



Newsletter

Wednesday 6 February 2008

Term 1 Week 2

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is encouraging to see all children engaged in their set activities as I visit classrooms on a daily basis. The manner in which our students have settled back into classroom routines demonstrates a keenness to co-operate with the teacher, complete tasks to the best of their ability and present completed work neatly. By demonstrating a positive work ethic so early on in the year will allow children to maximise their potential. I look forward to viewing students' bookwork both in their classroom and in my office.

The manners demonstrated by the children support our four rules – Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Co-operative and Be Fair. I had the opportunity to speak to a Stage Two assembly last Friday on this matter and they listened with interest and I trust that I was reinforcing courtesies developed at home. Attached to this week's newsletter are the core rules that have been identified and apply in all government schools. Please take the time to read them with your children.

Next week all students turning eight or older this year will have an opportunity to participate in the first school carnival of the year – swimming. Prior to Friday 15 February 2008 students will have participated in house meetings to nominate their sports leaders for Oxley (red), Jellore (green), Gibraltar (yellow) and Joadja (blue) and to understand the program on the day. The day allows each child to demonstrate their ability in the four different strokes with positions available to represent the school at the Wingecarribee District PSSA carnival the following Friday. Novelty events are also planned. Notes and money need to be returned by Wednesday 13 February 2008. My thanks to Mrs Bell for her leadership in organising the carnival and the support provided by the other staff members.

Our new Kindergarten students confidently come along each day dressed in summer uniform ready to participate in their planned activities. It is most pleasing to see their enthusiastic and smiling faces as they farewell their family. This transition has worked well and I take this opportunity to thank families for their support and for the Kindergarten teachers for their patience, dedication and calmness. The contribution by the twelve new school leaders for 2008 has been very much appreciated and they have served a vital role in this organisation.

As I indicated earlier in the week, the present class structure will remain for the present time. If there are a significant number of new enrolments prior to the end of the term that warrant change, families will be notified. Your understanding at this time has been appreciated. The current class and support structure, along with the corresponding teachers and staff are listed below:

Early Stage One (Kindergarten)

KB – Mrs Karen Bagulay, KF – Mrs Julie Flemming (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Carol Bairnsfather (Friday), KH – Mrs Lauren

Henderson (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and Mrs Barbara Clark (Thursday and Friday), KM – Mrs Rikki McKernan.

Stage One (Year One and Year Two)

1B – Mrs Pamela Bates (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Natasha Rumble (Wednesday to Friday), 1H – Mrs Rachel Hardy (all days except Wednesday) and Mrs Barbara Clark (Wednesday), 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, 4/5T – Miss Pat Sheumack (relieving Mr Greg Thompson on leave).

Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6)

5E – Mrs Erin Griffith, 5J – Mr Roger Jut, 6Z – Mrs Lisa Oszurko, 6B – Mrs Jane Bell

Support Teachers

Mr Chris Aubrey, Mr. Ian Penn, (Technology/RFF) Mrs Wendy Waide (RFF/Reading Recovery), Mrs Beverley Hordern (Learning Support), Mrs Samantha Swan (School Counsellor), Mrs Janelle Walker (Intinerant Teacher Vision)

School Administration and Support Staff SASS)

Mrs Linda Rice (School Administration Manager), Ms Sirpa Miettinen and Mrs Karan Duryea (School Administration Officers), Mrs Chris Flynn, Mrs Joanne Neale, Mrs Sue Lewis and Mrs Mary Sommer (Teacher's Aide Special) Mr Brian Lowe (General Assistant), Mrs Gwen Wickenden and Mr Steve Podmore (cleaners).

Next Monday all families will receive a collection of permission notes that need to be completed and returned no later than Thursday 14 February 2008. This is especially important for children attending Friday's swimming carnival.

Out Of Uniform Days

There will be days throughout the year where children will be encouraged to wear clothes other than their school uniform. These days could be special dress up days in classrooms, fund raising days or sports days. If such a day involves the entire school population, a notice will be placed in the school newsletter. Where it involves a class or a stage, a separate note will be sent home to those children involved in the activity. Regardless of the purpose of the day, the school policy in relation to Sun Smart and Occupational, Health and Safety will remain. This will mean students should not wear any clothing that does not cover shoulders or upper arms and, with regards to footwear, no thongs, sandals, crocs or similar shoes should be worn. All staff would appreciate your support at these times. If you are unsure about any items of clothing, please contact the school prior to the activity to ensure school policies are followed.

CALENDAR

- Tuesday 12 February ♦ P&C Meeting 7:30pm Library
- 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**
- Friday 22 February ♦ District Swimming Carnival at Mittagong Pool
- Tuesday 26 February ♦ P&C AGM 7:30pm Library

School Starting Time

The starting and finishing time for each government school will vary according to local circumstances. At Bowral Public School, the first lessons commence at 9.10am and school is dismissed at 3.10pm. The first teacher on playground duty will commence at 8.40am in the top or upper playground. It would be appreciated if students do not arrive at school prior to this time. If, on the rare occasion, it is necessary for children to enter the school premises before 8.40am, they are required to sit on the seats under the two trees adjacent to the school library. Games of any description are not to be played. It is also a requirement that parents / carers sign a child in at the office should they arrive at school after 9:10am.



Riding to and from School

A number of children are required to ride their bicycle to school. Any children under the age of ten needs to be escorted as their gross motor skills and peripheral vision is not sufficiently developed to ride unsupervised. All students must wear a helmet and their bicycle needs a good braking system. Once cyclists reach the boundary of the school they are required to dismount and walk their bicycle to the racks provided in front of the old Woodwork Room. The same procedure needs to be followed at the end of the day. Contact will be made with families if they are unable to follow this school rule or if any unsafe riding practices are sighted by staff or reported to the school. I urge all families to support their children in this matter.

Cricket News

Congratulations to both Tom and Sam on their selection in the South Coast Regional cricket team to compete at the State carnival at Windsor from Monday 3 March until Thursday 6 March 2008. Their talents have been recognised by the selectors and the Bowral Public School Community congratulates them on gaining regional selection.

Students from the school have been invited to watch a Twenty20 match at Bradman Oval on Wednesday 20 February 2008. The game is sponsored by Skins and commences at 11.20am. The special guest on the day will be current Australian all-rounder Andrew Symonds. Interested students should speak to Mr Jut.

It is appropriate in the centenary of Sir Donald Bradman's birthday that the First Test between Australia and England will be played at Bradman Oval from Friday 15 February until Monday 18 February 2007. Local families interested in this women's game are encouraged to support this national activity.



Wet Weather

The children have already experienced wet weather getting to and from school this week. It is important that the students are provided with protective clothing/umbrella to assist during this time. Please remind children to walk on the concrete areas and to take additional care due to wet surfaces.

School Communication

Newsletters regularly leave the school each Thursday. All families are asked to look in their children's bags to make sure it is taken out. Students who are absent on that day can collect their newsletter from their child's teacher the following day. It is anticipated that the newsletter will be placed on the school website shortly as has occurred previously.



Dismissal at Woolworths Gate at 3.10pm

Families are reminded that if children have been asked to exit the school via the Woolworths gate it is important that an adult collects the child either at this gate or at the bottom of the steps. Under no circumstances should children be called to a car or asked to walk between moving cars. In the interest of child safety the support of all families who collect children from this exit would be appreciated.

School Canteen

Our school operates daily for the convenience of all families. Mrs. Rhonda Stootman is the canteen supervisor and would appreciate any assistance from families to help both serving and preparing lunches. This is a shared responsibility and if as many adults as possible take a turn it would only be one day each term. The canteen committee is due for re-election during February 2008 and support in this area is always appreciated. See Mrs Rice in the school office if you required further information.



Parking to Collect Students

With so many young children about leaving the school at 3.10pm daily, it is important that all drivers closely observe the parking regulations that operate around our school, in particular the parking in the bus zone in Bendooley Street. This will limit the chance of inappropriate parking that could result in children be injured.

John Morris Principal



SCHOOL BANKING RESUMES MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2008

COMMUNITY NEWS

NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY 2008 MOSS VALE DRAGONFLIES

Saturday 16 February 2008 at Eridge Park, Burradoo between 10am and 1pm,
Register as a team or as individuals. For more information contact
co-ordinator Liz Newbury 4868 3826 / 0402 410 024

Seeking Children and Adolescents with all types of Cerebral Palsy who would like to receive a FREE testing of both arms.
If interested in participating contact Angel Chiu on 0402721820 or email
hchi9899@mail.usyd.edu.au
THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

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The core rules

All students in NSW are expected to:

- ◆ Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- ◆ Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform and dress code policy.
- ◆ Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- ◆ Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- ◆ Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- ◆ Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.

P&C News

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The P&C welcomes back to school all our families and staff members and a special welcome to new families who have moved to the area over the holidays and those families who have chosen to send their first child to BPS. I hope you all had a happy time with your children and enjoyed the extended time with them.

School Uniform ORDER FORM attached

An order form is attached to this newsletter.

PLEASE use it to order winter uniform pieces. This will ensure that sufficient numbers of uniform pieces are in stock and available for the cooler weather. Some of our suppliers need a full term to fill orders if the uniform pieces are made overseas.

Lost Property

Lost property at BPS is a major problem. Unfortunately the majority of clothes in the lost property box have no names and are recycled through the clothing pool if in good condition or sent to the clothing bins across the road. There are clothing label forms available in the clothing pool.

Working Bee Saturday 30th February

John Morris has asked that the P&C nominate Saturday 30th February as our contribution to the Clean Up Australia campaign.

As in previous years the school will hold a school clean up day for students on Friday 29th February. It's a great way for students to participate in Clean Up Australia as part of a school activity. Perhaps they too will learn about how to reduce the impact of waste on our environment and make a real difference to their own school environment as well as the wider community.

Additional information will be provided prior to the event.

Change of Date for P&C meetings

John Morris has asked that this be discussed at the next P&C meeting and it will be listed on the agenda.

Why join the P&C

The P&C is the official parent body for discussing a wide variety of topics and issues as well as attending to parental concerns. Principal John Morris will present his report at each meeting. These reports keep parents up to date on matters concerning teaching and learning and allow us to comment and participate in decision making. More about P&C in next week's newsletter.

P&C dates for Term 1

First general meeting for the year - Tuesday 12 February at 7.30pm (week 3)

This is the meeting that new parents and carers need to attend to ensure that they are financial members and entitled to vote at the AGM and subsequent meetings of the P&C. We will be discussing fundraising for the year and funding priorities which may be linked to the six key learning areas.

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 26 February at 7.30pm (week 5)

This meeting will be held in the school library and will last about one hour. To vote at the AGM you need to be a financial member. Current members are financial till the close of the AGM. Membership is affordable - \$1 for 12 month membership.

Members will decide at this meeting when the P&C will meet for the year.

Kind regards

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