



Newsletter

Wednesday 9 April 2008

Term 1 Week 11

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Thursday's Self Help day, convened by Gibraltar Sports House, once again provided students with the opportunity to demonstrate their entrepreneurial skills in attracting fellow students to their stalls. It was extremely encouraging to see the smiles on the faces of all students as they moved around the upper playground area to become involved in activities of their choice. Over \$2 000 was raised on the day and the on-going commitment of families is acknowledged in the manner in which they provided much appreciated support to their children. The valuable contribution by Mrs Oszurko and her team of teachers continued to demonstrate the leadership role played by the staff of these occasions. Congratulations to everyone who contributed in a positive way on the day.

Under a warm autumn sky, the school's annual cross country carnival was conducted last Friday at Hampden Park, Robertson. It was pleasing to see many of the students, from Year 2 to Year 6, prepared to test not only their endurance capacity but also their sprinting skills as they tackled the various courses that were provided on the day. Whilst this is a significant event on the Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) calendar, at school, district, regional and state level, the main aim of the day was to encourage participation. The grassy course provided both challenges and variation as students traversed either the two (2) kilometres or three (3) kilometres distance. Being my first cross country at Bowral Public School, I was pleased in the way the day's activities unfolded as planned. The valuable contribution of teachers is appreciated along with the parents and caregivers who assisted as course officials, as canteen volunteers, or came to cheer their children on. A full copy of the results of the competition appears later in this newsletter. Students selected to represent the school at the Wingecarribee District PSSA carnival on Friday 2 May 2008 should have received their permission note and supplementary information during this week. As the school carnival convener, I am seeking feedback about any aspect of the day's organisation from students, staff and families that will assist in future planning. To the staff and students, sincere thanks for my award that was presented to me at Monday's assembly. I greatly appreciated it.

Both Mr Penn and I spent a busy and productive planning day last Wednesday when we travelled to the Milperra Campus of the University of Western Sydney to meet with Bowral's academic partner, Associate Professor Diana Whitton, who will assist us in the area of Gifted and Talented students. The two teacher representatives from Ironbark Ridge Public School were also present and the professional dialogue was most encouraging. The school's timeline has been adjusted and I am asking families to mark Monday 19 May 2008 in their calendars.

On this day, Diana will visit the school and be involved in three information sessions. The first will be with the school's Australian Government Quality Teaching Program (AGQTP) team, seven teachers in total, when she will closely examine the proposal and provide input and advice. At 3.30pm, Diana will speak to the entire staff about the project and share her expertise in this area. From 6.00pm until 7.00pm, in the school library, an opportunity will be provided for families to meet and listen to Diana as she speaks about her experience in the field of gifted and talented education. I continue to be both enthused and engaged in this project as whilst it will allow teachers to reflect on their current pedagogical practices, it is the students in the long run who will benefit from these teacher professional learning opportunities.

Last week I spoke about the bringing to school of mobile telephones by students. Whilst the staff is fully aware that safety is a major consideration why the telephones are on the school premises, it again is important to stress that the responsibility of these devices lies firmly with the student. Currently the modern day mobile telephone possesses a number of functions and it is important for families to remind their children that the telephone needs to be switched off whilst at school. Any messages that families need to get to their children between 8.40am and 3.10pm should be undertaken by ringing the school office on 4861 1086.

The supervision of students each day commences at 8.40am. Up until that time there is no teacher on playground duty available to supervise and care for the children. Again, I strongly urge families **NOT** to send their children to school until this time. On the school site there is a Before and After School Care facility that can be utilised. Another option is for families to share this responsibility with other families in developing an appropriate roster in delivering children to school. Your support regarding this matter is appreciated.

Friday is the last day for families to send along their bulb orders. This is the major fund raising activity for the P & C during term one. Please support the P & C in this way as the climate in the Southern Highlands is supportive of this type of plant.

The end of this week will mark the conclusion of term one in the 2008 school year. Like all terms, it has been a very busy time. The major emphasis throughout the eleven weeks has been to ensure students are settled in their classes, have been supported with their learning and the development of appropriate friendship networks. I trust that the forthcoming break will provide opportunities for students and staff to relax and recharge their batteries ready for the approaching cool winter months. I look forward to working with all families for the remainder of the year. Students return on Tuesday 29 April 2008.

CALENDAR

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| 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 |
| Friday 25 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anzac Day March |
| Monday 28 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Development Day - NO STUDENTS |
| Tuesday 29 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STUDENTS RETURN |



MUSICAL PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY (MPO)

Those families who have been long time supporters of the school would be aware that every second year the students and families of the school are provided with an opportunity to be involved in the Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO). Planning for the 2008 production has commenced and the performance will take place in Term 3. Once details have been confirmed they will be shared with all members of the Bowral Public School Community. The theme of the performance will be "Once Upon A Time". The performance focusses on nursery rhyme characters that begin to lose their relevance as, over time, interest in nursery rhymes begins to fade. The story is about their battle to become recognised again. Many known characters from a variety of rhymes will be portrayed. The music is lively and entertaining. There are two major scenes required for staging.

SPORTS WRAP TENNIS

The first round of the State PSSA tennis knockout, involving students from Bowral, was played at Loseby Park courts last Monday. The opposition on the day was Goulburn West Public School. There were three (3) series of games commencing with singles. This was followed by doubles and mixed doubles. The Bowral players demonstrated an impressive knowledge of the rules and tennis skills and at the conclusion of the competition, the home team won the competition forty eight (48) games to fifteen (15). The support of team reserves April Wells and Tome Scott was appreciated. The next round will be played in the early weeks of term two (2). The team appreciated the support of Mrs Hordern at this time.



AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AFL)

As announced last week, Bowral will participate in the second round of the Paul Kelly Cup at Figtree on Wednesday 7 May. Information will be issued to the team shortly.

SOCCER

Bowral will enter teams in the Wingecarribee District PSSA soccer gala day this Friday (the last day of term one) at Church Road, Moss Vale. Teams have been finalised and students will travel by bus. Many thanks to the adults who have nominated to assist as team managers on the day. Any families wishing to take their children at the conclusion of the day's activity will need to have them signed out by Mrs Griffith and Miss Boxshall.



SWIMMING

Congratulations to 1/2C student Darcy on his selection in the South Coast Regional swimming team that attended the state carnival earlier this week. Darcy thoroughly enjoyed the experience and was well supported by his family. It was a great honour for Darcy to have reach this level of competition and the opportunity was well deserved.



FUN RUN

The Kindergarten and Year one students will participate in a fun run this Friday at Bradman Oval commencing at 11:45am. All families are invited to come along and support their children. It should be a wonderful fun day, promoting participation and enjoyment.



FAMILY SURVEYS

Many thanks to the families who completed the surveys and have returned them. If there are others that need to be returned, please could they reach the school office by Friday 11 April 2008.



NEW SOUTH WALES TEACHERS FEDERATION

Earlier in the week, teachers from Bowral Public School joined their state wide colleagues at meetings to discuss a number of issues related to the staffing agreement as proposed by the Department of Education and Training. As a result of this meeting, it is proposed to hold a twenty four (24) hour industrial stoppage on Thursday 22 May 2008. As more information becomes available it will be shared with families. This is advance notice in relation to the matter and may assist families with planning for the day.

John Morris PRINCIPAL



HINDMARSH CUP AND NOBLE CHALLENGE

The school will be entering teams in both the Hindmarsh Cup and Noble Challenge in a Gala Day of Rugby League at Robertson Showground on Thursday 5 June 2008 (Week 6 Term 2). These games will involving tackling. All players interested are asked to speak to Mr. Jut.

ANZAC DAY (Annual March)

Bowral Public School has been invited to participate in the annual ANZAC Day March and Remembrance Service on Friday 25 April. Children wishing to march, in full winter uniform, are asked to meet Miss Christie in the Coles Car Park, near Springett's Arcade by 9.45am to assemble ready to march at 10.30am. The march will finish at the Bowral War Memorial for the 11.00am service. Mrs Henderson has purchased a lovely book entitled 'Archie's War' and Mrs Rice has organised a floral wreath for the school leaders to lay as a tribute at the conclusion of the service. I look forward to seeing many students represent the school on this occasion as we join the wider community of Bowral in acknowledging this important day on the Australian calendar. Unfortunately Mr Morris and Mr Cayzer are unable to join us this year.



ANZAC DAY SCHOOL SERVICE

On Wednesday 30 April, the school will conduct an ANZAC Day service in the upper playground at 10.30am. The school's student leaders will conduct this ceremony and selected students have been invited to speak on the topic "what Anzac Day means to me". We have invited personnel from the Bowral RSL, along with bugler Elliott Penn an ex-student of our school to attend. All students are encouraged to bring a flower to lay, as a tribute, to those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defending Australia. All parents, caregivers and family members are invited to attend this service.



Jan Christie DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

COMMUNITY NEWS

BLUE LIGHT DISCO — 26 April 2008

Mittagong RSL Club

Junior 4:00pm—6:00pm \$4.00 Seniors 7:30pm—10:30pm \$6.00

CHILDREN'S JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOP (Cost \$65 per workshop)

with Slavica Zivkovic Ph: 4877 1152 to book

Drawing and mixed media 18 July 2008 # Painting 19 July 2008

MOSS VALE JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMPETITION is looking for players for a Term 2 & 3 competition. Contact 4868 1569 after 4:00pm

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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.



LOST PROPERTY

Little girls bike and helmet left at school

