



Newsletter

Wednesday 19 March 2008

Term 1 Week 8

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Earlier in the week all students and their families had the opportunity to remember the significance of Easter by attending one of two services conducted at either the Bowral Uniting Church or St. Jude's Church, both in easy walking distance from the school. This event on the Christian calendar was organised by Mr Steve Roberts and the voluntary helpers who visit the school each week for Special Religious Education. Members of each congregation were able to take an active role in the singing of songs and it was encouraging to see a number of parents and caregivers present. Both Miss Christie and I were given the responsibility of a bible reading and we were grateful for the opportunity to participate in this way. I trust all families enjoy the four day Easter break and if you are driving away from the Southern Highlands, please take special care.

On the first day of term two, Monday 28 April, the staff will be involved in a number of professional learning opportunities on the school site. The day is an opportunity for teachers to continue professional dialogue in a number of topics that are relevant to the teaching of the students in our care. Students **are not** required on this day. Children will return the following day. The same procedure will occur on Monday 21 July.

Last Monday, our twelve school leaders, accompanied by Miss Christie, attended the annual student leaders' day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. This meeting of school leaders from many parts of the state provides an opportunity for them to hear from a range of guest speakers who focus on the topic of leadership. In speaking with our children upon their return, I was pleased with their positive comments about the day and the ways in which they felt their leadership skills were enhanced. Being so close to the Sydney metropolitan area, Bowral is fortunate to be able to take advantage of opportunities like this. My thanks are extended to Miss Christie for her commitment and organisation to this personal development activity.

With the arrival of a four day break I ask all families to carry out head checks of their school children to ensure any cases of head lice are eradicated. From time to time head lice are detected in students at the school and any help that can be provided from families, in relation to this matter, would be appreciated.

Earlier in the term I sent home to all families a list of core rules that operate in all NSW government schools. I mention this as staff has noticed a drop in the standard of uniform worn by the students each day to school, particularly with reference to the school hat. Like many other schools throughout the state, our school has a sun safe policy and I would encourage all families

to ensure their child is wearing a school broad brimmed hat each day. If, on any occasion, any part of the uniform cannot be worn, please send a short note along to the class teacher.

Currently the Department of Education and Training is in the process of developing a new staffing agreement. The NSW Teachers Federation has expressed areas of concerns about the way this arrangement has been developed. As a result of this, the union has directed their members to undertake industrial action on Tuesday 8 April. This is advance notice about the proposed action on this day. As more details are known they will be passed onto families. A specific note will leave the school by Friday 4 April to inform families about supervision details for the day.

SPORTS WRAP

Due to the planned industrial action for Tuesday 8 April, it has been necessary to change the date of the school cross country to Friday 4 April. Permission notes will leave the school on Tuesday 25 March and will need to be returned by Friday 28 March (deadline date). The only students who will need to pay \$5 for the bus are the Year 2 students attending the carnival. All other students should have paid via the term 1 invoice. It is important that all blue medical forms are returned by this date. All asthmatic children will need to bring their own puffer. Any help from families as course officials would be appreciated. More information is contained in the permission note..

Last Friday two Stage Three boys, Oliver Cheatle and Henry Blumentals, attended the South Coast Region basketball trials in Wollongong. Although not gaining selection in the regional team, they enjoyed the experience at competing at an activity that brought together many talented boys from across the region. Today our girl representatives travelled to Bomaderry for their opportunity to impress regional selectors. Many thanks to Mrs Williams for her support and guidance with these two activities

Loseby Park was the venue for the Southern Highlands round of the Paul Kelly Cup. Named after a Wagga Wagga born Sydney Swans player, this primary school activity attracted teams from many schools. On this occasion Bowral fielded a squad of twenty two players. Miss Boxshall accompanied the team on the day. An update on this Australian Football League activity will be published next week.

CALENDAR

Friday 21 March	◆ Good Friday
Monday 24 March	◆ Easter Monday
Tuesday 25 March	◆ P & C Meeting 7:30pm, School Library
Thursday 3 April	◆ Gibraltar Self Help Day (Change of date)
Friday 4 April	◆ School Cross Country, Robertson (Change of date)
Thursday 10 April	◆ School Photographs
Friday 11 April	◆ Wingecarribee District PSSA Soccer Gala Day ◆ Last day of Term 1
Monday 28 April	◆ Staff Development Day - NO STUDENTS
Tuesday 29 April	◆ STUDENTS RETURN

Happy Easter

UPDATED SPORTS DATES

Friday 4 April	School Cross Country at Hampden Park, Robertson (note change of date due to proposed industrial action)
Friday 11 April	Wingecarribee District PSSA gala soccer day, Church Road, Moss Vale
Friday 11 April	Kindergarten – Year 1 Fun Run at Bradman Oval
Friday 2 May	District Cross Country at Hampden Park, Robertson
Friday 6 June	School Athletics carnival at Loseby Park (date and venue to be confirmed)
Friday 13 June	Regional Cross Country at 'Willandra', Cambewarra
Tuesday 9 September	Regional Athletics championships at AIS, Canberra



P & C MEETING

The March monthly meeting of the Bowral P & C Association is planned for next Tuesday 25 March at 7:30pm. It is hoped that the vacant executive positions can be filled to allow the P & C to operate smoothly. Again, it is to be remembered that a team approach exists with this parent organisation and the support of all families would be appreciated.

BOARD OF STUDIES BOOKLET

All Kindergarten families should receive a booklet entitled a Parents' Guide to the New South Wales Primary Syllabuses. The publication is designed to assist families to understand their child's progress through primary school. It is anticipated that the contents of the document will be useful.

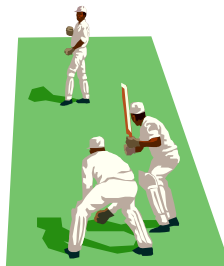
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Last week Expressions of Interest were provided to all Year Six students regarding their choice of high school for 2009. These forms need to be returned to Mrs Bell by Friday 28 March (deadline date), regardless of whether a government or private school is nominated.

John Morris
Principal

CRICKET NEWS

Last Thursday the Bowral Public School Senior Cricket team played Mittagong Public School at Welby oval. Our team Sam (captain), Tom (vice captain) Henry , Lochie , William , Luther , Oliver , Bryce , Sam , Eric , Tom , April , and reserves Nicholas , Lachlan , all played.



Mittagong won the toss, and sent us in to bat, and with that, began a record breaking batting innings for our school. Sam, (32) retired, Lochie (30) retired, Tom (33) retired, Tom (32) retired and Luther (27) were our standout batters, however, the batting contributions of all others should not be undervalued. Off 30 overs (180 deliveries) the team scored 230 runs for the loss of just 2 wickets.

Mittagong began their innings strongly, posting 16 runs before the loss of the first wicket, the first of three for Wells, who returned the exceptional figures of 3 wickets for a miserly 12 runs. From here, the opposition struggled against some excellent bowling. Sam picked up 2 wickets for 7 runs, Nicholas 1 wicket for 2 runs, Eric 1 wicket for 5 runs, Clark 1 wicket for 6 runs, Luther 1 wicket for 10 runs, and Tom 1 wicket for 23. These fabulous figures were made possible by the relentless pressure by the whole team's skilful fielding. Of particular note was the glove-work by Bolwell, who took an impressive catch down the off-side, and continually inspired the team's enthusiastic approach.

I would like to thank all the families that came to support our team and applauded all players, both Bowral and Mittagong. I also thank Mr Steve Mooney for scoring, a difficult task at any time, but one he performed with excellence.

Our next match will also be played at Welby against a team from the Illawarra. At this stage our opponent has not been confirmed, and will most likely be either Shellharbour or Albion Park. The date is yet to be set.

Mr Roger Jut
Team Coach

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINGECARRIBEE PUBLIC LIBRARY - School Holidays Program
Monday 14 April—Thursday 24 April 2008
Bookings open Tuesday 25 March
For information telephone Bowral Library 4861 1167
Moss Vale Library 4868 2479 Mittagong Library 4871 2252

BARGO PLAYGROUP FAMILY FUNDAY
Saturday 7 June 2008
Bargo's Sports Club 10am—4pm
Co-ordinator Telephone M: 0417249877 or 46843997

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BULBS FOR SPRING

Thanks to Meredith Wakeman who has taken the initiative to get the bulb fundraiser going for term 1. Order forms will be going home to parents when they arrive at school and information will be given about the final date for sending in your bulb orders. The green thumbs in our community look forward to the arrival of bulbs so take the advantage and ask relatives and neighbours for their requirements as well. Information to go home soon, closing date will be end of term.

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2008

This will be a topic for discussion at the P&C meeting to be held next Tuesday 25 March at 7.30pm in the school library. Please bring your ideas to contribute to the discussion. There has been a noticeable drop in energy and commitment to fundraising in the past couple of years. If the volunteers are not available then the big fundraisers such as fireworks, fetes and billy cart derby's are not viable due to lack of helpers.

MARCH P&C MEETING

Our second general meeting of the year will be held next Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the library. This will be the first opportunity for the new executive to operate. The presence of current and new members will be reassuring for the new executive. New members are always welcome.

AGENDA

1. Attendance
2. Apologies
3. Welcome
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held 19 February 2008
5. Business arising from the minutes
6. Correspondence Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Principal's Report
9. Other Reports- JIG (Easter parade), Canteen, Clothing Pool
10. General Business:
 - ♦ Filling executive and committee positions
 - ♦ P&C Representative positions at AGM - Annual School Report and Future School Committee
 - ♦ Expenditure of existing funds
 - ♦ Change of meeting time and day
11. Date of next meeting: to be decided
12. Close of meeting

Regards Benita Richards P&C secretary 4862 5828 Richards.Benita@BCG.com

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CLOTHING POOL ORDER – winter jacket and sleeveless vest
 please complete if you would like to order the following winter stock to ensure availability

Size	6	8	10	12	14	16
Winter jacket \$26						
Sleeveless vest \$17						

Name..... phone.....Child and class.....

Amount Enclosed \$.....chq/cash Amount to pay \$.....