



# BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Striving, Thinking, Learning*



## Newsletter

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### P & C MATTERS

Many thanks to the families who have taken on a co-ordinating role in planning next Sunday's working bee. The benefit of this will be seen between 2.00pm and 5.00pm and Justine has provided more details in her P & C column. I am thrilled that an area of the school grounds, neglected over the years, will not only become a showpiece viewed by all pedestrians but will be turned into a passive recreational area for our children. Don't forget to sign on as you arrive.

### COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

The school committee of Mrs Duryea, Mrs Lyttle, Mrs McKinlay and myself attended the second workshop in relation to this course earlier in the week at Goulburn. The sessions provided great advice that we will be able to implement in our school over the next twelve months. The material presented was informative and provided guidelines for future direction. The newsletter surveys have been collated and whilst the total number returned was just under 10% of families, it allowed parents and caregivers to highlight their opinions about many areas of the layout and content of the weekly newsletter that hopefully would be reflected by the majority of families. The results are now being 'transferred' to graph form for easier reading and will be shared next week.

### VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE SUPPORT

Earlier in the week, a reporter from the Southern Highlands News visited our school to talk to students and take some photographs of the books and pencil cases that have been donated by Bowral families to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. This section of the school library truly reflects the commitment and empathy displayed by so many people in supporting the children so badly affected by the fires. Your generosity and care is appreciated and donations can be left right up until the last day of March. Students will soon have an opportunity to complete a bookmark and have their name attached to the cover page of donated books. The variety of books, to suit all ages and reading interests, is expansive.

The long awaited cricket match between the school cricket team and the staff will take place at Bradman Oval between 4.00pm and 7.00pm on Friday 27 March 2009. Everyone is invited to attend to cheer the players on. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic tea. A sausage sizzle, soft drinks and coffee will also be available to spectators. Why not finish the week 'at the cricket' and join in the fun? All money raised will be added to the Bowral Public School Community's donation to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the school council requires two parents to serve for a period of two years. Nomination forms are available from me for interested families.

### YEAR 6 / YEAR 7 TRANSITION FOR 2010

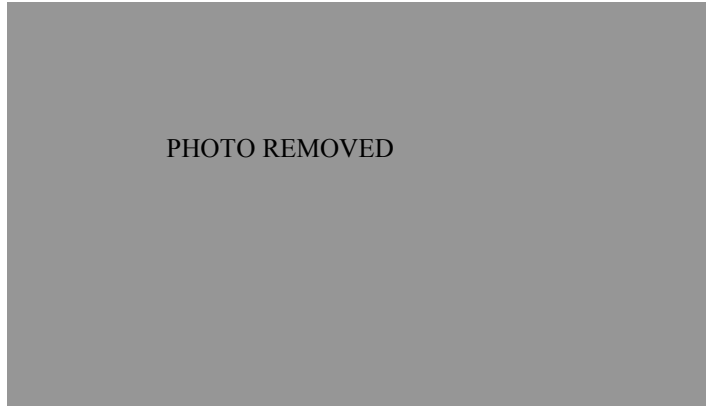
It would be appreciated if all Expression of Interest enrolment forms completed by current Year 6 families be returned to your child's teacher by this Friday 27 March 2009 (deadline date). Once all forms are returned, information can be collated and forwarded as part of the next step in this transition process.

**John Morris**  
**School Team Leader**

### KINDERGARTENS TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Last Thursday Early Stage One enjoyed a beautiful picnic with their Teddy Bears. We were learning about the letter "t" for the week. All the children brought to school their favourite teddy and goodies for their picnic. Mr Lowe spread out our school tarpaulin under the trees in the bottom grass area. We sang songs, played games and enjoyed the company of friends from each Kindergarten class and their special soft toys. We were so lucky to have a beautiful Autumn day.

**Julie Flemming**  
**Early Stage One Leader**



Class KF

### REMINDER DIARY DATES

- **Sunday 29 March** ♦ P&C Working Bee 2pm—5pm
- **Tuesday 31 March** ♦ School Cross Country (Robertson) **DATE CHANGED**  
♦ **CANTEEN CLOSED AT SCHOOL**
- **Friday 3 April** ♦ PSSA Soccer Gala Day
- **Monday 6 April** ♦ P&C Meeting 7:30pm in the school library
- **Wednesday 8 April** ♦ ANZAC Service (details to follow)
- **Thursday 9 April** ♦ Easter Hat Parade 12 noon K—Year 2 (*date changed*)  
♦ Farewell Picnic—Mr Morris
- **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

### **STAGE THREE SCHOOL CAMP**

I took the opportunity to put aside some time over the weekend to reread the stories from our campers that appeared in last week's newsletter. It is obvious that the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have demonstrated their joy and enthusiasm via words and pictures. The camping opportunity assisted in children 'bonding' closer together in the supportive environment of friends and teachers as well as finding out a little more about their feelings, determination and enjoyment gained from recreational activities. Much of the 'pre camp' work was undertaken by Mrs Bell and her contribution is acknowledged.

### **NAPLAN 2009**

Information about this school activity left the school earlier in the month. It provided details about the testing timetable and arrangements for this year's activities to be conducted in mid May. It is important that any family who does not wish their child to participate in this activity make an appointment to see me prior to the end of term one.

### **UPDATE REGARDING SCOTT CAYZER**

I took the opportunity last Friday to catch up with Scott and the progress he is making is very encouraging. He continues to attend his rehabilitation sessions on a regular basis and finds that he is able to 'push his body' a little further each time. Being able to drive again has provided him with greater independence and he is now able to plan his day with greater confidence. Maintain this progress Scott and a principal's award is just around the corner!

### **BULLYING AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Over the last two weeks, instructors from Interrelate have visited our school to run their effective bullying awareness program in all Stage Two and Three classrooms. I have had the opportunity to 'sit in' on 5/6E's lesson and I was impressed by the contribution all students made during this ninety minute lesson. Not only do the children clearly understand the various types of bullying but, more importantly, strategies that can be used in dealing with bullying situations. The final lesson on Friday was attended by Robyn Parker, the chair of the NSW Upper House parliamentary committee that is conducting an enquiry into bullying. I had the opportunity to talk to Robyn both before and after the lesson conducted in 4D. She was impressed with the lesson material, the responses of the children, the resources available and being used by teaching staff and the school's attitude towards this topic. The memories of her visit were supplemented by samples of the school's 'Traffic Light' system along with a variety of specific resource material in building resilience.

### **EARTH HOUR**

I'm confident that families in the Bowral Public School community will support this activity on Saturday night. This time continues to promote the message that all of us need to be aware of the changes that are occurring on our planet and reflect on the contribution each and every one of us can make in preserving the natural beauty of our Earth.

### **SPORTS WRAP**

The Wingecarribee District PSSA will conduct their annual soccer gala day on Friday 3 April 2009. Permission notes and money need to be returned to your child's teacher by Friday 27 March 2009. Mrs Erin Griffith is Bowral Public School's convenor. Families will be required to assist as managers on the day.

**John Morris**

**School Team Leader**

### **AFL PAUL KELLY CUP**

On Thursday 19 March 2009, Bowral Public School participated in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup at Loseby Park. Our team performed skillfully in their three games, winning two and losing by a narrow margin in the third.

Nicholas 6Z and Brodie 6B blitzed each game earning them a place in the PSSA District AFL Team playing in Nowra this week. Eric 6Z was instrumental in our teams' success, kicking three crucial goals and many assists in on our victories over Tudor House School and Colo Vale Public School. All players represented our school with pride on a highly successful day.

**Miss Boxshall**

**AFL Coordinator**

### **ANNUAL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

All is in readiness for the annual school cross country that will be conducted on Tuesday, 31 March at Hampden Park, Robertson. Year 5 and Year 6, as well as any Year 4 student who turns eleven at any time this year, will leave the school at 9.30 am and after walking the Course upon arrival, will run the 3 km distance starting at 10.30 am. Years 4, 3 and 2 will depart from the school at 10.30 am and travel to the venue. Seven year old Year 2 students will run a modified course, while the 8-9 years age race, and the 10 years age race will be over a distance of 2 km.

A school canteen will operate on the day and no lunch orders will be taken. Direct sales over the counter will include pies, sausage rolls and other items normally reserved for red days. Students will be supervised by the teaching staff and must remain in the designated areas. Families are welcome to drive to the course and support their children. The buses will leave Robertson to ensure athletes return to school in time to be dismissed at 3.10 pm. Any adults who wish to take their children after the races MUST see their child's teacher to have their name marked off so that the school's Duty of Care can be transferred to the families. Many thanks to the adults who volunteered to assist as course officials. They should meet Mr Morris at the course by 9.30 am.

It would be appreciated if the children could view Tuesday's weather forecast the night before to gauge the weather on the day. Students who qualifying to represent Bowral at the Wingecarribee District Cross Country Carnival will receive a permission note prior to the end of term. Travel to this carnival, which happens to be at the same venue as our school Carnival, will be by private transport.

**Mr J Tonkin**

**(on behalf of the Cross Country organising committee)**



Our Working Bee will be held this Sunday 29 March from **2pm until 5pm**. As previously mentioned the focus will be on the corner of Bendooley and Boolwey Streets, and depending on how many helping hands we have we can extend to other areas. Plants and mulch have been ordered, all we need are as many people as possible with gloves, spades, garden forks, rakes, mattocks, wheel barrows etc. Wonderful weather would also help!

Refreshments for all will be provided, so bring along the kids and wear your old clothes. These days are great fun and provide a forum to meet people you would never normally cross paths with.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Meredith Wakeman who managed the bulb fundraiser for another year. Due to her efforts and those buying bulbs we have \$1,100 with which to pay for benches in the garden we are working in on Sunday.

Our next P&C meeting will be prior to the Easter break on 6 April at 7.30pm in the school library. The main focus of this meeting will be the Fireworks Night, so if you would like to help or have some ideas we can use, please come along.

*Justine McKinlay*  
P&C President

## Bowral Public School Canteen: Cross Country Menu

Hot Food		Sandwiches and Snacks	
Pie*	\$3.00	Ham/Cheese & Salad sandwich on wholemeal	\$3.50
Sausage Roll (small)*	\$2.00	Jumpys (various flavours)	\$0.70
Sausage Roll (large)*	\$2.50	Red Rock Deli & Smiths Chips (various flavours)	\$1.00
* Low fat		Watermelon Slices	\$0.50
Hot Dogs	\$2.50	Fresh Fruit Kebabs	\$0.80
Home made Chicken Noodle Soup <sup>NB</sup>	\$1.50	Home Made Mini Muffins <sup>NB</sup>	\$0.30 – \$0.50
Tomato Sauce	\$0.20		
Frozen Treats		Cold Drinks	
Sunny Boys (Orange, Cola, Raspberry)	\$1.00	Fruit Juice Poppers	\$1.20
Quelch Frozen Fruit Strips	\$0.50	Water 375ml	\$1.10
		Water 600ml	\$1.60
Confectionary		Hot Drinks	
Jelly Snakes	\$0.20	Milo	\$1.00
Frogs	\$0.10	Tea	\$2.00
Ovalteenies	\$0.80	Coffee	\$2.00
Killer Pythons	\$1.00	Nescafe Cappucino / Mocca Sachets	\$2.00

**NB:** Home made soup and Mini Muffins are being made by members of the Canteen Committee. Accordingly, they have NOT been prepared in a nut free/gluten free environment. Ingredients may include dairy and gluten products.

Hot Cross Buns and Slices will also be provided by members of the Canteen Committee for parent and carers that are attending the event!



### Stewart House 2009 Donation Drive

Envelopes accompany this week's newsletter that offer families the opportunity to win a \$4000 family holiday to a destination of choice. All you have to do to be eligible for this draw is place a gold coin donation in the envelope provided and return it to school by Friday 8 May 2009. Extra envelopes are available from Mrs Pridham.

# Farewell Picnic for Mr Morris



So that our students and their families can say farewell and extend their best wishes to Mr Morris on his retirement, we would like to invite you to the picnic lunch that traditionally follows our Easter Hat Parade. This is on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 9 April. The Hat Parade is always well attended and the picnic is a wonderful way of celebrating Mr Morris' time here at Bowral Public School with our families. All are welcome to bring a chair or rug, something to eat and drink, celebrate the end of term and of course, say 'Farewell and Best Wishes in your Retirement'. Our picnic should commence at 1.00pm.

*Jan Christie  
On behalf of all at  
Bowral Public School*

## 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*

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### 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:** \_\_\_\_\_