



# Newsletter

Wednesday 27 February 2008

Term 1 Week 5

**BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*Striving, Thinking, Learning*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Friday's Wingecarribee District swimming carnival once again saw students from Bowral challenge their ability to achieve personal bests against swimmers from surrounding Southern Highlands' schools. Our team of twenty three (23) competitors gave of their best and, in doing so, excellent results were recorded. Of the six (6) aged champions, five (5) of these are enrolled at our school. The support of families on this day was very much appreciated and the efforts of Mrs Jane Bell in convening this carnival were appreciated by swimmers, families and teachers from all the schools who participated in this PSSA activity. Many of our students will now be tailoring their training to allow them to focus on the South Coast Regional swimming carnival to be held at Dapto Pool on Friday 7 March 2008. Congratulations on the part that everyone played in supporting this carnival.

This week's annual general meeting of the Bowral P & C was held in the school library. It was a time to reflect on the achievements over the last twelve (12) months and recognise the contributions made by its members. 2007 was another successful year and I thank those families who played a role in supporting the P & C in a variety of ways. The night was also an opportunity to thank president Sally Ray for her continuous support of our P & C over a long period of time. Sally is a great supporter of Public Education, both at the local level and further afield and her on-going enthusiasm and dedication has benefited a number of school communities. Always prepared to give of her time to meet on-going challenges, the Bowral Public School Community both thank and congratulate Sally for guiding us along the journey since she decided to take an active role in all P & C matters. During the election of office bearers, a number of positions were able to be filled. However, vacancies still occur. Currently the P & C are looking for a president, a vice president, a number of executive members and a canteen committee. It is extremely important that these positions are filled at the next meeting, Tuesday 25 March 2008 to ensure the year's activities can be planned. A major concern is that of the canteen committee. Our tireless supervisor, Mrs. Rhonda Stootman, cannot operate the canteen without support. It requires the assistance of a president and treasurer. I urge everyone to think seriously about the vacancies that currently exist and see what can be done to help out. Support is available if taking on any of these positions as the Bowral P & C possesses a team approach.

Our Kindergarten teachers completed the second phase of their training in regards to the Best Start initiative. The professional training they are undertaking will prove invaluable as they assess their students in aspects of both literacy and numeracy. I attended the first session last week and have gained a

valuable insight into what is required during this initial assessment stage. Once this has been completed the teachers are required to make an analysis of the results as this will guide future teaching and learning classroom activities. Best Start is a Kindergarten to Year 6 commitment by the school and will provide the collation of valuable baseline data about this cohort of children.

A large number of our students travel to and from school daily by bus. Students are provided with a bus pass that they need to show each day bus travel is used. Coupled with the bus pass is a code of conduct that needs to be followed. It is important that the students wait patiently at their respective stops displaying appropriate behaviour. This did not happen at one of the stops last week and it was necessary for a parent to take a student to the local hospital. This incident does not reflect well on our school as the students are all in school uniform and often share the bus with children from other schools. Also, it has been brought to my attention that whilst waiting, some children are playing on the road. Again, this is a major concern as it increases the potential for an accident. Any support families can provide in speaking to their children about personal safety would be appreciated.

The grassed area adjacent to the School House Museum is really benefiting from the recent rain. The grass is spreading and there are now opportunities for the younger children to play safely in this area. To ensure that this occurs, the vehicle access gate to Boolwey Street will be closed during school time. I am making all families aware of this new arrangement as the staff seeks your support in this matter. Also, staff are concerned about the number of children who are climbing the large tree in the area bounded by Boolwey and Bendooley Streets at school dismissal time. This is not a safe practice.

Scripture classes are conducted at our school each Tuesday. At these times, volunteers from the community give freely of their time to teach special religious education. It is important for all children to realise that classroom and school rules **do not** change. Teachers would anticipate that students would be able to maintain appropriate behaviour with their scripture teachers at these times. Unfortunately, it has been reported that some students have found it difficult to follow set procedures. This reflects poorly on our school and for many of these volunteers, scripture is the only contact these people have with our school. Families will be notified about inappropriate behaviour displayed by their children and your support would be appreciated.

All children last week were provided with the opportunity to participate in the Samba Experience in the basement. The members of the audience not only were given a chance to play drums and percussion instruments but were also involved in body percussion. Teachers found this experience enlightening and they were able to take away ideas to be followed up in class.

## CALENDAR

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| Friday 29 February | ♦ Clean Up Australia Day            |
| Friday 7 March     | ♦ Regional Swimming Carnival, Dapto |
| Thursday 10 April  | ♦ School Photographs                |

## ROAD CROSSING AT LIGHTS

Bowral Public School is fortunate to have traffic lights situated in Bendooley Street that allows families to cross to and from the school to enhance personal safety. However, it has recently come to the attention of staff that additional care needs to be taken at these lights as all cars do not stop at the red light. I seek the co-operation of all drivers, both those located within our Bowral Public School Community, as well as the wider community, to ensure that pedestrians can cross in safety.



## UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS

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

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

All students from the school will be involved in this community related activity tomorrow 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 a number of occasions when families have not been able to be contacted as quickly as possible due to numbers being disconnected or changed.

*John Morris Principal*

## BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING RECORDS

Following our successful swimming carnival last week the BPS swimming records have been updated. These records must be set at the annual Bowral Public School Swimming Carnival. This year our swimmers broke five records.



Bryce broke Matt 2007 open individual medley record of 3.25.19 set in 2007 by more than half a second swimming 3.24.44. He also broke the long standing Senior boys 50metre breaststroke record of 49.92 held by Cade since 1995 by more than a second, swimming 48.16.

Clayton broke the Junior 50metre butterfly record of 52.14 held by Paul since 1983. Clayton swam in the time of 50.28, nearly two seconds faster.

Darcy swam the eight year 50 metre freestyle in 44.06 seconds beating the old record of 46.42 set by James in 1997.

Tayla was successful in breaking the Junior Individual Medley record of 4.05.03 set in 2006 by Talissa. Tayla swam the medley in 3.44.96, beating the old mark by a massive amount.

Congratulations to these swimmers for their outstanding success.

Listed below are the swimming records in full.

### BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING RECORDS GIRLS

#### 200m Individual Medley

Open	Orlanda	Joadja	3.10.84	2000
Jnr	Tayla	Oxley	3.44.96	2008

#### 100m Freestyle

Open	Talissa	Jellore	1.17.05	2007
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#### 50m Freestyle

8yrs	Charlotte	Oxley	46.52	2002
9yrs	Charlotte	Oxley	39.57	2003
10yrs	Charlotte	Oxley	38.16	2004
11yrs	Justine	Jellore	36.09	2000
12yrs	Talissa	Jellore	34.50	2007
13yrs	Mary	Jellore	58.10	1980

#### 50m Breaststroke

Jnr	Stephanie	Oxley	49.84	2004
Ilyrs	Stephanie	Oxley	45.21	2005
Snr	Justine	Jellore	44.08	2001

#### 50m Backstroke

Jnr	Charlotte	Oxley	48.04	2004
11yrs	Kate	Oxley	45.38	2003
Snr	Liesel	Jellore	42.60	1999

#### 50m Butterfly

Jnr	Kate	Oxley	47.62	2002
11yrs	Kate	Oxley	39.84	2003
Snr	Talissa	Jellore	39.90	2007

### BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING RECORDS BOYS

#### 200m Individual Medley

Open	Bryce	Oxley	3.24.44	2008
Jnr	Bryce	Oxley	3.58.40	2006

#### 100m Freestyle

Open	Matthew	Gibraltar	1.19.99	2007
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#### 50m Freestyle

8yrs	Darcy	Oxley	44.06	2008
9yrs	Clayton	Oxley	44.54	2007
10yrs	Paul	Gibraltar	39.79	1983
11yrs	Cadeyn	Gibraltar	37.45	1995
12yrs	Andrew	Jellore	34.00	1992
13yrs	Andrew	Joadja	41.20	1980

#### 50m Breaststroke

Jnr	Paul	Gibraltar	52.31	1983
1lyrs	Jordan	Oxley	50.06	2003
Snr	Bryce	Oxley	48.16	2008

#### 50m Backstroke

Jnr	Bryce	Oxley	48.02	2006
11yrs	Joshua	Jellore	46.37	1997
Snr	Richard	Jellore	41.80	1996

#### 50m Butterfly

Jnr	Clayton	Oxley	50.28	2008
11yrs	Jesse	Oxley	45.70	1994
Snr	Matthew	Gibraltar	38.84	2007



### BUS TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

The school Tcard system will be decommissioned from the close of business on Tuesday 18 March 2008. From Wednesday 19 March, students will only be required to produce their printed bus pass to be eligible for free school travel on private buses under the School Student Transport Scheme. The Public Transport Ticketing Corporation (PTTC) is writing directly to parents / guardians of students holding Tcards to advise them of the decommissioning of the system. Bowral Public School Office will have a box to collect the cards.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### BOWRAL HOCKEY CLUB REGISTRATION 2008

Saturday 8 March 2008 at Welby Hockey fields. 9am to 12pm.

Forms available at the school office.

Further information contact Kelly Corby 4862 3265

email: [royaleden@ozemail.com.au](mailto:royaleden@ozemail.com.au) or

Melinda Armstrong email: [pjm@exemail.com.au](mailto:pjm@exemail.com.au)

Southern Highlands Relay which is to be held over 24 hours at Eridge Park on **March 1 and 2.**



website: [relay.cancercouncil.com.au](http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au)

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### P&C News

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#### Clothing Pool

Still seeking advice on computerising the clothing pool, if you can assist or advise please contact Sally Ray 48611040.

#### TUESDAY NIGHT'S P&C AGM RESULTS

**President** Vacancy

**Vice President** (1) Tim Keating

**Vice President** (2) vacant

**Secretary** Benita Richards

**Treasurer** Barbara Fay

**Executive members (7)**

Robert Graham

Alex Conway

Meredith Wakeman

Shevaun Barnett

**JIG coordinator** Kerry Lillyman

#### Clothing Pool Committee

Kay Paviour

Marion McIntyre (stock controller)

Kristy Connell

Donna Manton

Barbara Fay

Justine McKinlay

Kerry Lillyman

#### Canteen Committee

**Chairperson** vacant

**Treasurer** vacant

**Secretary** Justine McKinlay

**Roster Clerk** Donna Manton

#### Fundraising Committee

Executive members plus interested people

P&C Membership \$1 for the year till the close of the 2009 AGM

Meeting times are to be finalised when all positions are filled. John Morris has asked that P&C meetings be held on a Monday evening to allow more time for the P&C's newsletter contribution to be written.

I can still be contacted on 4861 1040 if you would like to discuss any of these positions.

It is great that the Junior Interest Group has a coordinator again this year. This group is very important for Kindergarten to Year 1 and Year 2 parents. Expect to hear from the coordinator Kerry Lillyman.

Would you like to take over writing the weekly newsletter? I believe it is a service to parents, it keeps them informed about the P&C's activities and maintains the P&C's profile in the school community. Now is an opportune time for new people to step forward and take a role in the operation of the P&C.

Thanks Sally Ray 4861 1040 [cavaray@hinet.net.au](mailto:cavaray@hinet.net.au)

Regards

Benita Richards Secretary ph 4862 5828 [Richards.Benita@BCG.com](mailto:Richards.Benita@BCG.com)

#### **WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY 1pm to 4pm**

A working bee is planned for Saturday 1 March 2008 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

Please complete the registration form to assist with catering and organising equipment if you will be attending.



Yes I will be attending the working bee this Saturday 1 March 2008 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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