaun	Always being helpful in class
7JSO	Josephine	A well written letter to the editor

HONOUR ROLL – *RESPONSIBILITY*

PMSP	Corey	3BN	Jesinta	6SBO	Luke
PDMA	Tallen	3MHO	Chole	7MBU	Shikeia
PWLL	Erin	4LLI	Chris	7JSO	Maraea
PPB	Paris	4AWO	Jayden	7KW0	Tori
1LVI	Luke	4CMA	Madison	6/7KA	Kasey
1JSW	Naaman	4GC	Nic		
1MWH	Joel	5HAL	Danielle		
1/2AB	Alana	5DPR	Danielle		
2DWI	Georgia	5MFR	Shayne		
2JPH	Aaron	5MVI	Dahna		
3RFO	Shaina	5/6AM	Caitlin		
3LHE	Hope	6STI	Karleigh		
3KFE	Jordyn	6MMO	Taylor		

LIBRARY NEWS



Books will be on display until Thursday 21 May.

Book Fair opening times and days: 8:00 to 8:30 [parents only welcome after 8:30], 1:00-1:30 [second break play time] and 2:30-3:15.

The school receives free books [percentage of Book Fair sales] and these are added to the library collection, however **parents are under no obligation to purchase books from Book Fair**. In 2008 our school earned over \$2500 in free books at our two Book Fairs.

Please note that only 4-5 copies of books are available from Book Fair however MOST books can be re-ordered if demand exceeds supply. Re-orders are lodged with Scholastic at the conclusion of the Book Fair.

Cash, cheque [to Scholastic Australia] or credit card – No EFTPOS

Congratulations to the prize winners from our Family Afternoon: Natalie Whitbourne, Beau Blackford, Parris Munn, Taylah McGowan and Carly Warden.



Premier's Reading Challenge for students in Prep-Year 7

Are you up for the Challenge? Can you read 20 books between 11 May and 21 August? P-2 students can have the books read to them. Collect your Reading Record form from the library – we are aiming for 100% participation from P-7 this year!

Borrowing: Overdue notices were sent home last week - please follow up with your child to ensure that they are returning their books each week. We have also had some books returned with water damage – a notice has been issued asking for the replacement cost. Thank you to those who have returned overdue books – much appreciated.

Wanda Austin
Teacher Librarian

Advancedlife Photography Schedule

Monday 25 May

8.30am	PMSP	8.50am	PPB	9.10am	PDMA	9.30am	PWLL
9.50am	1JSW	10.10am	1KBA	11.05am	1MWH	11.25am	1LVI
11.40am	1/2AB	11.55am	5DPR	12.10pm	2JPH	12.25pm	3BN
12.40pm	3RFO	1.30pm	3KFE	1.45pm	3LHE	2.00pm	3MHO
2.15pm	4AWO						

Tuesday 26 May

8.15am	STAFF	8.30am	4LLI	8.45am	4CMA	9.00am	4GC
9.15am	5HAL	9.30am	5MFR	9.45am	5MVI	10.00am	2DWI
10.15am	5/6AM	11.05am	6SBO	11.20am	6MMO	11.35am	6STI
11.50am	6/7KA	12.05pm	7JSO	12.20pm	7MBU	12.35pm	7KWO
1.30pm	SCHOOL LEADERS	1.45pm	STUDENT COUNCIL	2.00pm	YR 7'S STUDENTS		

CHAPPY NEWS

In an effort to raise steady funds for the chaplaincy program and school community, each week Jess and a team of grade 6's will make and sell frozen cups for the first 10minutes in Wednesdays second break and from 2:35 onwards for parents to collect them before school finishes and the following 10-15minutes after school. There are 4 flavours: apple and raspberry, tropical, lime and orange, mango and banana at 50c each. Students who catch the bus will not be able to purchase them after school due to bus policy. They will be sold outside 'Chappy Central' at the end of the staffroom. We would like to thank the Townsville City Council in paying for the freezer and Joyce Mayne for giving us a great deal :D

Community Notices

Northern Beaches State High School Presents *Mystery on the Orient Express* (Theatre Restaurant)

Dates: Thursday 21 May, Friday 22 May

Venues: 6.30 for 7.00pm start

Cost: First Class - \$40, Second Class - \$30, Baggage Class - \$33, No Class - \$30

Bookings: Northern Beaches SHS Administration or Phone 4751 7111

Prize for best 1920's costume...

Trendy PRAWNS – Fresh to your Door! PRE-ORDERS available, FREE Delivery for 10kg and over. Conditions apply Birthdays, Parties, Weddings, and Functions etc.
Call Graham & Chriss 0406 399 301 A/H 4751 6771

NORTH THURINGOWA RUGBY LEAGUE

Players required for our Under 12 side. If you are interested in joining our club please contact North Thuringowa Rugby League on 0439 544 700 or drop into Peggy Banfield Park on Tuesday/Thursday between 5-6pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

13 – 21 May	Jurassic Book Fair – Library
25 – 26 May	School Photos
24-25 June	Inter-house Athletics Carnival
26 June	Report cards & profiles go home
6 August	Mathematics Competition – entries close 6 May
May - August	Australian Schools Competitions
21 August	School Fete

IF YOU HAVE NOT ADVISED US OF A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW.

FAMILY PERSONAL DETAILS FORM

STUDENT 1

SURNAME:.....CHRISTIAN NAMES.....
ROLL CLASS:..... DATE OF BIRTH.....
MEDICAL CONDITION:.....

STUDENT 2

SURNAME:.....CHRISTIAN NAMES.....
ROLL CLASS:..... DATE OF BIRTH.....
MEDICAL CONDITION:.....

STUDENT 3

SURNAME:.....CHRISTIAN NAMES.....
ROLL CLASS:..... DATE OF BIRTH.....
MEDICAL CONDITION:.....

MAILING ADDRESS

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HOME ADDRESS

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PARENT GUARDIAN 1 DETAILS

NAME:.....GENDER.....
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT..... HOME PHONE.....
HOME MOBILE:.....
OCCUPATION.....PLACE OF WORK.....
WORK PHONE:.....WORK MOBILE:.....

PARENT GUARDIAN 2 DETAILS

NAME:.....GENDER.....
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT..... HOME PHONE.....
HOME MOBILE:.....
OCCUPATION.....PLACE OF WORK.....
WORK PHONE:.....WORK MOBILE:.....

EMERGENCY CONTACT NO 1

NAME:..... RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT.....
HOME PHONE:..... HOME MOBILE.....
WORK PHONE..... WORK MOBILE.....

EMERGENCY CONTACT NO 2

NAME:..... RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT.....
HOME PHONE:..... HOME MOBILE.....
WORK PHONE..... WORK MOBILE.....

EMERGENCY CONTACT NO 3

NAME:..... RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT.....
HOME PHONE:..... HOME MOBILE.....
WORK PHONE..... WORK MOBILE.....

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Description:

Whooping cough (or pertussis) is a highly contagious respiratory infection caused by bacteria. It can affect babies, children and adults. For adolescents and adults the infection may only be a persistent cough, however for young children whooping cough can be life threatening. The cough can obstruct a baby's breathing and they may lack oxygen and become blue.

Symptoms:

Whooping cough may start like a cold, with a runny nose and sneezing, and then the characteristic cough develops. These coughing bouts can be very severe and frightening, and may end with a crowing noise (the whoop). This occurs as air is drawn back into the chest, and can be followed by vomiting or gagging. In young infants, as well as older children and adults, the typical symptoms may not be present.

After exposure to the bacteria, it usually takes nine to ten days to become ill.

Transmission:

The bacteria are spread by an infected person coughing or sneezing. Direct contact with infected secretions from the mouth or nose can also pass on the infection.

A person is highly infectious for the first two weeks of their cough. After three weeks of coughing, the person is regarded as non-infectious, even though coughing may last up to three months.

Treatment:

Treatment is a full course of antibiotics which reduces the time a person is infectious to others. Antibiotics need to be given within 21 days of the start of general symptoms or within 14 days of the start of the cough. Antibiotics reduce symptoms if given when infection is developing, after contact with a person with pertussis and in the early coughing stage.

Not all people who have close contact with an infected person with whooping cough need treatment. However, because infants are at a higher risk of severe complications if they develop whooping cough, a full course of antibiotics is recommended for the following people in the same house as a person with whooping cough (if the infected person has been coughing less than 21 days). This includes:

- any baby less than 12 months of age regardless of their vaccination status
- any child between 12-24 months of age who has received less than three doses of a whooping cough vaccine
- any woman in the last month of pregnancy
- any child or adult who attends or works in a childcare centre.

If a child with whooping cough attends childcare and belongs to the infant group (less than 12 months of age), the other infants in that group should be given antibiotics if the infected child has been coughing less than 14 days.

Control

A person with whooping cough should stay away from work, school and child-care until they have had full course of antibiotics, or until 21 days after the beginning of the coughing or until the end of coughing, whichever comes first.

Household contacts, who have received less than three doses of whooping cough vaccine, should be excluded from child-care centres until they have taken a full course of antibiotics or for 14 days after the last exposure to infection.

Prevention:

Whooping cough can be prevented by vaccination. The whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine is combined together with diphtheria, tetanus and inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine (DTPa-IPV).

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

DTPa-IPV vaccine is recommended and provided free for:

- all babies at 2, 4 and 6 months of age; and
- a booster at 4 years of age.

The protection provided by childhood vaccination gradually reduces over time, leaving adolescents and adults potentially at risk of catching the disease. An adult-adolescent whooping cough vaccine, combined with diphtheria and tetanus vaccine (dTpa), is now available.

A single booster dose of dTpa is recommended and provided free for:

- adolescents at 15 years of age, or year 10 students if vaccinated in a school based vaccination program.

A single booster dose of dTpa is recommended, but not funded for:

- adolescents at 15 to 17 years replacing the dose of ADT (dT);
- for both partners planning pregnancy, or for both parents as soon as possible after delivery of an infant;
- adults working with young children especially health-care and child-care workers;
- any adult requesting a booster dose of dTpa, provided they have received three previous doses of DTP; and
- dTpa may be used instead of ADT vaccine at 50 years of age.

Help and Assistance

For further information please contact your local doctor, community health centre, nearest population health unit or contact the 13HEALTH information line (13 432584).

Other Resources

[Immunise Australia website](#)

[Protect your baby from whooping cough](#) (brochure)

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