



Newsletter

Wednesday 30 April 2008

Term 2 Week 1

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I take this opportunity to welcome all families back to the school term of the 2008 school year. Whilst the sun was absent from the Bowral sky during the two week break, I trust all students were able to spend some quality time with their family, extended family or friends. This term will again be a busy one with both academic and sporting challenges provided for all students. In both a supportive home and school environment, children will be able to achieve to the best of their ability and growth and development will be seen. All teachers continue to appreciate the support of families in all aspects of each child's education. Finally, I would like to remind families that your child's teacher is available to speak to you about concerns that arise from time to time. By contacting the school and making an appointment, issues can be discussed and solutions negotiated as quickly as possible.

Opportunity classes are located in a number of government public schools throughout the state. The closest class to Bowral is located at Tahmoor Public School. These classes cater for the needs of Year 5 and Year 6 students by providing a range of extension experiences across the six Key Learning Areas. To gain access to these classes, students are required to sit for an Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 30 July 2008. Families of Year 4 2008 students who wish their child to sit the test will need to complete an application form and return it to me by Friday 23 May 2008 (Deadline Date). All Year 4 families will shortly receive a letter that provides some further background information about this process. At the bottom of the letter will be a tear off section that needs to be returned to the school seeking an application package. If families require further information I would invite them to make an appointment with me as soon as possible. Currently, Bowral has a small group of students attending the OC class at Tahmoor where they are undertaking Stage Three of their primary education.

During the autumn break, a number of the trees and shrubs overhanging buildings and gutters were trimmed as part of regular maintenance at the school. The company engaged to undertake this task was able to mulch the branches, twigs and leaves and they are now located in two piles – one outside 6B room and the other in front of the school museum. These piles will be used to provide much needed ground cover for the school's gardens. Until the opportunity presents itself for the calling of a working bee, it would be appreciated if all children – both pre-school and currently enrolled students at the school, stay away from the mounds. Support from families on a daily basis would be appreciated.



As part of the trimming process, the shrubs adjacent to the

fixed equipment have also been cut back. This will allow the border around the area to be raised and the sofffall to be added. It is anticipated that this will be undertaken over the next two weeks. I would appreciate the advice from any suitably qualified school or community members who could provide some guidance as to the most appropriate method of extending the borders which need to be built from a sturdy and strong material that will last for a number of years. Please don't hesitate to call in to the school or give me a ring.



Thank you to all families who dressed their children in appropriate school uniform for the photographs that were taken on the second last day of the term. The children looked extremely smart as they prepared for the various photographs. My thanks to Mrs. Rice and her valued assistants that ensured the day ran smoothly. As soon as the photographs arrive, they will be distributed with that week's newsletter.

During the last newsletter for the term, I mentioned the impending visit of Associate Professor Diana Whitton on Monday 19 May 2008. Unfortunately, due to a change in her teaching timetable, Diana will not be able to meet this previously advertised commitment. Mr Penn is in the process of negotiating a new time with Diana.

It was unfortunate that I was unavailable to assist in the ANZAC March this year. It is a time that I treasure and value and it was wonderful that over fifty of our students were able to attend the march accompanied by Miss Christie and Mr Penn. Through our children, the ANZAC spirit will live on in a variety of different ways as they enjoy the fruits of living in Australia. I also extend my thanks to families who support the school at this time.



With the cooler weather now with us, it is important that all children arrive at school appropriately dressed to combat the cold. All items of clothing must contain the name of the current owner to ensure the school's lost property box remains empty. I seek the support of families in this regard as whilst cars, buses and classrooms are warm, the weather in the playground can become quite cold but dressed appropriately; children can enjoy their recess and lunchtime play.

FAMILY SURVEYS

During the school holidays, these surveys were collated to assist in the preparation of the Annual School Report. Many thanks to the nominated families who took the time to complete the surveys. Your contribution at this time is very much appreciated.



CALENDAR

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| Friday 2 May | ◆ District Cross Country, Robertson |
| | ◆ Jump Rope for Heart Demonstration |
| Wednesday 7 May | ◆ AFL Paul Kelly Cup, Figtree Oval |
| Wednesday 14 May | ◆ Invoice Payments due |
| 13 May—16 May | ◆ Year 3 & Year 5 National Testing |
| 19 May—23 May | ◆ Stage 3 Camp Broken Bay |
| Monday 19 May | ◆ P&C Meeting 7:30pm in the school library |
| Thursday 29 May | ◆ ICAS—Science Competition |
| School Holidays | ◆ Monday 7 July—Monday 21 July |

SPORTS WRAP

CROSS COUNTRY

The school's cross country team will travel to Hampden Park, Robertson, this Friday 2 May to compete in the Wingecarribee District PSSA cross country carnival. Mr Tonkin and Miss Boxshall will supervise the team. The school acknowledges the contribution made by families on this day. A reminder to drivers that they are required to sign in and out at the school office on the day of this event. School personnel are required to sight each driver's current car registration and licence if these are not on record. Athletes who finish in the first five (5) placings in their age divisions (8/9 combined, 10, 11, 12 and 13) will be eligible to represent the district at the South Coast Regional carnival at "Willandra", Cambewarra on Friday 13 June.



AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AFL)



The team to represent the school in the Paul Kelly Cup will travel to Figtree next week, under the supervision of Miss Boxshall, to play against teams from the Wollongong area. Permission notes must be returned to Miss Boxshall by Friday 2 May. Many thanks to those families who will be assisting with private transport on the day. Current driver's licence and car registration papers need to be sighted by school personnel if these are not on record. Drivers must sign in and out of the school office on the day of this activity.

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR ONE FUN RUN

This event, conducted at Bradman Oval on the last day of the term, provided the school's five, six and seven year old children with the opportunity to test their endurance skills by completing either one or two laps of a surface that would rival the Sydney Cricket Ground. With a focus on fun and participating, the students gave of their best, cheered on by many families and friends who made this activity a priority in their busy day. The smiles on the faces of these budding champions said it all as they crossed the finishing line and received their ribbon that will serve as a lasting memory of their achievement on this day. The coordination by Mrs Willcocks, backed up by her fellow teachers, ensured the day would be a wonderful success.



John Morris
Principal

SOCCER



On the last day of term, 11 April 2008, sixty (60) students were selected to represent Bowral Public School in the PSSA Soccer Gala Day at Church Rd Playing Fields in Moss Vale. The PSSA Soccer Gala Day focuses on participation and good sportsmanship, both of which were evident in every student that attended the day from Bowral Public School.

We were blessed with beautiful weather as the students enjoyed on average six games of soccer and the opportunity to learn or further develop their soccer skills.

A special thank you to all the parents that attended the day to support the students. We could not have had such an enjoyable day without your support and encouragement.

Erin Griffith & Natalie Boxshall

ANZAC TOWN MARCH

Thank you to all those who represented Bowral Public School at the Town March on Friday 25 April. Over fifty (50) students, parents, grandparents and friends braved the wet and cold to participate in the town ANZAC Ceremony. We were extremely pleased with not only the number of children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who made the effort to attend, but also the respect each child showed to the speakers and the pride so many have in their family. Many children wore the medals of grandparents, uncles and aunts who served in the armed forces. Well done to our student leaders who carried the banner and placed the wreath, our school donation, on the memorial with dignity and care. Fantastic effort Bowral Public School students for your efforts and a special thanks to all the families who had coats and umbrellas for the children in such cold weather. We appreciated your help and thoughtfulness.



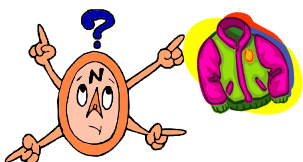
Jan Christie Deputy Principal

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL

Stewart House, the charity sponsored by the Department of Education and Training, regularly conducts a clothing appeal. Going home today with the newsletter please find a bag that can be filled with unwanted clothing such as things that no longer fit. Bags and their contents can be returned to school no later than 14 May when they will be collected by Stewart House. Could I ask that all bags be returned to your child's class to enable me to organise them to be stored until pick up day. Many thanks for your kind and generous support.



Jan Christie Deputy Principal



LOST PROPERTY to be cleared Friday 9 May. This bin is overflowing and has become a mammoth task for parents to find a child's item of lost clothing. It is an even bigger task for our students to search for an item themselves. If your family are missing uniform items, please check the bin before Friday 9 May. After this date all unnamed items will be washed and resold through our Uniform Shop.

P & C NEWS

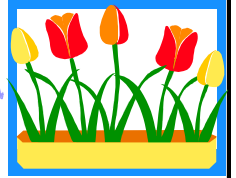
Bulbs Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who purchased bulbs from our fundraising catalogue. This venture raised \$846 for our P & C. All orders have been distributed this week.

We would also like to thank the following families who donated bulbs for planting at our school:- Heath family, Bourrigaud family, Smith family, Staats family, Kiddall family, Mr & Mrs J Persse and Mr & Mrs M Walker.

We will be planting these bulbs in the grounds at 2pm this Saturday 3 May. Any helpers are welcome.

THANK YOU



School Uniforms

Don't miss the **GIANT** Uniform Shop Sale!

- ◆ All brand new, discontinued uniform pieces \$10.00
- ◆ All second hand items \$1.00
- ◆ Check out the great winter hats; terry-towelling outside and polar-fleece inside, to keep you sun-safe AND snug! \$5.00

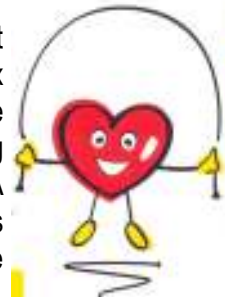
Sale begins Week 2
Wednesday 7 May and Friday 9 May
9:00am—10:00am in the clothing pool

HEART FOUNDATION JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2008



Dear Parents,

The staff have decided to participate in The Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart Program as one of our designated charities for 2008. It will run for the next six weeks and conclude with a Jump Off Day. It will endeavour to raise funds but the greatest benefit from our participation will be that of improved fitness and well-being of the students. There are lots of related activities that fit well into existing KLA areas and PDHPE in particular. It is a fun and challenging program that will give the children new skills and a positive approach towards exercise and fitness. The program was first introduced in 1983 by the Heart Foundation out of concern for obesity and poor fitness in children.



We will launch the program this Friday afternoon with a demonstration from a visiting team of talented skippers. There will be more information coming next week. Jump Rope provides a unique opportunity to engage children in physical activity in a non-competitive way and encourage them to develop lifelong healthy heart habits.

Bev Hordern and Karen Baguley
Co-ordinators

COMMUNITY NEWS

Southern Highlands & Wollondilly Anaphylaxis Support Group
Annual Picnic on Sunday 18 May 2008 at Lake Alexandra Reserve, Mittagong

- ◆ Information Karen Aiken Ph: 48713210 email malagc@bigpond.com
- ◆ Information regarding anaphylaxis ph Leanne 48712425

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