



Newsletter

Wednesday 2 April 2008

Term 1 Week 10

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The role that music plays in the daily life of children continues to expand with the advent of a variety of technological devices that makes music in easy reach of most children. In the classroom the lessons developed to allow children to enjoy a variety of music styles continues to impress me. On any stage assembly, children can be singing songs appropriate to their age of development and provided the opportunity to play musical instruments. The development of recorder skills, ranging from a beginning level through to a more proficient standard, can be heard in lessons conducted for Stage Two and Stage Three students. In the area of choral performance, a variety of songs are being taught with singing becoming the norm. I acknowledge the instruction provided by the teachers and congratulate the students who continue to be engaged during these lessons.

This week will see the school's yellow sports house, Gibraltar, co-ordinate and run the first of the self help days for 2008. The planning prior to the day allowed students to work in small teams to design their activity to attract customers to their stall. It is anticipated that the student body will enter into the theme of the day – hats. Congratulations, in anticipation, to all teachers, students and families who will contribute, in some way, to the success of this day.

Today both Mr Ian Penn and I will travel to the University of Western Sydney to meet with Associate Professor Diana Whitton who is the school's academic partner in our Australian Government Quality Teaching Project looking at literacy and gifted and talented education. Along with two teacher representatives from Ironbark Ridge Public School, a metropolitan school undertaking a similar project, the team of five (5) will collate the results of teacher generated surveys issued at each school. This information will not only provide baseline data but will also give each school's project a focus as to where to go from here. At a school level, our team of six (6) are now involved in regular fortnightly meetings. Currently the teachers are looking at the NSW model of pedagogy and becoming familiar with the eighteen (18) elements that make up the model. It is planned to conduct a family information session during May to share the model with parents and caregivers.

The staff continue to appreciate those families who consistently dress their children in the correct school uniform. This support ensures that the children develop a team ethos. The school broad brimmed hat needs to be worn each day. The desired shoes, as outlined in the school uniform policy, are black leather shoes or black joggers. Please ensure the **CORRECT OWNER'S NAME** is easily identified in each item of clothing as this will limit the items that currently are overflowing in the

school's lost property box. Please remember that school photographs will be taken next Thursday 10 April. Photograph order forms **MUST** be returned to school by Tuesday 8 April.

I am taking this opportunity to remind families about children bringing mobile telephones to school. It is understood that these phones are used as a safety link between students and their families before and after school. Once students are on the school site they are required to turn the telephone off and, at all times, the responsibility of the phone rests with the student, not the staff. If, at any time, families need to contact their children between the hours of 8.40am and 3.10pm, this should be done by contacting the school office (48611086) so the message can be forwarded to the student concerned. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Earlier in the week the staff and students, and some family members, were involved in practising the school's lock down procedure as would be used in the case of an emergency. The signal for the lock down to commence was the continual sounding of a siren. When this occurs, all students out of the classroom must return to where their class is at that time and any parents and caregivers working under the direction of a teacher must follow their instructions. Doors to all buildings are locked, along with the school gates. The practice provided the staff with an opportunity to refine procedures implemented during this time. This type of practice, along with evacuation procedures, will be conducted once a term. Your co-operation at these times is appreciated.

Next week 1/2C student Darcy will swim in the same pool as our recently named Beijing bound Olympic swimming team when he represents the South Coast Region at the State PSSA swimming championships. This carnival will see children from all parts of the state travel to Homebush for this two (2) day carnival. This is a tremendous honour for Darcy and his family and I'm sure he will be determined to swim to the best of his ability as he takes on the challenge of one lap of the pool. All of the Bowral Public School Community wish Darcy the very best of luck in his eight (8) year old event.

NEW SOUTH WALES TEACHERS FEDERATION

As indicated in previous newsletters, the Federation has instructed all teachers to support a Sky Channel meeting next Tuesday 8 April. Details regarding this planned meeting will be communicated to families not later than Monday 7 April.

CALENDAR

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| Friday 4 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ School Cross Country, Robertson◆ NO CANTEEN TODAY at school will operate at cross country |
| Tuesday 8 April | ◆ CANTEEN ORDERS OF COLD FOOD ONLY TODAY |
| Thursday 10 April | ◆ School Photographs |
| Friday 11 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Wingecarribee District PSSA Soccer Gala Day◆ Kindergarten & Year 1 Fun Run◆ Last day of Term 1 |
| Monday 28 April | ◆ Staff Development Day - NO STUDENTS |
| Tuesday 29 April | ◆ STUDENTS RETURN |

SPORTS WRAP

CROSS COUNTRY



All is in readiness for the annual school cross country that will be conducted on Friday at Hampden Park sports field at Robertson. Year 5 and Year 6 students will leave the school at 9.30pm and after walking the course will run over the 3km distance commencing at 10.30am. Years 4, 3 and 2 will have their names marked off at 10.30am and travel to the venue. Year 2 will run a modified course while all junior races will cover a distance of 2km. A school canteen will operate during the day and no lunch orders will be taken. Direct sales over the canteen will include pies, sausage rolls and other items normally reserved for red days. Students will be supervised by the teaching staff and must remain in the designated areas. These have been identified as a result of a risk management process. Families are welcome to drive to the course and support their children. The buses will leave Robertson to ensure athletes return to school in time to be dismissed in the usual way at 3.10pm. Any adults who wish to take their children after their races **MUST** see their child's teacher to have their name marked off so the school's Duty of Care can be transferred to families. Many thanks to the adults who have volunteered to assist as course officials. They should meet Mr Morris at the course by 9.30am. It would be appreciated if runners could view Friday's weather forecast the night before to gauge the weather on the day. Students qualifying to represent Bowral at the Wingecarribee District cross country carnival will receive a permission note prior to the end of the term. Travel to this carnival, at the same venue, will be by private transport.



TENNIS

Last Friday afternoon Mrs Hordern, accompanied by a group of Stage Three students, walked to Loseby Park where the children engaged in a number of tennis games to select the 2008 school tennis team. As a result of these matches, the team to represent Bowral Public School in the first round of the state PSSA tennis competition was decided. Congratulations to Eliza , Caroline , April , Luther , Oliver and Tom who will test their skills against Goulburn West Public School next Monday 7 April. Good luck to the team and thanks to Mrs Hordern for the interest she continues to demonstrate in this sport.

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If any families have not returned their Expression of Interest forms in nominating the high school for their child next year, could they please ensure that they return them no later than Friday 4 April. Your support in this matter is appreciated.



FAMILY SURVEYS

Last Friday a random sample of families were selected and invited to complete three (3) surveys. The results of these surveys will be used in completing the Annual School Report. It would be appreciated if all surveys could be returned to the school office by Friday 4 April.

John Morris
Principal



AFL NEWS

Congratulations Bowral Public School AFL Team! We were given a nice surprise on Monday when Mrs Tilsa Collings announced our team had progressed to the next level of the Paul Kelly Cup due to our close games and percentages of goals/points scored for and against in our previous matches. The next round will be held in Figtree on May 7, 2008. Well done!



Miss N Boxshall
AFL Coordinator

P&C NEWS

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Dates for the calendar

◆ FIREWORKS PLANNING MEETING

Thursday 1 May at 3.15pm in the staffroom

◆ P & C MEETING

Monday 19 May at 7.30pm in the library

(Meeting dates have been changed to the third Monday of the month)

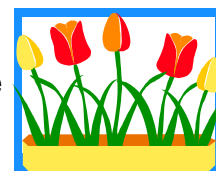
NEW P&C PRESIDENT

We have a willing parent to undertake the P&C president's position. Thanks to Justine McKinlay who has indicated her interest in assisting the P&C. This will be listed on the agenda of the May P&C meeting for adoption.

P&C BULB FUNDRAISER TERM 1

Don't forget to choose your bulbs from our fundraising catalogue. All orders need to be returned with payments by the end of term 1.

Cheques should be made out to Bowral Public School P&C.



CALLING FOR CRISP VOLUNTEERS!!!

What is **CRISP**?

It is our **Community Reading Intensive Support Program** which is designed to assist older children with Literacy. It has run successfully for over ten years, thanks to the generosity of our Volunteers.

At this time of year, we are inviting back our Volunteer Tutors from previous years as well as requesting support from any Parent or Community Member who is able to give an hour a week to provide some valuable one to one tutoring to students in our school.

All Tutors are given training and support and if the past is any indication, there are rewards for both students and volunteers. The program runs during Terms Two and Three and really does help our students by providing positive practice sessions for them at least three times a week with different tutors following the same program.

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the form below and I will contact you shortly. If you are aware of a Community member who would like to assist, please ask them to leave a message for me at the School Office and I will invite them to our Information Session.

Thank you for your interest,



Bev Hordern
Support Teacher



CRISP

ATTENTION : Mrs Bev HORDERN

I am interested in assisting children in this Program and I understand that I will be contacted by phone in the near future.

NAME : _____ **DAYTIME PHONE NO:** _____

Avoid parking fines near schools

The fines that Police and Council Rangers can issue in school zones were increased in 2007 to encourage drivers to take more care and enhance the safety of students.

To avoid receiving a fine when you're dropping off or picking up the kids (this can also arrive in the mail) please observe the road rules associated with signs around schools.

No Stopping

Under no circumstances are you allowed to stop here.

Fine: \$ 238 + 2 demerit points



No Parking

You may stop here for no more than 2 minutes, but only when engaged in picking up or dropping off passengers and you must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Otherwise, no stopping is permitted.

Fine: \$132 + 2 demerit points



Double parking

A driver must not stop between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.

Fine: \$238 + 2 demerit points

Bus Zone

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Fine: \$238 + 2 demerit points

Mobile Phones

You must not drive while using a hand-held mobile phone in a school zone.



Parking tips

If you arrive too early and are sitting in the car waiting for a child in a No Parking zone you will receive a fine. It's better for traffic flow if you drive around the block until a pick up or drop off space becomes available or park further away and walk to the school gate to avoid a fine.

No Parking areas have been installed by Council in consultation with your school. They are designed to allow for quick and safe pick up and set down of children.

Please move to the end of the area when you arrive rather than stop in front of the school. This will make the area work much more smoothly and cause you less delay.

And remember, you will receive a fine if you leave your car unattended (further than 3 metres) in a No Parking zone.

For information about Australian Road Rules call 13 22 13 or visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au

This information was provided by Wingecarribee Shire Council's Road Safety Officer, March 2008



NO PARKING in Bendooley Street Bus Zone
between 8:45am—9:10am
Buses can not pull in to drop off students.



COMMUNITY NEWS

ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL EXPO NIGHT

Tuesday 8 April 2008 7pm in the school Hall

Further Enquires contact Sports Director—Darren Nunn M: 0411 258 836

Email: darren.nunn@education.nsw.gov.au

Winter Wonderland Children's Fashion Parade

East Bowral Community Centre on Friday 2 May 200 6:30pm

Contact Rebecca M: 0417 285 053

rebecca@one3six.com.au

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