



# BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Striving, Thinking, Learning*



## Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 11

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### **Naidoc Week**

NAIDOC Week 2009 is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Aboriginal Australians in various fields. NAIDOC stands for the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee. All classes will observe NAIDOC Week in their classrooms this week and our special NAIDOC week activity will be held on 27 August 2009.

### **P&C Contributions**

Bowral Public School is very lucky to have such an active P&C who work together for the best interests of all the children at school. I would like to thank the P&C for their hard work at the school Athletics Carnival, providing lunch for students on a cold and windy day. Thank you too, to the parents who gave up their time to attend the athletics carnival and volunteered to help out on the day as a marshal or in another capacity.

I also need to thank Mrs Bev Hordern for her wonderful organisation of the carnival.

The Voluntary Contribution this year is going toward the Building Fund. It is hoped to use these funds as soon as possible to purchase Air Conditioning for the school library. Parents, thank you for paying your contribution. It is your child who will benefit from this additional source of funds to improve the learning conditions at our school. We look forward to as many parents as possible paying the contributions to further support our wonderful school.

### **Evacuation Drill**

Last week the school conducted an evacuation drill. It is an OH&S requirement that such a drill be conducted every semester. We were lucky to have the NSW Fire Brigade act as observers and we are currently evaluating our performance and practices. I must say that the boys and girls reacted calmly and sensibly and the officers from the Fire Brigade commented on the excellent timing of the drill.

### **Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs)**

I am pleased to announce that the school is in the process of purchasing 5 Interactive Whiteboards. This will make a total of 6 that we should have by the end of the year. Decisions are currently being made as to which classrooms the boards will be located in. Staff will begin training and development in preparation for the IWBs. Dr Cotter will be attending the Connected Classroom Conference in Sydney during the school vacation and I'm sure he will come back to school armed with up-to-the-minute information and an increased knowledge of this exciting new technology to share with us all. Thank you Dr Cotter for giving up your school vacation time to benefit students and staff at Bowral Public School.

### **School Vacation**

This week sees the end of a long (11 week) school term. There is a lot of illness around (amongst staff and students) and I'm sure the 2 week vacation will allow everyone the chance to catch up on some rest and recreation. My first 7 weeks as principal of Bowral PS have flown by and I would like to thank all of the parents and community members who have made me feel so welcome in a relatively short time. Enjoy your break everyone and I look forward to seeing you back at Bowral Public School in Term 3.

**Wendy Buckley**  
**Principal**

### **Athletics Carnival Report**

Finally the weather was good to us and the Carnival went ahead last Wednesday. The wind was a great distraction and not surprisingly our competitors, officials, canteen workers and supporters excelled themselves despite the conditions which were at times quite chilly and unpleasant. There were many close races which created excitement on the sidelines and the students are to be commended on their efforts, good sportsmanship and team spirit.

Ribbons were awarded to placegetters in the track events at Monday's assembly with field ribbons and overall trophies to be presented this Thursday. Please look out for a full list of placegetters in the first newsletter next term. Those competitors who were placed first and second in events [with a few exceptions] will make up our team for the District Carnival which is to be held in Week 5 Term 3. Letters will go out to these students early next term.

Thank you to all parent helpers who assisted with timekeeping and judging, and to the canteen volunteers. Events such as this carnival would be impossible to run without such valuable support.

**Bev Hordern**  
**Carnival Coordinator**

### **REMINDER DIARY DATES**

- **Friday 10 July** ♦ Last Day of Term 2
- **Sunday 12 July** ♦ P&C Working Bee - 12 midday
- **Tuesday 28 July** ♦ Term 3 Students return
- **Friday 31 July** ♦ Invoice payment due date
- **Thursday 30 July** ♦ Year 6 Moving into the Teen Years program
- **6 & 13 August**
- **Monday 3 August** ♦ Proms rehearsals at Goulburn West - Stage 2
- **3 & 10 August** ♦ Minding Me Program Year 5
- **Tuesday 4 August** ♦ UNSW English Competition
- **Thursday 6 August** ♦ Return of the Bully Program K-6
- **Term 3** ♦ Canteen Open Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays



A big thankyou to those families who have contributed to the Building Fund. You are helping us get closer to our goal of providing air-conditioning in the library. If you have not sent in your contribution, but would like to, there is still time. Forms are available from the office. The amounts suggested are \$50 for one child and \$85 per family.

At Monday night's P&C meeting, dates were confirmed for the Trivia Night and The Hoe Down. Both events promise to be really good fun, and a chance for school families to meet.

**Trivia Night – Saturday, 15 August. The theme this year is the letter 'P'.**

The evening will be held much along the lines of last year, with BYO picnic, and (hopefully) loads of raffle prizes and silent auctions. The ticket price will remain the same at \$10 per head. As BYO alcohol will be allowed, the evening is an adults only one. We were very fortunate last year to be generously supported by local businesses and had literally dozens of raffle prizes. If your business is able to offer either a raffle prize or silent auction, please let me know ([falshaw@internode.on.net](mailto:falshaw@internode.on.net)). We will be very grateful! More details along with ticket sales will follow next term.

**Hoe Down – Friday, 25 September. The theme will be Country & Western.**

We were lucky enough to have a parent at our meeting who is also an ex-student. Her very fond memories of this family evening that was a BPS tradition, made the rest of us novices quite excited about the prospect of donning our flannos and doing a bit of 'heel and toe'. If you have some dance calling experience or are in a bush band, don't be shy, we need you! More details will follow early next term.

Don't forget the Working Bee Sunday 12 July - 12 midday (entry via Banyette Street gates).  
Have a wonderful relaxing and safe holiday break.

**Justine McKinlay**

### THE CHILDREN'S ART ROOM

Starting up in Term 3 at Bowral Public School

The aim of The Children's Art Room is to provide an opportunity for children aged 5 to 12 years to engage in and experience the process of creating art. The Children's Art Room will provide a friendly environment where children are supported in their originality, self expression and imagination. Children will experiment with a wide range of art materials and art processes, develop skills in drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking and most importantly, have fun.

**Mondays:** 3:15pm to 4:30pm 5 to 8 year olds      **Tuesdays:** 3:15pm to 4:30pm 9 to 12 year olds  
\$15.00 per class (this includes materials) Starting second week of Term 3 running for 9 weeks in the Old Woodwork Room.

For more information or to enrol your child please contact Penny McManus (qualified primary school teacher and local artist) Phone 4861 7869 M: 0422 880 707 Email [lope1@west.net.au](mailto:lope1@west.net.au)

### LOST PROPERTY

We have received an assortment of pencil cases, recorders and clothing from Berrima Coaches. All named goods have been distributed to students and the remainder is in the Lost Property box near the office.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Mittagong RSL Club - Saturday 25 July  
Juniors 4pm to 6pm Seniors 7:30pm—10:30pm

**The Salvation Army** in Bowral for preschool and school aged children. Activities: Kids Club & Mini Muzos

For more information contact Captain Patricia Day on 4861 3912 or  
Amanda Holley on 0403 090 386

**FOOTBALL NSW** in conjunction with the Highlands Association would like to invite you to attend our new TSP School Holiday Program (5-12 years boys and girls)

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