

# Monday Messenger



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What's on this week term 4 week 7

<b>Week</b>	<b>19.11.12</b>
<b>Monday</b>	MM Distributed Student Banking Tennis from 2:00pm School computer network upgrade
<b>Tuesday</b>	SAKGP Taekwondo 2:00pm Treat Canteen Quicksmart
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kinder orientation - Day 3 Staff Planning Day
<b>Thursday</b>	Canteen - Dave Kennedy Year 5 'school leader' speeches + election of 2013 leaders by students & staff Quicksmart
<b>Friday</b>	School Spectacular- UD only (see reminder below)

## Lower Division Zoo Excursion

Lower Division's zoo excursion was fantastic! After a very early start and being confronted by Sydney's morning peak hour traffic, the question briefly crosses your mind, 'Is it worth it?'

Within two minutes of entering the zoo grounds, the answer was an emphatic, 'Yes!'

That was when I heard my first, 'WOW!'

This joy and enthusiasm was maintained throughout the day.

There were so many highlights; the seal show, handling animals in the classroom, the robotic dinosaurs, the tigers stalking, the lion posing, the black snakes 'dancing', the crocodiles moving (a rare treat), the perennial favourites elephants, giraffes and zebras and the list of other highlights goes on and on.

For me, as a teacher, the highlight was the behaviour and engagement of our children! It really is a pleasure to take Bungwahl's children on excursions!

I would like to thank, Sally and Alison, our parent helpers, our student teacher, Rayna, Mrs Smith and of course Steve Smith our volunteer bus driver.

## Student Teachers



Last week we welcomed two student teachers from the University of Newcastle for a four week practicum at our school. Rayna Sunstrom is working in Lower Division, while Mary-Clare Lidgard is teaching in Upper Division. We hope you both enjoy your time with us.



## Spring Fair Success

What a great example of community spirit on Saturday! It was terrific to see so many family efforts on the day. For fear of offending if I try to mention too many specific people, I would just like to thank Monique & Grant Finlay for leading the organising committee. And to everyone who helped in any way to make the event as successful as it was, please know that we really appreciate that you gave up your weekend for our little school! On first count, all the effort was worth it with the profit for the day just over \$2000.

Enjoy the photo page.

There are still a few parent pictures available for sale to those who were unable to attend on Saturday. Unless you want your embarrassing picture hung in the window 'cough up' \$2!!

## Operation Art Masterpieces Returned!



Last week our Operation Art entries were returned to the artists – Kai Mahony and Rachel Billinghurst. Both pieces have been hanging on display in the Amory Gallery in Sydney and Rachel's has been chosen for a promotional CD for the competition.

## SRC Talent Quest

On Friday 7th December the SRC will be holding Bungwahl Edition of the X Factor. Cost is a gold donation to enter and a gold coin donation to watch. Time is between 11:00-12:30. Show us your talent, if you dance, sing, act, do magic tricks, gymnastics or just like to entertain, fill out the expression of interest form.

## Do You Realise???

**Facebook & Primary Students:** At the weekend I logged onto facebook and asked a couple of questions: **What is the minimum age required to sign up for Facebook?**

In order to be eligible to sign up for Facebook, people must be 13 years of age or older.

### How do I report a child under the age of 13?

Facebook requires individuals to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account. Providing false information to create an account is always a violation of our Statement of Rights and Responsibilities. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of under 13 year old children by older parties.

If your underage child (child under the age of 13) has created an account on Facebook, you can show them how to delete their account by having them log into their

account and following this link.

If you would like to report an account registered for an underage child to us, please do so here. We will promptly delete the account of any child under the age of 13 that is reported to us through this form.

## Parent Meeting & Surveys

Thank you those families who have already returned their survey responses (given to UD on Wednesday and LD on Friday).

For new parents, Term 4 is the traditional time for evaluation of the programs, procedures and practices within the school. We collect data all year round, but with NAPLAN results and other student assessment information we can begin planning for the next year.

A critical data collection point is our parents. Each year we send out one group of surveys for all families to complete. We do try to get 100% participation rate by offering student the choice between a canteen ice block voucher or a stamp on their treasure chest when they hand in the survey. (Each child in the family gets the reward). Parents or children of course may opt for no reward. While this is generally not the ideal way to encourage participation we feel we will get a wider representation of opinion within our very small parent base. All data will be presented at the annual parent meeting at 'Budda By The Beach' on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 9:00am**. You may notice that this date has changed form that advertised on the term calendar. This was done for a number of reasons, but primarily so we could collate the data more thoroughly and the availability of casual staff.

At the meeting, we will also be discussing strategies for our school for the coming year especially with the many changes we will be experiencing – new leadership (including roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders), changes to the funding structure for schools, the new curriculum be introduced nationally to name just a few. The meeting will finish with the final P&C meeting for the year.

Since we initiated this parent day, an average of 44% of families have been represented at the day. This is great but this year we are aiming to have that figure increase further! Parents are encouraged to be part of the decision-making process for our school.

The day is fully catered. If you are able to attend please complete the note below. As we need to let the restaurant know numbers, it would be appreciated if you could return you note by **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**.

## School Spectacular Reminder

This Friday Upper Division will travel to Sydney to provide foyer entertainment for the annual School Spectacular Production. A reminder of the details are on the last page of this messenger.

## Live Life Well @School

Please find attached the final fact sheet produced by the Live Life Well @ School Program (An initiative of NSW Department of Health; NSW Department of Education and Training; sport and Recreation).



# Spring Fair





## Parent Planning Day – Budda On The Lake

Yes, I will be attending the parent planning day at “Budda By The Beach” on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Any Dietary Requirements: No Yes

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No, I will not be attending

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Schools Spectacular UD Only Reminder

#### Schedule:

6:00 Students arrive at school & board bus  
6.15 Depart Bungwahl PS  
8.15 **Ferndale Rest Area** Breakfast  
10.45 **Arrival at Sydney Entertainment Centre/** Recess  
11.15 **Set-up Designated Area**  
11.45 **Performance commences**  
12.45 **Performance Concludes/ Move to allocated seats in auditorium**  
1.00 **Schools Spectacular concert commences (if possible, lunch to be eaten in auditorium)**  
4.00 Schools Spectacular concert concludes  
6.30 Dinner Olivers’ Family Restaurant  
7.15 Depart Olivers  
9.00 (approx.) Commence Bush Telegraph  
9.30 (approx.) Arrive Bungwahl PS

#### Food

##### **Breakfast (supplied):**

Cereal, fruit and juice

##### **Morning Tea/ Lunch:**

Children to bring their own in plastic bags that are labelled with the child’s name and morning tea or lunch. As we are representing the heart foundation children should have food which fits within the Heart Foundations guidelines.

##### **Dinner (supplied)**

**Olivers’ Real Food:** Children will be able to select from the spring menu.

#### Dress:

All children come dressed in school polo top with boys in green sports shorts, girls in skorts.

Girls: hair braided if possible. Green scrunchies etc, no jewellery or nail polish  
We have purchased ¾ length bike pants for all, but if girls have their own (plain black) they may bring them.  
White socks, joggers

Boys: green sports shorts, white socks, joggers. No jewellery

Children will wear special Schools Spectacular T-Shirts

**Expression of Interest.  
Bungwahl Edition- X Factor**

**What's your talent???**

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