Dear Parents, Caregivers and Bute Primary Community,

I can not believe that it is Week 11 and we are about to start our holiday break. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the term. Firstly, can I thank you for all making my family and myself feel extremely welcome. As I spoke about in Week 1, it was the caring, community feel that attracted us to Bute, and you have certainly proved that this is the case. Thank you.

Over the last 11 weeks, the following has happened…..

We introduced a school Facebook page. This has provided an additional source of communication between home, school and the community.

The school mobile is being well utilised. Texting regarding absence has been gratefully appreciated by the staff. Thank you.

The parent club fundraisers (Subway and the Easter Raffle) were well supported. The parent club are currently working with class teachers to determine their wish list in terms of large purchases. We will keep you informed as to how the money is spent.

The Parent Information night and the Working Bee were a brilliant example of how well supported our students are.

At the student free day, staff spent the day analysing data and discussing our directions for 2016 and beyond. Early next term, I will be sending home our 2016 Site Improvement plan.

In terms of curriculum, the Term 1 highlights have been:

Swimming Lessons
Weekly Yoga lessons with a Wellbeing focus
Upper Primary Community Mentor presentations
JP Kindergym & Library visit
Clean up Bute Day
Year 6/7 Young Leaders Day
Fortnightly Assemblies
Year 3-7 Resilience Survey
First Aid in Schools
Young Environmental Leaders—Year 6/7 students
Religious Education
Weekly Cross Country Training
Footy Clinic
Staffing:
I am pleased to announce that Tanya Stevens has accepted a contract for the remainder of the year. Tanya will be supporting students on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Term 2.

On a very sad note, Peter Adams, who has been our IT support for just over 5 years will not be continuing next term. We are going to greatly miss Peter’s expertise. Peter has been pivotal in connecting the school to Dual ISP and has been sought after across the state by schools who are interested in learning about Bute’s structures. Farewell and Good Luck Peter.

Feedback:
I have included a feedback section at the end of the newsletter. We highly value your input and would love to hear any positive and constructive feedback that you may have to help us improve the teaching and learning at Bute Primary School. Please return to Suggestion Box in the Front Office.

Attendance:
Our end of term attendance is 90.32%, which is short of our target of 95%. If you are having trouble getting your child to school, please speak with their teacher or myself. The staff have been revising and updating the attendance information and we will be sending this home soon. We need to continue to work towards achieving our target of at least 95% attendance across the school.

I hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday break.

School resumes for Term 2 on Monday 2nd May.

Regards,
Dianna
The Upper and Junior Primary classes completed this work as part of their joint learning time on Tuesday.

Upper Primary Anzac Day Art. Check them out at the RSL.
The Junior Primary students made an Anzac Day poster that will be on display at the RSL.
The Middle Primary students have made Anzac Day posters that will be attached to an ANZAC Day information page. These can also be seen at the RSL.
Feedback...... We are always looking at ways that we can improve the teaching and learning at Bute Primary School. We would love your positive and constructive feedback so we know what we are doing well and areas that you think we could make improvements. We value your input.

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