



Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 4

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Blessed with favourable weather conditions, our annual school swimming carnival proved a great success last Friday. Hosted at Mittagong Pool, all students who attended the day were able to select from a wide range of swimming activities. The day commenced with the 200m individual medley and it was inspiring to see these swimmers test their skills over the four lap event. With the arrival of the remainder of the students just after 9.30am, events proceeded according to the program with all children challenging their own ability to record personal bests over the 50m length of the pool. Away from this pool, a number of activities were planned to cater for the needs of students still unsure about attempting the championship events. Participation and fun were the main focus of these novelty events. Throughout the day, teachers and parents worked in tandem to ensure times and places reached the recorders with a minimum delay. My thanks to the school's coordinator, Mrs Jane Bell, for her expertise and organisational skills that ensured all students were able to enjoy the day. The support Mrs Bell received from her colleagues and parents alike was very much appreciated. A detailed report about the day appears in today's newsletter. Congratulations to the swimming champions and runners up on their fine, all round ability. Also included are the house captains for 2008. They have already demonstrated their leadership skills and abilities in supporting the teachers and sports houses on the day. A wonderful start.

All ribbons (thank you Mrs Jenny Henderson for writing details on each ribbon) and trophies were issued on last Monday's school assembly. The team to represent Bowral Public School will return to the Mittagong Pool tomorrow where they will test their abilities against students from the other Wingecarribee District PSSA schools. Once again Mrs Bell will convene this carnival. Good luck to our school team in striving for district representation to attend the South Coast Regional carnival at Dapto on Friday 7 March 2008.

Many local families made Bradman Oval a priority for the duration of the women's test match played between England and Australia held recently. Our school was invited to participate in the opening ceremony prior to the commencement of the match and twenty two of our students formed a guard of honour through which the umpires, teams and dignitaries walked. Two of our students, Victoria (England) and Eric (Australia) were given the honour of carrying the team flags as they led the respective squads out onto the ground. The children represented Bowral Public School with pride, dignity and responsibility and received the applause and cheers from the spectators present for the occasion. I was able to share this historic moment with the students and their families and it was a privilege for me to play

a role in continuing to promote the link between the school and the museum. Over the four days of play Bowral students could be seen with friends and families watching the skills of batting, bowling and fielding displayed by the players. On both Saturday and Sunday, students from our school participated in games of Super Eight cricket on Bradman Oval whilst the test players enjoyed their forty minute lunch break. I extend my thanks to these children and the support received from their families and Mr. Jut. In 2009 the World Cup of women's cricket will be hosted in the Sydney area and it is hoped that Bradman Oval is selected as a suitable venue for some pool games.

The support of families in returning the pink permission notes and blue medical information forms is very much appreciated. This will enable school records to be updated and reduce the use of paper. I would urge all families who have not returned these forms to make this task a priority this week. Likewise, the payment of term invoices would be appreciated as a matter of priority. Please ensure the correct money is placed in a sealed envelope with the invoice attached and hand this to the class teacher. Any families who require financial assistance at this time should see Mrs Rice or myself as soon as possible to ensure their children are given the opportunity to attend planned school activities. Each request is treated on an individual basis and in confidence.

As I indicated last week, the school's four major rules along with the Department's core rules and core values should have reached all homes. Many thanks to those families who have already shared these with their children. This provides a wonderful platform for our students to not only maximize their learning potential each day but also to form friendship networks with their peers.

Today, all of our Kindergarten teachers attended the first day of a two day course (next Thursday is day two) called Best Start. This program will eventually be introduced to all government schools across the state. As one of the first four hundred (400) schools to be involved in this initiative, this assessment program will assess the understanding that children bring to school in selected foundation areas of literacy and numeracy. The assessment will offer information to teachers to help set the direction for teaching and learning. It will assist to help them build on each child's current knowledge, skill and understanding. By providing teachers with quality baseline data, it will be easier to track student progress. I accompanied the teachers today and was enthusiastic about what was shared.

This week and next, the school has programmed Meet The Teacher meetings to allow families to listen to their child's teacher in regards to both organisational and academic priorities for 2008. All meetings commence at 6:00pm in the school library and last for about an hour. Please take advantage of this opportunity provided by the teaching staff. I appreciate their efforts at this busy time. The response to these meetings will be reviewed to gauge family support in this area of home-school communication.

CALENDAR	
Monday 25 February	Meet the Teacher 6-7pm STAGE 3 (Years 5 - 6)
Friday 22 February	♦ District Swimming Carnival at Mittagong Pool
Thursday 10 April	♦ School Photos

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is important that the current owner's name appears 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 .

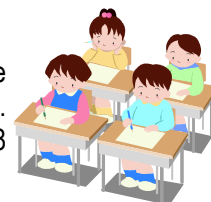
SPORTING DATES AND VENUES

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 Cross Country Carnival, Friday 13 June at 'Willandra', Cambewarra
 Regional Athletics at AIS Stadium, Bruce, ACT on Tuesday 9 September
 More dates will be provided as they become available.



UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS

Information about this annual competition has been distributed to all Year 3 to Year 6 students last week. 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)



KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

This Friday will see the end of week five of term one. Up until this stage, students in Kindergarten have been dismissed at 2.30pm. As from next Monday, these children will leave the school at 3.10pm each afternoon along with all the other students. The support of families during this initial stage of their children's education has been appreciated.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

All students from the school will be involved in this community related activity next Friday 29 February 2008. The children are encouraged to bring along suitable gloves and tongs (if they wish) that can be used on the day. It is important that, as a school community, the cleanliness of the environment is promoted. The support of all families would be appreciated.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

It is important for all families to let the school office personnel know when telephone contacts change. Since school has returned, there have been two occasions when families have not been able to be contacted as quickly as possible due to numbers being disconnected or changed.

John Morris Principal



Dear Parents

The BPS staff have entered a team in next week's Relay for Life. This is an event run by the Cancer Council and is used to raise money for research and the support of cancer sufferers. If any parents would like to support our fundraising for this event we invite you to log on to the website: www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au and search for the Southern Highlands Relay which

is to be held over 24 hours at Eridge Park on **March 1 and 2**. You will receive a receipt online which, for donations over \$2 is tax deductible. If you wish to assist and prefer to do so by cash or cheque, your contribution would be welcome. Please send to school in an envelope clearly marked RELAY FOR LIFE / ATTENTION BEV HORDERN and ensure your name is on the front. A receipt will be sent with your child. Please make cheques payable to 'The Cancer Council'. We would need any contributions by the end of next week if possible. Thank you for your support of this great community event. Anyone is free to visit Eridge Park on the day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

<p>BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL Year 7, 2009 Information Evening Thursday 6 March 2008 School Hall (entrance off Park Road) 6pm—8pm Parents unable to attend on this night will be able to join the principal and 2009 Year 7 advisors for a morning tea on Thursday 13 March 9:30am</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA IN NSW ST ANDREWS BOWRAL Kid's Church You're invited 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 9:30am Enquires Patti Jones ph: 4877 1540 M: 0418211488</p>
<p>ROBERTSON SOCCER CLUB Junior players require to fill our teams. 5 to 16 year olds Details ring Robert Handley M: 0419 243 520 AH 48851362</p>	<p>TRASH 'N' TREASURE At Glenquarry Primary School (Tourist Rd, Glenquarry) Saturday 8 March 2008, 9am—1pm</p> <p>BOWRAL UNITED SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATIONS 16 & 23 February 2008 9am—12 noon 1 March 2008 11am—2pm at Bowral High School Hall.</p>

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Despite the early morning drizzle the weather was kind to us last Friday and our school swimming carnival was held in pleasant conditions at Mittagong Pool. The carnival ran smoothly and all students were given the opportunity to participate in either competitive or novelty events on the day.

A big thank you to all parents who helped on the day, without your assistance in timekeeping and judging the carnival would be very difficult to run. It was great to see so many spectators supporting and encouraging their children throughout the day.

All students who achieved a first, second or third place in a final were awarded gold, silver and bronze ribbons at the whole school assembly on Monday.

Trophies and medallions were presented to the individual age champions and runners up.



They were:

Jnr Girls Champion	Tayla	Jnr Boys Champion	Clayton
Runner Up	Ebony	Runner Up	Toby
11yr Girls Champion	Courtney	11yr Boys Champion	John
Runner Up	Caroline	Runner Up	Nicholas
Snr Girls Champion	Sophie	Snr Boys Champion	Bryce
Runner Up	Courtney	Runner Up	Jamieson

The champion house on the day was Oxley. The house shield was presented to the Oxley House Captains, Gabbi and Patrick

A team has been selected to represent the school at the Wingecarribee District Swimming Carnival on Friday 22 February at Mittagong Pool.

They are Bryce, Clayton, Darcy, Jesse, John, Sam, Jamieson, Nicholas, Toby, Jonathon, Jack, Courtney, Sophie, Ebony, Tayla, Sarah, Tarnee, Lucy, Simone, Caroline, Courtney, Eliza and Dayna.

Congratulations to all swimmers on a great effort. Well Done!

Jane Bell
Sports Co-ordinator

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2008

GIBRALTAR

Senior Captains	Jesse
Sophie	
Senior Vice Captains	Oliver
Hannah	
Junior Captains	Tim
Lauren	
Junior Vice Captains	Jack
Ruby	

JELLORE

Senior Captains	Jamieson
Dayna	
Senior Vice Captains	Kenji
Allanah	
Junior Captains	Jarrold
Ebony	
Junior Vice Captains	Tom
Ebony	

JOADJA

Senior Captains	Tom
Megan	
Senior Vice Captains	Joshua
Rochelle	
Junior Captains	Morgan
Alyssa	
Junior Vice Captains	Jaiden
Jade	

OXLEY

Senior Captains	Patrick
Gabbi	
Senior Vice Captains	Richard
Courtney	
Junior Captains	Clayton
Lily	
Junior Vice Captains	Sam
Harriet	

First P&C meeting of the year

It was a terrific start to the new school year with a large number of new families attending their first P&C meeting and contributing to the discussions. Thank you for joining the P&C and showing interest in being informed about your child's schooling and making a contribution that goes far beyond your own personal interests.

Last night was my last general meeting as P&C president and one I expected would be business as usual. That was not to be as during the Principal's Report the meeting stopped and before I knew I was receiving the most beautiful bouquet of flowers and a card full of generous farewell comments. While reading the card this morning I soon found my eyes filling with tears. So thank you to all the staff members and parents that I have known over the years. Being a voluntary worker in a school brings fulfilment, friendship, new skills, and above all – joy in being with very special people and children. Tell me a better way to be a volunteer!

Back to business.....

A working bee is planned for the Saturday 1 March 1-4pm. Afternoon tea is being provided. We are hoping for a healthy number of parents to assist with a general cleanup of the school grounds. It is several years since we have given the school grounds some extra special attention. John Morris will be developing a list of tasks over the week and these will be available in next week's newsletter. Please complete the registration form if you will be attending.

Clothing Pool

Members resolved to computerise the clothing pool to assist in stock and financial control. Over the next week we will be seeking advice and costing on setting up a system that includes computer, printer and software. In the past some parents have been resistant to this but the reality is that people with skills and a job are time poor and this decision has considered ways to assist our volunteers.

If you can assist or advise please contact Sally Ray 48611040.

Annual General Meeting **26 February 2007 at 7.30pm**

AGENDA:

1. WELCOME
 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES
 3. MINUTES OF THE 2007 AGM
 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 6. TREASURER'S REPORT
 7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:
 - PRESIDENT
 - 2 VICE-PRESIDENTS
 - SECRETARY
 - TREASURER
 - 6 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
 - JIG COORDINATOR
 - CLOTHING POOL COMMITTEE
 - FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
 - CANTEEN COMMITTEE
 - ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF P&CS
 8. MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2008
 9. GENERAL BUSINESS : P&C CONTRIBUTION/LIBRARY/BUILDING FUND
 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
- CLOSE OF MEETING

Regards

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