Monday, 3rd November, 2014
Term 4 Week 5:

BACK TO BADGERYS PS PICNIC DAY:
On Saturday 22nd November, current and former students, parents, staff and community members are invited back to Badgerys Creek for a picnic day between 11-3pm. So spread the word, bring a picnic lunch and catch up with old friends. For more information please the flyer on the second page of this newsletter.

FAREWELL MRS PETROVSKI:
This Friday will be Mrs Petrovski’s last day. We would like to thank her for her time here, her commitment to education, enthusiasm and dedication. We wish her well for her future teaching career. Miss Pace will be returning on Friday 14th November.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
This Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Ms. Ritherdon will be attending a three-day Principal Conference.

TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM TO LUDDENHAM PS:
On Monday, 17th November, the students have been invited to attend a transitional program to Luddenham PS between 9:00? To 11:30. A detailed note went home last Friday.

OORANGA:
Orders for our annual school magazine, Ooranga, are now being taken. This colourful, literary magazine is an outstanding record of all the happenings and events that have occurred at Badgerys Creek PS during this year. The cost is $10.00 and is our last one ever!

REMEMBRANCE DAY:
Next Tuesday is Remembrance Day and our school will be commemorating this day by reading the Pledge of Remembrance, which is organised by Read2Remember. Over 1800 schools and 350 000 students have registered for this initiative including our school.

BOOKS IN HOMES BOOK GIVING ASSEMBLY:
All parents and caregivers are invited to attend the Books in Homes Special Book Giving Assembly on Wednesday 26th November at 2:30 in the school hall. Our role model will be Hayden Fryer, a Blue Mountains based cartoonist, illustrator, writer and founder of the comic publishing initiative, SIBERIAN PRODUCTIONS. Hayden’s most recognised work, BILLY: DEMON SLAYER and the currently in production DARKEST NIGHT comic book series are a part of a set of uniquely stylised sequential works which have, and continue to see print in dozens of publications both here, in Australia and abroad. Hayden will be accompanied by a representative from the University of Western Sydney, our school’s sponsors.

BOOKS IN HOMES COMPETITION:
The Books in Homes competition closes on Friday 14th November. All entries need to be returned to Mrs Psilos by Monday 10th November so they can be posted to the organisers in time for judging.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Wednesday 12th Nov: High School Orientation
Monday 17th Nov: Transition to Luddenham PS
Wednesday 19th Nov: Luddenham PS Concert
Saturday 22nd November: Back to Badgerys Creek PS
Wednesday 26th Nov: Books in Homes assembly
Wednesday 26th Nov: 2nd High School Orientation
Monday 1st Dec: Reports sent home
Wednesday 3rd Dec: Full day transition to Luddenham PS
Wednesday 10th Dec: Presentation Afternoon
Wednesday 17th Dec: Last day for Term 4

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INTERNET CORNER:

**What is a homonym?**
Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity.

**Sun safety:**
This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

**Digital citizenship:**
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. Here are some tips to get you started:

**Selective high schools:**
Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 closes 17 November. Find out more:

**Choosing the right shoes:**
School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

**NSW public school terms and holidays:**
Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

**Jargon explained:**
If your child’s teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she’s actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

**Where’s the octopus:**
Wow - it’s videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be)

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Former students, parents, staff and community members are invited for a Back to Badgerys Creek Public School Picnic Day. Come along, bring a picnic lunch and renew acquaintances. Free sausage sizzle.

RSVP: By Friday, 14th November, 2014.

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