



BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning



Newsletter

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From the School Team Leader

STAGE THREE SCHOOL CAMP

I have been thrilled with the number of positive comments, received from both children and families, about last week's Narrabeen Sport and Recreation camp. It is obvious that the children enjoyed the experience and benefits from the opportunity to mix with their classmates at a venue that provided challenges, both physically and mentally, in a supportive environment. Of major significance is the importance of each child discovering more about their own self esteem, self image and levels of resilience and determination. The activities provided were designed not only for their enjoyment but also to both increase their knowledge and skills in specific areas and to demonstrate ways of spending their future recreation times. Without the support of Mrs Griffith, Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Clark, Mrs Oszurko and Mr Feeney, the camp would have not been possible. Their commitment to the children and time away from their own family and friends is both appreciated and acknowledged. I trust that the children can now build on these experiences and use knowledge learnt at the camp to assist in making lifelong decisions as they are now more informed.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Many thanks to the families who have returned the short survey in relation to the school's current newsletter. The information gained from the survey will assist in improving communication between the school and the home.

P & C MEETING

I appreciated the attendance of sixteen (16) adults at last Monday night's meeting. It is very encouraging to have these people contribute to our meeting agenda in so many ways. Justine always provides information relating to matters addressed on the night and her weekly reports and leadership is very encouraging as this keeps all families informed. It is important that the two (2) parent vacancies on the School Council are filled during the month of March 2009. I am available to discuss this matter with any interested parents who may require further information or clarification.

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE SUPPORT

I am impressed by the number of books and pencil cases that are being donated to support Victorian families and schools. These are being placed in the school library in a designated area for this purpose. This attractive area has been designed and developed by the school's teacher/librarian Mrs Jenny Henderson and I thank her sincerely for her time and effort in creating this welcoming section of the library. This activity will continue until the end of March. If you haven't made a donation as yet, I urge families to talk to their children about an appropriate donation at this time.

YEAR 6 / YEAR 7 TRANSITION FOR 2010

All families with children in Year 6 in 2009 should have received information in relation to enrolling their children in high school for 2010 and beyond. In connection with an application form, three flyers will be enclosed that will provide some additional information. I ask all families to read this information and return the necessary documentation to their child's class teacher no later than Friday 27 March 2009. Please see your child's teacher, in the first instance, if you have any questions in relation to this process.

STUDENT SAFETY

This will always be a priority at Bowral Public School and the students are asked to support the teachers by following the four school rules that underpin school discipline. Students getting to and from school each day need to do so following safety procedures. I would remind all families with children that walk, unescorted by an adult, need to do this in a group situation and not alone. By doing this, help is always available in the case of an accident or any situation where children can be placed at risk. Support from families at this time would be appreciated.

REMINDER DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 31 March** ♦ School Cross Country (Robertson) **DATE CHANGED**
- Friday 3 April** ♦ PSSA Soccer Gala Day
- Wednesday 8 April** ♦ ANZAC Service (details to follow)
- Thursday 9 April** ♦ Easter Hat Parade 12 noon K—Year 2 (*date changed*)
- Friday 10 April** ♦ GOOD FRIDAY
- Tuesday 28 April** ♦ Staff Development Day (no students)
- Wednesday 29 April** ♦ Students Return Term 2
- Term 2** ♦ Canteen Open Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

BUS BEHAVIOUR

All staff are concerned about a growing number of negative reports reaching the school regarding the behaviour of Bowral Public School students. This is very disappointing and I will continue to support both the Code of Conduct (for bus travellers) and any action taken by drivers and management of Berrima Buslines. I urge families to talk to their children about appropriate bus behaviour and report, to either the staff at the school or the bus company, any incidents that not only place children in situations where they feel uncomfortable but also situations where children are bullied. The last thing I would want to happen is a bus accident where a driver has been distracted due to the non compliance of bus rules.

SPORTS WRAP

1. Stephens Park Bowral was the venue for round one of the State PSSA cricket knockout competition between Bowral and Moss Vale. After winning the toss and electing to field, the Bowral bowlers toiled with only limited success against batsmen possessing a good technique in both defence and attack. By the end of the twenty five overs, Moss Vale had accumulated 143 runs for the loss of only six wickets. The ground fielding and returns to the wicket by Bowral were impressive and wickets were shared amongst the bowlers with Will, Leanne, Lachlan, Eric, Harrison and Clayton taking a wicket each. Chasing Moss Vale's total required the home team to score at a rate of just under six runs an over. Accurate bowling by the opposition restricted the flow of runs by Bowral. Nickl, as the team's opening batsmen, lead the run chase by top scoring with 27 runs. He received good support from Charlie (15), Clayton (19) and Eric (10). Congratulations are extended to the Moss Vale team as they continue into the next round of the competition. To their credit, the Bowral players never gave up and continued to play the game in the right spirit, both with the bat and in the field. It was very pleasing to see a number of parents take time out from their daily schedule to come along and support the team. Special thanks are extended to Mr Ian Feary who capably fulfilled the important role of team scorer.

2. Last Thursday, students from Stage Two and Three visited Bradman Oval to watch the ICC womens world cup game between South Africa and New Zealand. The children enjoyed the atmosphere that has become to be a feature at the ground on days such as these. Students from across these grades took the opportunity to display their cricketing skills during the luncheon break. These games allowed the children to engage in fun activities in a supportive environment provided by the teaching staff present and personnel organised for the day. Many thanks to the families who were able to be at the ground to watch their children at this time. Our participation continues to strengthen the on going link between the school and the Museum.

3. The Wingecarribee District PSSA will conduct their annual soccer gala day on Friday 3 April 2009. Information about this activity will continue to leave the school prior to Friday 27 March 2009. Mrs Erin Griffith is Bowral Public School's convenor. Families will be required to assist as managers on the day.

4. The date of the school cross country has been brought forward one day to Tuesday 31 March 2009. Permission notes will be issued this week. These need to be completed and return to class teachers no later than Friday 27 March 2009. Children in Years Three to Six will not be required to return any money as this amount was included in the term one invoice. Families are asked to read the information carefully that has been provided on the back of the permission note as to organisation on the day. A canteen will be conducted on the day. Mr Jack Tonkin is coordinating this activity. The district carnival will be conducted at the same venue on Friday 8 May 2009.

5. Good luck to our Paul Kelly Cup team that will play their AFL games at Loseby Park this Thursday. Miss Boxshall is the teacher accompanying the players as they have the opportunity to enhance their individual skills and knowledge of the game on the day.

Mr John Morris

School Team Leader

Technology Corner

The students from Year 1 to Year 6 have been using a number of software activities from different websites. A number of parents have asked about using these at home.

To use Rainforest Maths - Type the following address www.rainforestmaths.com when the page opens the username is Rfm4390 and the password is Chair56.

To use Wacky Web Tales - Type the following address www.eduplace.com/edugames.html this site does not require a username or password.

To Use TaLe - Primary – There are a number of different ways to find the TaLe site however this is the easiest.

Type the following address www.det.nsw.edu.au in the column on the right hand side under the heading 'Related Information' there is a hyperlink called DET Staff Portal (this is also for students). When you click on this link the 'My Portal Login Page' will appear and will open. Each student has their own username and password eg. jane.citizen (for some students they will have a number after the name eg. jane.citizen4). Once the correct username and password is entered, the Kidspace – Acceptance page will open, click on the 'I agree' button. In the Google search bar type tale then click search. Google will then open with the TaLe site at the top of the listings. Click on this address, this will open the TaLe site click on 'Primary'.

The TaLe – Primary page will open, the students will know some names of activities from class lessons eg. Tower of Hanoi or Talking Cat. You can search for other activities by using the search bar eg. fish and a list of activities will appear.

Ian Penn

Computer Coordinator

RECOUNTS FROM CLASS 2/3J

On Monday 9 March 2/3J went to visit Happy Harold in the Life Education van. Our teacher's name was Rebecca Smith. Firstly we looked in Harold's Diary. We learned that you need lots of exercise a day and also that you should eat lots of vegetables a day. I loved it so much I can't wait to go back next year.

By Madeleine

On Monday 9 March 2/3J went to visit Happy Harold in the Life Education van. Our teacher's name was Rebecca Smith. First I learnt that Red Bull is bad for you. Then I learnt that it was disgusting. We looked at Harold's diary, after that we watched a DVD. It was fun!!

By Jack

On Monday 9 March 2/3J went on a very short trip to Healthy, Happy Harold. The teacher's name was Rebecca Smith. It was enchanting! I was in high spirits! We learned about what Harold did at school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We also put organs from the circulatory system on Carpet Kid's body.

By Bethany

Today 2/3J went to Happy Harold. We did lots of fun things. First up we read Harold's diary. We learned how we eat healthily. Then we watched how our bodies work. It was fun.

By Ella

On Monday the 9 March 2/3J went to visit Happy Harold in the Life Education van. Our teacher's name was Rebecca Smith.

Firstly we look in Harold's diary. We learned about good drugs and bad drugs. It was fabulous.

By Sam A

On Monday 9th March 2/3J went to visit Happy Harold in the Life Education van. Our teacher's name was Rebecca Smith. Firstly we looked in Harold's diary. We learned about what happy Harold did at school. He was good. I liked it because I was learning more about my body.

By Elizah

On Monday 2 / 3 J went to visit Happy Harold in the Life Education van. Our teacher's name was Rebecca Smith.

Firstly we looked in Harold's diary. We learned that some foods have caffeine in them.

It was very good and I learnt a lot.

By Grace

On Monday 9 March 2/3J went to visit Happy Harold in the Life Education van. Our teachers name was Rebecca Smith. Firstly we looked in Harold's diary. We learned about how to be kind to others and we watched a bullying movie. We also puts parts of the body together on Carpet Kid. I really enjoyed the show.

Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp

On Wednesday while I was at camp, our activity for the afternoon was Regatta. Regatta is a water sport made up of canoeing, kayaking, sailing, swimming, rowing, etc. My favourite part of regatta was sailing, which needs at least three or four people. The jobs are steering, pulling the safety rope, and controlling the sheets and the sail. Maddy, Eliza, Holly, Sophie, Taylah and I were all on the same boat. We were streaming down the lake and when we went to turn around to head back we just stopped, we were waiting there for some wind to push us when Mr Feeney came along and pushed the boat over and we capsized. Sailing was so fun except for the part where we had to tip the boat back over after we had capsized.

By Caroline 6B

The best thing that happened at camp was the regatta because we had sailing ships and had to use ropes to spread the sail out to get speed and had to use a rudder to steer the boat. Then we had to use the kayaks, which you have to use a two-sided paddle to get speed. You go forward by holding the paddle like a bike handlebar and doing the freestyle and to go in reverse you have to do backstroke and it looks easy but it can get really tiring. When capsized it is fun for like two seconds and if you are out in the deep you have to swim back with your paddle and kayak and when you get to shore you will need four people to lift your kayak and flip it so the water comes out.

By Christian 6B

I think the best thing about camp was abseiling with Abe and David. It was scary even thinking about it at first. When it was my turn to abseil I climbed into and was fitted with my safety harness. It was very easy to put on once you've been taught how to do it. Next I climbed up a big rock and lined up. While I was waiting, I looked down.....it was so high!! Then it was my turn to abseil down the huge rock. My legs were shaking as David, the abseiling instructor, hooked the carabina onto the rope and then I started to walk backwards down the rock. Libby, my great friend was encouraging and cheering me on. Finally, I reached the safety of solid ground. I did it, I abseiled!!

By Simone 5T



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Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp continued

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My two favourite activities at camp were the high ropes course and regatta but I am going to tell you about the regatta. On Tuesday the 10th in the afternoon, yellow group went to regatta. Regatta is sailing and kayaking. The wind was perfect for sailing and it was beautiful and warm for kayaking. I did sailing with other people Caroline, Eliza B and Natasha. We did that for about half an hour. Then Caroline and I went and got a double kayak and went kayaking for ages. After that Francys, Monique and I got on a sailing boat again. Soon other people joined us and it was too heavy so we asked if one or two people could hop off but instead everybody hopped off except Francys and I. The wind picked up and we were off. Suddenly a gust of wind hit the sail and we capsized! It was hard to get back up but it was AWESOME!

By Sophie B

Last week at camp on Tuesday Jay's group (purple group) did regatta which was sailing and canoeing. It was very fun!!! Liam, Lachlan and I got tipped and got soaked and then we got it back on the water, we got on it again and collided with another boat.

By Brodie B

Last week most of Stage Three went to camp, My favourite part of camp was when yellow group which is my group went to regatta which is a water activity with equipment such as sailboats, kayaks and more. We all went on the sailboats first and Sophie and Francys were on the boats by them self's so they asked us to come on, everybody hopped on and the boat was going no where so Sophie asked some people to hop off so all of us hopped off and Sophie and Francys were left on the boat, As a big gust of wind passed by and Sophie and Francys zoomed off up the lake and they were going so fast that they capsized it was so funny and all of us were laughing. It was a great time and I will always remember it.

By Holly 6B

The best thing that happened at camp was the ropes course. It was really fun! The ropes course was seven metres high. It had lots of different courses, even a flying fox. There were 8 different courses on it some of them are a balance beam, one rope that you had to walk across, a ladder and lots more. Finally there is the flying fox which was really fun. We had to get with a partner because it will be safer and you need to check with them when you are changing courses. My partner was Caroline. When I got to the flying fox she video taped me. It was the funniest thing ever. I would really like to do it again.

By Jess B

On Wednesday while I was at camp, my group and I, the yellow group. Went out sailing, it was so fun. While I was in the sailing boat with my friends, our boat wasn't going anywhere. I jumped out to turn the boat to the wind. Suddenly everyone jumps off, and there was only Francys and Sophie left on the boat, who were the two controllers. Unexpectedly a huge gush of wind pushed the boat, and Francys and Sophie went streaming down the lake. Wind suddenly came from the other direction and capsized them over. It was the funniest experience ever!

By Maddy 6B

Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp Night. On the last night at camp...

The best thing that happened at camp was the 'Games and Activities' night. The best part of the night was the challenges and my favourite out of the three was the challenge called sword duel. You have to link hands with your opponent with your index finger pointing out like a mini sword. Then you have to make your sword tap the opponent's leg. If you win you verse another winner, but if you lose you verse someone who lost as well. I versed my friend Sam but lost. Then after I won a round against someone who lost and won, Sam won against someone else, I versed him again and won. With the other two challenges [tootsies and rope push off] and the games they were fun also but I wanted to tell you about sword duel. It was the best night at camp that I have ever had!!!

By Lauren 6B

The best thing that happened at camp was Regatta; Regatta is a water sport that involves sailing, canoeing and kayaking. We did Regatta in Narrabeen Lake. The best thing about Regatta is that Mr Feeney would swim to our sailing boat or canoe and he would capsize us. I really liked camp because I don't think I would have the opportunity to do something like this in Bowral.

On the first night of camp we had a disco, the theme was pyjamas, Mr Morris, Mr Feeney and Mrs Griffith all wore their pyjamas. They had a kids corner of songs and then there were the old teachers songs. I think the kids liked to old songs best.

By Natasha 6B

Last week most of stage 3 went to Narrabeen Recreational Camp. One of my favourite activities was regatta, it consists of different water sports including canoeing, kayaking, swimming and sailing. We started off with sailing, there were 5-6 people in each boat. A funny moment was when the sailing boat I was in got stuck, we could not move, suddenly a gush of wind blew in the sail and we went skidding on the water. We were all screaming because it felt like the boat was about to capsize. Luckily we didn't but it sure was a thrilling ride.

By Eliza 6B

Casual Work Available 2009 - Canteen Volunteers Employment Guaranteed

Where: Bowral Public School Canteen

When: Weekly fortnightly Monthly or as often as possible

Hours: 10.30 am to 1.30 pm

Experience: Not necessary. Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.

Salary: \$5.14 (after lunch) healthy sandwich; plenty of tea or coffee and lots of all friendships.

Bonus: Your children are happy to see you in their favourite place - school. You get to spoil them by spending a little extra money (all for a good cause) and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

Applications close NEVER

Please fill in the form below and send it back to the canteen as soon as possible. Your roster will be emailed to you or sent home if you prefer. New helpers are always welcome. Please note our canteen is only open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during term 1. Thanking you in anticipation

Name _____

Name _____ Telephone _____ Mobile _____

Next child's name class ... _____

Please nominate (day which you prefer to work)

	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Once per term
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Twice per term

Can help at short notice Yes No

Email address _____ (please print clearly)

Thanks for volunteering. If you have any questions please contact Dorina on 4861 5739 or Rhonda in the canteen on 4861 1056



P&C Meeting

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, a vote was taken for the parent member of the Selection Panel who will be interviewing candidates for John Morris' replacement. Belinda Hill was successful and will provide a valuable service to us all during this process. Thanks Belinda.

School Council Vacancies

Currently there are two parent member vacancies in the School Council. If you are unaware of the purpose of the School Council, I will repeat its aims and who sits on the council from the constitution.

The paramount aim of the Council is to represent the whole school community in a contributory, advisory, creative, innovative and decision making capacity by overseeing the purpose and function of the school.

The Council shall have up to 11 members:

- i) Elected members:
 - a) Four parent members elected by parents.
 - b) Four school staff members elected from the teaching and non-teaching staff.
- ii) One Community Member as approved by the Regional Director.
- iii) One Executive Member being the school Principal.
- iv) The President of the P&C.

If you are interested in being nominated for one of these positions, please let John know. You must be a member of the P&C (you can join when you apply). Meetings are held every two months on a Monday at 5.30pm.

Canteen and Cross Country

Food and drinks will be available all day at the Cross Country to be held on Tuesday 31 March 2009. (please note the change of date) It is classified as a 'red day', so there will be more than the usual treats, but there will also be home made soup and baked goods on offer. Anyone who would like to help out on the day can contact Rhonda at the canteen, or indeed turn up and help on the day.

The canteen will continue to open for three days in Term 2. There will be new 'Meal Deals' and warm recess offerings. Hopefully the new menu will be sent out prior to the end of Term 1. There is also a need for more volunteers. If you can spare some time on our canteen days, you will be greatly appreciated!!

Diary Dates

Sunday 29 March – Working Bee – A schedule of tools needed and jobs to do will be noted in next week's Newsletter.

Friday 15 May – Fireworks Night – a committee will be formed for those interested in helping to organise the evening. P&C will meet on April 6 in the school library at 7.30pm to specifically organise the event. More information will follow.

Justine McKinlay
P&C President

CALLING FOR CRISP VOLUNTEERS!!!

What is **CRISP**?

It is our **Community Reading Intensive Support Program** which is designed to assist older children with Literacy. It has run successfully for over ten years, thanks to the generosity of our Volunteers.

At this time of year, we are inviting back our Volunteer Tutors from previous years as well as requesting support from any Parent or Community Member who is able to give an hour a week to provide some valuable one to one tutoring to students in our school.

All Tutors are given training and support and if the past is any indication, there are rewards for both students and volunteers. The program runs during Terms Two and Three and really does help our students by providing positive practice sessions for them at least three times a week with different tutors following the same program.

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the form below and I will contact you shortly. If you are aware of a Community member who would like to assist, please ask them to leave a message for me at the School Office and I will invite them to our Information Session.

Thank you for your interest,

Bev Hordern
Support Teacher



CRISP

ATTENTION : Mrs Bev HORDERN

I am interested in assisting children in this Program and I understand that I will be contacted by phone in the near future.

NAME: _____ **DAYTIME PHONE NO:** _____