



Newsletter

Wednesday 18 February 2009

Term 1 Week 4

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

From the School Team Leader

UPDATE REGARDING MR CAYZER

Earlier in the week I spoke to Scott and I was very pleased to hear that he has returned to the Southern Highlands. He is now in the initial stages of his rehabilitation and he is making steady progress. Again, he and his family really appreciate everyone's kind wishes and support at this time. Under the guidance of well qualified medical personnel and the terrific support he is receiving from Gail, Mitchell and Thomas, it is anticipated his recovery is 'in good hands'.

VICTORIAN BUSH FIRES

The efforts of so many families within the Bowral Public School Community is certainly appreciated at this time. The gold coin drive will continue until Friday. Currently the balance is \$430. The money will be sent to the Australian Red Cross to aid their ongoing commitment to this tragic situation. I hope to be in a position next week to share further student based strategies that will assist schools and students affected by the fires.

KINDERGAERTEN 2009

Our new students are becoming more familiar with the school and class routines and developing a pleasing rapport with their classmates. The support of families at this time is very much appreciated. Although the weather has changed from hot to rainy, the children are coping well and enjoying their day of learning experiences. Could I please strongly urge any families who have not produced to school office personnel, proof of address or a birth certificate to do this NOW!! With the current administration system used in all government schools, students can not be fully enrolled unless this information is available. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

FAMILY/TEACHER MEETINGS

Both Stage One and Stage Two have conducted their meetings this week and staff has appreciated the support of families at this busy time of the year. These meetings provide the opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet their child's teacher and hear about the priorities for the year. If, at any time, families wish to speak to their child's teacher about any aspect of the education program being conducted in the classroom, I would encourage them to contact (4861 1086) the teacher to arrange an appointment. Teachers are not in a position to fully answer queries or questions whilst they have responsibility for their classes.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

From time to time, families will ring the school and ask that a message be passed onto their child. If this needs to be done, please ring prior to 2.30pm. There is no guarantee that messages after this time can reach students, especially if they are involved in a lesson off the immediate school site. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

SCHOOL TERMS

I am providing the dates for the school days for the remainder of 2009. It is important to note that in some calendars Monday 27 April 2009 is a public holiday (for ANZAC Day). This is not the case. The first day for children for Term 2 is Wednesday 29 April

2009. The term will conclude on Friday 10 July 2009. Term 3 will commence on Monday 28 July 2009 and conclude on Friday 2 October 2009. Monday 19 October 2009 is the first day of Term 4 with the school year terminating on Wednesday 16 December 2009.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

These are days when students **are not required** as it provides an opportunity for all teaching staff in NSW Government schools to undertake planned Professional Learning opportunities. These days are Tuesday 28 April 2009, Monday 27 July 2009 and Thursday and Friday 17 and 18 December 2009. These last two days are a recent addition to the school development day calendar as a result of the recent agreement between the Department of Education and Training and the NSW Teachers Federation. These dates may assist you in planning family vacations.

P & C MEETING

The next meeting of the Bowral P & C Association will be conducted in the school library on Monday 23 February 2009. The meeting time is 7.15pm for 7.30pm. The meeting should last about an hour and a half. This meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM). See P&C's column for more details.

REMINDER

Medical forms (blue) and Permission notes (pink) need to be returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible to allow school records to remain current.

HEALTH MATTERS

Throughout any year, children may come into contact with headlice. This is easily spread amongst people who work in close proximity to each other. I would encourage families to devote time each week to check their child's head for evidence of an itchy scalp and lice eggs. Once treated, students are able to return to school.

Also impetigo (school sores) is an infectious disease and, like headlice, it should be treated to allow children to return to school as soon as possible. The symptoms of impetigo are small red spots that change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted usually on the face, hands and scalp.

The Department of Health at www.health.nsw.gov.au is a good place to gain more information.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Many thanks to all the families that supported last Friday's carnival. Under conditions not really ideal for swimming, many students took the opportunity to 'have a go' and endeavoured to do their best. Congratulations!! I extend my thanks also to the staff, especially co-ordinator Mrs Griffith, for their contribution to a successful day. Good luck to our swimmers who will represent the school at the District Carnival on Friday. Reports about the carnival appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

John Morris

School Team Leader

CALENDAR

Friday 20 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ District Swimming Carnival at Mittagong Pool ♦ TERM 1 INVOICE PAYMENT DUE
Monday 23 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ P & C AGM 7:30pm in the school library
Friday 27 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Gibraltar Self Help Day ♦ Kindergarten last day finishing at 2:30pm
Monday 2 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Kindergarten students finish at 3:10pm
2 March - 11 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Life Education
13 March - 20 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Bullying Awareness Program
9 March - 13 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Stage 3 Camp - Narrabeen
Monday 16 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ P & C Meeting 7:30pm in the school library
Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Canteen Open Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

On Friday the annual Bowral Public School Swimming Carnival was held at Mittagong Pool and it was a great success. The behaviour and participation of our students was exceptional. Those who were not swimming enthusiastically supported the swimmers from their house and as I watched and talked to them during the day, from the canteen lines and spectator areas, it was obvious that they were enjoying themselves.



The weather may not have been brilliant; however, it was certainly good enough for the children to participate in some form or another. The 'whirlpool' and the 'walking events' were certainly enjoyed by our less confident swimmers just as the more formal freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke and relay events were enjoyed by those capable of swimming these distances.

Congratulations to all competitors. Everybody did their very best and should be congratulated on their efforts. I was really impressed with the number of children who, despite obvious tiredness, completed swimming the length of the pool.

Thanks to all the spectators for coming on the day. For children to have family members watching their achievements is something they will always remember and demonstrates to children that you value, not only the fact that they win, but also the participation and effort they put in.

Thanks also to the mums and dads who helped in any way on the day. Special thanks to two students, Connor and Tyson who took on the role of runners for the day and clocked up quite a distance going from the pool deck to the recording table.

The day would not have been so successful without the efforts of our fantastic staff, all of whom had jobs to do on the day. Special thanks go to Mr Lowe who assisted with the transporting of equipment. The carnival was well planned and stress free due to the professionalism of Mrs Erin Griffith and Mrs Jane Bell. Their work is much appreciated by all and the success of the day was a culmination of their hard work.

It is very clear how important sporting carnivals are to our school culture with their dual emphasis on participation and fun.

I know that our representatives at the District Carnival will put in their best effort and we wish them well at Mittagong Pool on Friday.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Department of Education and Training recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown. In the absence of any notification to the contrary, it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school. If any changes occur in your family relationships that have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you are required to advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that may be obtained.

Jan Christie
Deputy Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT



Last Friday our swimming carnival was held under cloudy conditions at Mittagong Pool. The rain managed to hold off and the carnival ran smoothly with all students being 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 Tuesday. Trophies and medallions were presented to the individual age champions and runners up.

They were:

	BOY	GIRL
JUNIOR CHAMPION	Toby	Rosemary
<i>Runner up</i>	<i>Emil</i>	<i>Simone</i>
11 YEAR CHAMPION	Clayton	Tayla
<i>Runner up</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Ebony</i>
SENIOR CHAMPION	Jonn	Courtney
<i>Runner up</i>	<i>Nick</i>	<i>Sophie</i>

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

A team has been selected to represent the school at the Wingecarribee District Swimming Carnival on Friday 20 February at Mittagong Pool. They are Toby, Jonn, Zac, Darcy, Emil, Jesse, Clayton, Jack, Nick, Harry, Rosemary, Courtney, Tayla, Sasha, Isabella, Tarnee, Sarah, Lucy, Simone, Ebony, Sophie, Kate and Caroline. Congratulations to all swimmers on a great effort. Well Done

Jane Bell & Erin Griffith



The P&C AGM will be held next Monday night in the library at 7.30pm sharp. Come a little early to grab a cuppa so we can get going on time. For those concerned that they will be forced into a big job should they attend, please don't be. Most of the major positions have people happy to continue doing them (should they be voted in of course), and I promise not to exert strong pressure on the remaining. The areas I know of where new members are needed include a JIG Coordinator, and some Executive Members. Nothing too onerous!

Another issue of major importance is our school's response to the recent Victorian bushfires. Most people have generously donated money to the Red Cross (thank you to those who contributed to our school's gold coin day). However, the idea that a longer term goal could be achieved by the students of our school in helping their peers who have lost their schools, was brought up at our last P&C meeting. Various members of the school community are working with John Morris on coordinating a Southern Highlands based project that will involve children from a number of our area's schools. Watch this space for more updates as we are in the planning stages and help will be required in turning good ideas into reality.

Some dates for your diary:

23.02.09 – P&C AGM – in the library - 7.15 for a 7.30 start.

29.03.09 – Grounds working bee – time to be advised.

Justine McKinlay
P&C President

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Volunteers are required to cover books that have been purchased for the Reading Recovery program. Please visit the library to collect the readers and contact if you are able to assist with this task.



With thanks
Wendy Waide



NOTICE ABOUT LOST PROPERTY

'OVER FLOWETH' ALREADY

Clothing Shop ladies will sort twice this term

Week 6 (2 March) and Week 11 (6 April)

so please come in and claim your lost items.

All items without a name will go to the uniform shop.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOWRAL HOCKEY CLUB

Registration day Saturdays 21 and 28 February
at Woolworth's in Bowral 9am until 12pm
Enquires Kelly Corby 48623265 M: 0400438654

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Mittagong RSL Club Saturday 28 February
Special Guest Tessa James "Home & Away"

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE / FUND RAISER

at Bowral Memorial Hall from 9am Saturday, Sunday 21 & 22 February
Details Vanessa 0427 714 670 or Dianne 0429 827 227

Converting un-wanted goods to cash to raise money for the Victorian Bush Fire Victims. (No electrical or bedding)

PARENT / CARER CALENDAR - TERM 1 – 2009 ** DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE CHECK OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER TO CONFIRM **

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
3	9 February	10 February • Scripture commences	11 February • Canteen	12 February • House meetings • Canteen	13 February • Swimming Carnival @ Mittagong • Canteen	14/15 Feb
4	16 February	17 February • CSIRO Show	18 February • CSIRO Show • Canteen	19 February • Canteen	20 February • District Swimming @ Mittagong • Canteen	21/22 Feb
5	23 February • P&C AGM 7:30pm school library	24 February	25 February • Canteen	26 February • Canteen	27 February • Self Help – Gibraltar • Canteen • Kindergarten last day finishing at 2:30pm • Clean Up Australia	28 Feb / 1 Mar
6	2 March • Life Education • Kindergarten students finish at 3:10pm • School Council 5:30pm start	3 March • Life Education	4 March • Life Education • Canteen	5 March • Regional swimming Dapto • Life Education • Canteen	6 March • Canteen	7/8 March
7	9 March • Life Education • Stage 3Camp @ Narrabeen	10 March • Life Education	11 March • Life Education • Canteen	12 March • ICC World Cup @ Bradman (NZ vs SA) • Canteen	13 March • EIO 2010 High School (parents) • Canteen → • Bullying Program	14/15 Mar
8	16 March • P&C Meeting (7:15pm for 7:30pm)	17 March	18 March • Canteen	19 March • Bullying Program • Canteen • Paul Kelly Cup Yr 5 - 6	20 March • Bullying Program • Canteen	21/22 Mar
9	23 March	24 March	25 March • Canteen	26 March • Canteen	27 March • Zone League / Union trials @ Goulburn • Canteen	28/29 Mar
10	30 Mar	31 March	1 April • Canteen	2 April • Canteen	3 April • Canteen • PSSA Soccer Gala Day	4/5 April
11	6 April •	7 April • Wingecarribee Environmental Day	8 April • State swimming • ANZAC Service • Easter Hat Parade • Canteen	9 April • State swimming • Canteen	10 April GOOD FRIDAY	11/12 April Students resume Wednesday 29 April