Welcome back to term 4—I trust everyone has returned to school rested and refreshed from the break and excited about the term ahead.

Term 4 events
Term 4 looks to be fairly busy, with key events including:
- BPS quiz series
- School swimming scheme (notes sent out last term).
- School disco & parent information session
- Grandparents’ Day
- Kindergarten orientation sessions
- Presentation Day
- Carols evening
- Party Day
- Year 6 clap out.

School quiz
This term we will be running a school quiz along the format of a game show with buzzers and interactive questions. A selection process is under way in each classroom to find a class team, with each class competing in a quiz to become stage champions. The focus of the quiz will be linked to curriculum areas covered throughout the year.

The quiz series commences next Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 in the hall. Stage 3 will be competing for the honour of quiz champions—parents and friends are more than welcome to attend to join in the fun.

As part of the quiz series we will be holding a parent-teacher quiz. We will be asking a neighbouring school to prepare a series of trivia questions, and the stage 3 students will also prepare some questions for the adults. If any parents are interested in being part of the parent quiz team please leave your details with the office. We need to end up with a team of 3 or 4 parents to compete against a team of 3 or 4 teachers. Please see our school website/app for details of quiz dates and times.

School swimming scheme
Late last term school swimming scheme notes were sent home to help with selecting 50 students to participate. This scheme is run by the Department of Education and targets students aged 8 years and older who are unable to swim 25m confidently. I ask that these notes be returned promptly to allow planning to progress.

Year 6 clap out
On the last afternoon of school this year (16th December) we will be farewelling our year 6 students as they leave BPS for the last time. This is an important event for the whole school community and marks the end of 7 years of primary education for our students. To assist with this significant event I ask for community support in ensuring that our students are at school on the last day of the year to farewell year 6 in an inclusive way. This is an experience that students look forward to and is becoming a right of passage for BPS students.

School tunic survey
At the end of term 3 a survey form was sent out to further explore the community view on alternative tunic options. At this stage we are interested in knowing if our community supports a uniform change, with the specifics of any such change to be explored later. We are looking for one response per family to determine the level of support that exists around this initiative.

Luke Hubbert
Principal
Students of the Week

KH
- Brendan L for being a respectful & safe learner.
- Ashton C for fantastic behaviour on our school excursion.

KT
- Ella H for a fantastic improvement in reading skills.
- Zac T for preparing and presenting interesting news.

S1G
- Chantelle O for being a safe, respectful learner.
- Isla T for being a safe, respectful learner.

S1PB
- Johnny M for beautiful classroom manners.
- Evie P for great effort towards all learning activities.

S1S
- Jasmin P for being a fair and respectful student.
- Rylan T for excellent effort in Maths!

S12C
- Logan W for outstanding creativity in making a lighthouse.
- Emma H for an excellent effort in information report writing.

S2E
- Aleesha W for continued excellence in all work.
- Shayla H for effort in handwriting.

S2S
- Jye P for showing improvement in his writing.
- Noah S for improvement in attitude and behaviour.

S3B
- Logan B for excellent effort in spelling activities.
- Lilah W for improved effort in all areas.

S3M
- Mitch S for excellent improvement in all subjects.
- Kaelan P for outstanding behaviour and effort in the classroom.

S3R
- Caleb M for dedication to literacy studies.
- Kiarna V for greatly improved presentation of her work.

P & C Upcoming Events
- Halloween Disco—Friday 30 October.
- Thompson Pie Drive.
- Christmas Raffle—Donations appreciated.
Keep an eye out for further details coming soon.

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Bellbird Community Hall—Tuesday & Thursday
6.00 to 7.00pm
Cessnock Scout Hall—Monday
6.00 to 7.00pm

Mental Health Month Community Events
Fridays in October

FREE MOVIE UNDER THE STARS
“Home” (2015) Benavent Park, Belling
Doors open 6.00pm & 7.00pm start— $110 chair, picnic rug & food

FREE MOVIE UNDER THE STARS
“Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” (2014) Bellingen Park, Cessnock
Doors open 6.00pm & 7.00pm start— $110 chair, picnic rug & food

FREE MOVIE UNDER THE STARS
“Paper Planes” (2013) Taitland Park, near rotunda
Doors open 6.00pm & 7.00pm start— $110 chair, picnic rug & food

FREE EVENT—VALUE YOUR MIND
Maitland Regional Art Gallery
Mental Health Information, art workshops, sport and social activities from 10.00am—1.00pm. All ages & walks of life welcome.

*Some food available for purchase. All events are glass, drug, alcohol & smoke free. For more info phone Emma—0299111109
Mental Health Month Activities are brought to you by the following local Hunter organisations and businesses:
Scholastic Book Club—Issue 7 2015
Due: Wednesday 21 October
Please place completed order form with correct money in an envelope in the letter box at the front office.

Sorry late orders will not be accepted!
Enquiries to Mrs Handley.

CANTEN ROSTER
Commencing 12 October 2015

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Dates to Remember

**Term 4, 2015**

**Week 2**

*Monday October 12*
S3B Assembly Item

*Tuesday October 13*
Stage 3 academic quiz
P & C Meeting 4.30pm

*Thursday October 15*
2016 Kinder Orientation 9.30am

**Week 3**

*Tuesday October 20*
Stage 1 academic quiz

*Friday October 23*
K-6 Grandparents Day

**Week 4**

*Monday October 26*
S3R assembly item

*Monday October 26 to Friday October 30*
School Swimming Program

**Week 5**

*Monday November 2 to Friday November 6*
School Swimming Program