



Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 2

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Wednesday the Bowral Public School Community met to acknowledge ANZAC Day. This is a time when people of Australia stop and reflect on the tragedy of war. Of major significance at this school service was the participation of students at our school. The twelve (12) school leaders all had a role to play during the service and they completed their assigned tasks with confidence and respect. Likewise the four (4) students from various classes who shared with the captive audience their thoughts about what ANZAC Day meant to them are to be congratulated not only on the research that they had undertaken but also the sincerity they displayed in giving their talks. Bowral Public School ex student Elliott added a touch of realism during the ceremony with his bugle playing. It was also a pleasure to welcome Mrs Barbara Grey, an ex-teacher of the school, as a representative of the local RSL sub branch. I extend my thanks to students, teachers and families in not only supporting this annual event but also the way in which they demonstrated their commitment to this long standing Australian tradition. The contribution made by a number of teachers, co-ordinated by Miss Christie, is appreciated. Lest We Forget.

It was with a great deal of pride that I accepted the trophy won by our school at the recently conducted Wingecarribee District PSSA cross country carnival at Robertson. On this occasion our team did particularly well in being recognised as the champion primary school in 2008. The contribution made by each and every athlete is acknowledged as it was only through their combined effort that this trophy returned to Bowral Public School. I was fortunate enough to be able to visit the venue and see the running of the first three races. Even at this stage Bowral was demonstrating their dominance in collecting valuable placings. Acting as team managers, I extend my thanks to Miss Boxshall and Mr. Tonkin for the time and effort they put in by encouraging the team. As always, I appreciated the support of families in not only transporting students but also for staying and cheering our team during each race. Congratulations to all our participants and for those who will now move onto the next level of competition, keep the training going.

Last week all Year 4 families should have received a letter that provided information about the selection test in relation to OC placement for 2009 at Tahmoor Public School. To date, I have received five (5) replies from families who wish to complete an application package and these packages were given to their children this week. If there are any other families seeking an application package could you please complete the tear off section of the letter and return it to me by this Friday 9 May 2008. If any family, who have requested an application package, hasn't received it by Thursday 15 May, please let me know as a matter of urgency. All completed applications must be returned by Friday 23 May 2008. (deadline date)

For some time now, the school has implemented the Department of Education and Training's procedures regarding the use of private cars to transport students for both educational and sporting excursions. The school appreciates this support from families as it is vital to ensure our children are provided with these opportunities. Can I just remind families about two important aspects of these procedures

Firstly, the driver of the vehicle must show their current driver's licence and car registration to office personnel. This only needs to be undertaken once a year as details are kept on record. Secondly, on the day of the event, drivers must come to the school office to sign a book that acknowledges that you are driving on that day. In the event of any claim against the Department, proof will be required that, in fact, the driver and the car was used on this day. I thank you for your continued support in this matter. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Currently all teaching staff are undertaking final assessment tasks with their classes in preparation for the writing of student reports that will be distributed in the last two weeks of term two. As I have mentioned on a number of occasions previously, the teaching staff spend a number of hours each week away from the school site preparing, marking and analysing assessment results. Once teachers have written each report, it will be forwarded to the stage leader and eventually to me for comment. All reports will be sent home in a plain, sealed envelope. More advice will be shared with families closer to the day the reports are distributed.

Many thanks are extended to Ms Meredith Wakeman who not only co-ordinated the purchase of bulbs for the P & C as a fundraiser but also spend time last Saturday planting an array of these plants around the school. The task was completed today when children from three (3) classes, 6B, 6Z and 5J, supported by families, assisted in the spreading of mulch onto the gardens. My thanks to everyone who played a role in this activity and it will ensure our garden beds are a feature when the bulbs flower.

The next P & C meeting will be conducted in the school library on Monday 19 May 2008. The meeting, to which all families are invited, will be of a ninety minute duration.

A reminder that all Year Three and Year Five students will participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. It is important these students have a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast on each of these days.

I will be at Batemans Bay on Thursday and Friday of this week attending the annual principals' conference. I find these professional development activities both informative and stimulating and provide great assistance to principals in today's schools.

Happy Mother's Day

To all the mothers in the Bowral Public School Community, I trust that you have an enjoyable Mothers Day on Sunday.

CALENDAR

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| Tuesday 13 May | ♦ Stewart House Appeal |
| 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 |
| Friday 13 June | ♦ Fireworks
♦ Regional Cross Country, Cambewarra
♦ Jump Rope for Heart—Jump Off |
| Friday 20 June | ♦ Self Help Joadja |

SPORTS WRAP



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On a bright, somewhat breezy day, forty eight children from Bowral Public School took part in the 2008 Wingecarribee District PSSA Cross Country Carnival. The course, that is situated at Hampden Park, Robertson, was two kilometres in length for the 8/9/10 years runners and an additional kilometre for the 11/12/13 years athletics.

Overall school results for the day:

3rd Place	Moss Vale Public School
2nd Place	Bong Bong Small School Association
1st Place	BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL



The behaviour and effort of all our children was excellent, bringing great credit to themselves, their families and their school. All of the children tried their best and they all had a part in winning the Best Performing School at the carnival—every child who huffed and puffed around the course gained valuable points for their school and all runners played a determining part in securing the trophy for Bowral Public School.

Some children placed well enough to progress to the Regional Level Cross Country to be held at Cambewarra on Friday 13 June. These children are:

Ella	3rd place	8/9 years girls
Nicholas	1st place	8/9 years boys
Lewis	2nd place	8/9 years boys
Lily	2nd place	10 years girls
Andrew	2nd place	10 years boys
Clayton	6th place	10 years boys (District reserve)
Eliza	3rd place	11 years girls
Jessica	4th place	11 years girls
Caleb	4th place	11 years boys
Dayna	6th place	12 years girls (District reserve)
Tom	4th place	12 years boys

Many thanks to all of the families who attended, both in regards to your support and assistance with transport.

Natalie Boxshall and Jack Tonkin

Team Managers



AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AFL)

Today Miss Boxshall accompanied the school AFL team to play in the regional championships of the Paul Kelly Cup. The school awaits news about the day's activity and this report will be shared with the Bowral Public School Community next week.

SOCCER

Last Thursday Liliana, from 4/5T, represented the Wingecarribee District at the regional soccer trials conducted at Wollongong. Working hard in the mid field for two games and playing as goalie in the third, Liliana enjoyed the experience in supporting her team well. Congratulations Liliana on your commitment and determination on the day.

John Morris

Principal



ANZAC CEREMONY

Thank you to parents and friends who attended our ANZAC ceremony last Wednesday. Our student leaders did a fantastic job of conducting the assembly, demonstrating a clear understanding of the importance of this national day. They are to be commended for the respect and dignity they showed when presenting the information. A special note of appreciation to Hannah 2P; Maddie 3/4X, Jack 4/5T and Sarah 5E for their speeches on 'What ANZAC means to me!' Each of them included a personal element to show the relevance of ANZAC to themselves and their families. Thank you and well done. We were privileged to have two special guests on the day—Mrs Barbara Grey, representing the Bowral RSL and Elliot from Bowral High School who played the trumpet. Both Mrs Grey and Elliot have strong ties to Bowral Public School so it was great to have them participate in such a lovely ceremony.

Jan Christie

Deputy Principal

CANTEEN NEWS

Special Apple Slinky Day - Wednesday 14 May 1:15pm in playground \$1.00
 also available on Wednesdays and Thursdays in canteen.



CLOTHING POOL

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

FIREWORKS
 Friday 13 June



P&C Fireworks is coming up on Friday 13 June please check future newsletters for information.



STEWART HOUSE

A reminder for all bags to be returned by Tuesday next week, 13 May. Thanks to those who have checked wardrobes and identified any unwanted articles of clothing that can be donated to the Stewart House Appeal. Remember, it does not have to be children's clothing, any items are appreciated as Stewart House works with The Smith Family to ensure all donations are used by those in need.



COMMUNITY NEWS

<p>VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED Information Nikki Medwell- Inbound Exchange Administrator World Education Program Toll free: 1300 884 733</p>	<p>The Oxley College - Sale of Sports Equipment \$\$ An invitation to buy or sell \$\$ Enquires Annie MacKay M: 0414 258 697 Antonia Loneragan M: 0408 465 107</p>
<p>BRADMAN OVAL WINTER SKILLS AND FITNESS PROGRAM—CRICKET SKILLS Boys & Girls ages 8 to 12 years. Start 31 May for 7 Saturdays Information Phone: Bradman Museum 4862 1247 or Rick McCarthy M: 0408 670 812</p>	<p>TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL ILLAWARRA RD MOSS VALE 'Educational Ideas Seminar' Topic Parenting with the Brain in Mind Monday 19 May 7-9pm Phone 4868 1088 Email: Phyll.Mclaughlin@tudorhouse.nsw.edu.au</p>

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