



Newsletter

Wednesday 13 February 2008

Term 1 Week 3

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we move to the end of week three of the first term, I continue to be encouraged by the manner in which many students are co-operating with their teachers and demonstrating a positive work ethic. All teaching staff has been involved in planning days that provided time for teachers to plan, as a stage/group, both teaching programs and appropriate dates for the stage activities for the term. I am aware that many of the teachers are already working long hours to ensure students are provided with appropriate teaching/learning activities. The SASS personnel are also spending additional time focusing on administrative and organisational tasks while our Teacher's Aides (special) are supporting teachers and getting to know the students that have been identified with special needs.

As I indicated last week, a range of permission notes and a medical information note left the school earlier this week. This information should be returned as soon as possible to allow the necessary databases to be established. This should be a one-off activity for families and your co-operation would be appreciated in this matter.

Term invoices have been prepared and should be in the hands of parents and caregivers by the end of the week. Please attend to this matter at your earliest convenience. From time to time, due to various circumstances, some families may require financial support from the school. When this occurs, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Rice or myself. Each case is treated on an individual basis and in confidence. It is important that all students have equal access to the curriculum and related events.

We all have our fingers crossed for fine weather on Friday when the annual swimming carnival will be conducted at the Mittagong Pool. Information regarding all aspects of the carnival was provided last week in a note prepared by Mrs Bell. Please ensure your child comes prepared for the day. It would be appropriate to check the weather forecast to see what the weather will be. A reminder that medley swimmers will need to be at the pool for 8:45am start. Good luck to all competitors – enjoy the day, have fun and give of your best. The results of the day will determine the makeup of the school's swimming team to represent Bowral at the Wingecarribee District carnival the following Friday, again at Mittagong Pool.

Also on Friday the school will be represented by twenty four (24) students who will play a role in the opening ceremony prior to the commencement of the first cricket test between England and Australia. Both women's teams arrived in Bowral yesterday ready to continue the tradition that has developed, over many years, between the two countries. My congratulations to the children who have been selected to act as ambassadors for our school on this occasion. Remember the test is programmed to run for four days and admission to Bradman Oval is free.

All staff has appreciated the time that families have spent with their children in helping them to understand the school's four main rules and the Department's core rules. Today I have included the nine (9) core values that complement the core rules. I trust families can again reinforce these values so all children are familiar with the school's expectations.

Last week I included a list of classes, school personnel and their respective roles. Unfortunately, three (3) names were omitted. My apologies for this. To save any confusion, a new list has been listed.

Early Stage One (Kindergarten)

- KB Mrs Karen Baguley
- KF Mrs Julie Flemming (Mon-Thu) / Mrs Carol Bainsfather (Friday)
- KH Mrs Lauren Henderson (Mon- Wed) / Mrs Barbara Clark (Thu- Fri)
- KM Mrs Rikki McKernan

Stage One (Year One and Year Two)

- 1B Mrs Pamela Bates (Mon-Tue) / Mrs Natasha Rumble (Wed-Fri)
- 1H Mrs Rachel Hardy (All days except Wed) / Mrs Barbara Clark (Wed)
- 1W Mrs Jenny Willcocks
- 1/2C Mrs Cassy King
- 2W Mrs Lyn Williams
- 2B Mrs Sharon Beattie
- 2P Mrs Virginia Pridham

Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4)

- 3T Mr Jack Tonkin
- 3C Dr Michael Cotter
- 3/4X Mr Scott Cayzer
- 4D Miss Keryn Davies

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

- 4/5T Miss Pat Sheumack (relieving Mr Greg Thompson on leave)
- 5E Mrs Erin Griffith
- 5J Mr Roger Jut
- 6B Mr Jane Bell
- 6Z Mrs Lisa Oszurko

Support Teachers

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| Mr Chris Aubrey & Mr Ian Penn | Technology / RFF |
| Mrs Wendy Waide | RFF/ Reading Recovery |
| Mrs Jenny Henderson | Teacher / Librarian |
| Mrs Beverley Hordern | Learning Support |
| Mrs Samantha Swan | School Counsellor |
| Mrs Janelle Walker | Itinerant Teacher Vision Impaired |

School Administration and Support Staff SASS)

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| Mrs Linda Rice | School Administrative Manager |
| Ms Sirpa Miettinen & Mrs Karan Duryea | School Administrative Officers |
| Mrs Chris Flynn, Mrs Joanne Neale, Mrs Sue Lewis, Mrs Mary Sommers | Teachers Aide Special |
| Mr Brian Lowe | General Assistant |
| Mrs Gwen Wickendon, Mr Steve Podmore | Cleaners |

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING
6:00pm—7:00pm in the School Library
 19 February Tuesday STAGE 1 (Years 1 - 2)
 20 February Wednesday EARLY STAGE 1 (Kindergarten)
 21 February Thursday STAGE 2 (Years 3 - 4)
 25 February Monday STAGE 3 (Years 5 - 6)

CALENDAR

Friday 15 February	♦ School Swimming Carnival Years 3—6 (and only Year 2 students turning 8 this year) at Mittagong Pool ♦ CANTEEN CLOSED DUE TO SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Tuesday 19 February	♦ P & C Meeting 7:30pm Library (P&C AGM 26 February)
Friday 22 February	♦ District Swimming Carnival at Mittagong Pool
Thursday 10 April	♦ School Photos

Late Arrivals

All students need to arrive at school by 9.10am to join their classes as they leave their designated areas and walk to their classroom. In the interest of student safety it is important that any children who arrive after 9.10a.m. are signed in, at the school office, by an adult. This is extremely important as the school extends its Duty of Care to each child. Please support the school policy in this regard. Don't drop your child off and go.



School uniform

It is important that names appear in all items of clothes worn by children to school each day. Already the school's lost property box, located outside the school print room and adjacent to 4/5T classroom, is full. All these items of clothing must belong to a child at the school. In the playground, it is still noticeable that not all children are wearing school hats. With regards to jewellery, watches, studs and sleepers can be worn. Clear fingernail polish is acceptable.

NAPLAN Dates

Commencing in 2008, all Year 3 and Year 5 children across Australia will sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN). The dates for these for 13 – 15 May with 16 May available as a back up day. The NAPLAN schedule is as follows. Tuesday 13 May Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing. Wednesday 14 May Reading and Thursday 16 May Numeracy (number, algebra, function and pattern, space, measurement and data) Further information will be shared with families as it becomes available. Additional information can be obtained from the following website. NAPLAN home page <http://www.naplan.edu.au>



SPORTING DATES AND VENUES

These are provided to assist families
Regional Swimming Carnival, Friday 7 March at Dapto
School Cross Country, Tuesday 8 April at Robertson
District Cross Country, Friday 2 May at Robertson
Regional Athletics at AIS Stadium, Bruce, ACT on Tuesday 9 September
More dates will be provided as they become available.



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

These commenced this week and it is extremely important that the students follow the school and core rules during these lessons. For some of these volunteer teachers this is the only contact they have with our school and a positive image about our school culture needs to be taken by these teachers into the wider community. If any students find it difficult to display appropriate behaviour during these lessons, it may be necessary to contact families. Any change of scripture class needs to be put in writing and forwarded to Miss Christie.

TOILET CLEANLINESS

Under no circumstances should food be taken into the toilet areas provided by students. Since school has returned, food scraps, sticks and plastic are regularly being found in both the girls and boys toilets. Currently, efforts are being made by the school to reduce litter and address unpleasant odours permeating from the building. Support from all students would be appreciated.



UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS

Information about this annual competition has been distributed to all Year 3 to Year 6 students with this newsletter. These activities provide a wonderful challenge for students to test their skills and knowledge in six academic areas. Please ensure completed forms, and the correct money, are returned to the school by Friday 29 February 2008 (Deadline Date).

John Morris *Principal*

CANTEEN NEWS

Please return your **Canteen Volunteers 2008 form** as soon as possible so that the roster for the remainder of Term 1 can be completed.

P&C Information for parents

Please note that the first P&C meeting of the year will be held:

TUESDAY
19 February 2008
7.30pm in the school library

Current P&C members are financial till the close of the AGM
and have full voting rights.

Those parents wanting voting rights at the AGM (26 February at 7.30pm) are required to attend the 19 February meeting.
At this meeting they will pay their \$1 membership fee.

P&C membership can be paid at any time however voting rights occur after your attendance at your first meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Attendance
 2. Apologies
 3. Welcome
 4. Minutes of the previous meeting held 27 November 2007
 5. Business arising from the minutes
 6. Correspondence Report
 7. Treasurer's Report
 8. Principal's Report
 9. Other Reports- Canteen, Clothing Pool
- General Business:
- Meeting time/day
 - Fundraising for the year
 - Funding priorities
11. Date of next meeting
- Close of meeting

**PLEASE COME WITH YOUR IDEAS
TO IMPROVE OUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING**

Kind regards

Sally Ray	President	4861 1040	cavaray@hinet.net.au
Benita Richards	Secretary	4862 5828	Richards.Benita@BCG.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

ART CLASSES After school art classes this year, at Bowral Public School find out more telephone Sue Meredith on 4861 5009	BLUE LIGHT DISCO Saturday 23 February 2008 at Mittagong RSL Club Juniors 4pm to 6pm \$4.00 Seniors 7:30pm—10:30pm \$6.00
AUTISM & ASPERGER'S PARENT SUPPORT GROUP 19 February 2008 at 7 pm Henrietta Rose Room, Bowral Thereafter 2nd Tuesday of every month. Ph 4861 4054 Shivawn Davis	BOWRAL HOCKEY CLUB 2008 REGISTRATION Ph Kelly Corby 4862 3265 email: royaleden@ozemail.com.au pjmj@exemail.com.au
BOWRAL UNITED SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATIONS 16 & 23 February 2008 9am—12 noon 1 March 2008 11am—2pm at Bowral High School Hall.	LIONS CLUB OF BOWRAL Gala Dinner at Mittagong RSL Club 8 March 2008 Further information Noel Levett ph 48711046
MENZIES PROPERTY SERVICES Require casual relief cleaners for schools in the Southern Highlands Ring Louise Tobin 4276 1977	

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