



Newsletter

Wednesday 14 May 2008

Term 2 Week 3

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The most rewarding aspect of my role as principal at Bowral Public School is to work with the students, not only in classrooms but also in the playground as well as away from the school. It is important that everyone – students, staff and families, takes an interest in ensuring our school presents well on all occasions. Of major significance are the gardens that visitors observe when they walk onto the school site. To this end, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the terrific contribution made by students from 6B, 6Z and 5J, along with their teachers last Wednesday when they assisted in spreading mulch throughout many of the school gardens. In a short time and displaying excellent co-operation and teamwork, they demolished the mulch pile that was located adjacent to the School House Museum to ensure the location of stalls at the regular Farmers' Markets was not inconvenienced. Their enthusiasm and care demonstrated a sense of pride and ownership of our school. Earlier this week Mrs King and her students from 1/2C assisted in spreading mulch in gardens near their classroom. Our General Assistant, Mr Lowe, will continue to top up gardens and this will be an on-going process. The combined efforts of everyone will ensure the gardens are maintained and the natural environment of the school is aesthetically pleasing.



Nationally, this week is Volunteer Week and all organisations really appreciate the contribution these people make on a daily basis. The ages of volunteers range from the very young right through to people who have completed their life's job in the workforce but still like to make a significant contribution to Australian life. At this time, the school recognises the wonderful people who give of their time freely to assist in a range of programs and duties that support Kindergarten to Year 6 students. Their work is invaluable. More recently at Bowral, Mrs Hordern is undertaking a co-ordinator's role in preparing twenty three (23) parents and community workers who have agreed to assist with the Community Reading Intensive Support Program (CRISP) in helping children. The school appreciates the time and energy these volunteers have committed to help students in the area of literacy. Congratulations and thank you.



Education week in all NSW government schools will be held from Sunday 25 May until Saturday 31 May. Wednesday 28 May will be Bowral's open day and all families, grandparents and friends are welcome to visit the school. Morning tea will be served outside the Old Woodwork Room from 11:00pm until 1:00pm. A school assembly will be conducted in the top playground commencing at 11:30am. From here, people are welcome to visit classroom until 1:00pm. Stage One (Years 1-2) students will perform some of their dances from 11:50am until 12 noon while Early Stage One (Kindergarten) children's dance will be from 12:40pm until 1:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to stay and have lunch with their children.



Next Monday our Stage Three campers will depart from the school to enjoy their five days of activities at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation camp. I know that these children are looking forward to the experience and will return with fond

memories. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Jut for the role he has undertaken in co-ordinating this activity and for the time that Miss Boxshall, Miss Hall, Mrs Griffith, Mr Cayzer and Mr Jut are prepared to give away from their family for the camp's duration. The contribution made by the school office personnel in taking care of the financial transactions that have taken place is always appreciated. I'm sure these Year 5 and Year 6 students will serve as fabulous ambassadors for our school and will support both our teachers and the staff permanently located at Broken Bay.

On Thursday 22 May 2008, the New South Wales Teachers Federation has instructed its members to take industrial action, of a twenty four (24) hour duration, in relation to the recently introduced staffing agreement. A note will leave the school early next week to advise families about the supervision arrangements that will be provided on the day.

Next Monday our May meeting of the P & C will take place in the school library commencing at 7.30pm. The format for the meeting will include reports from various sub committee and families should be able to leave at the conclusion of the ninety minute meeting. An invitation is extended to all families within the Bowral Public School Community. Whilst talking about the P & C, I take this opportunity to thank those members who gave up their time last Friday to run a Mother's Day stall for our youngest students. These dedicated people were well organised and as a result of their thoughtful planning, the timing and duration of this activity was well received by the teachers involved. I trust all mothers enjoyed their special day.

Monday 26 May is the new date for the visit by Associate Professor Diana Whitton to talk to staff and families about the Australian Government Quality Teaching Program (AGQTP) in relation to Gifted and Talented children. The time for the family meeting will be 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the school library. Please keep this date free. To assist with catering purposes, could you please leave your name at the school office prior to 12 noon on the day of Diana's visit.

CALENDAR

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| 19 May - 23 May | ♦ Stage 3 Camp Broken Bay |
| Monday 19 May | ♦ P&C Meeting 7:30pm in the school library |
| 26 May - 31 May | ♦ Education Week |
| Monday 26 May | ♦ AGQTP visit 6pm –7pm |
| Wednesday 28 May | ♦ OPEN DAY |
| Thursday 29 May | ♦ ICAS—Science Competition |
| Thursday 5 June | ♦ Hindmarsh Challenge & Noble Cup (rugby league) |
| Friday 13 June | ♦ Fireworks
♦ Regional Cross Country, Cambewarra
♦ Jump Rope for Heart—Jump Off |
| Friday 20 June | ♦ Self Help Joadja |

My thanks to those families who continue to support both the Department's and school procedures regarding the use of private transport when assisting during educational and sporting excursions? Signing in and out on the day of the excursion, as well as school personnel having sighted current registration papers of the vehicle being used and licences, ensures that our school is following correct procedures.

By now, the EIGHT (8) families who requested an application package in relation to the OC class in 2009 should have received the relevant material. This must be returned to the school by Friday 23 May (deadline date). If any further families wish to obtain the package it would be appreciated if their request is received by this Friday 16 May. I am available to speak to any Year 5 2009 families concerning this matter.

SPORTS WRAP **CROSS COUNTRY**

Our athletes are continuing to train for their upcoming event at 'Willandra', Cambewarra on Friday 13 June 2008. Reaching this level of competition is a wonderful achievement. A training session for these children is being conducted at the course at 12.30pm this Saturday 17 May. Students selected in this team should have received details about this matter in a letter sent home last week.



ATHLETICS

It now appears that the date for the school athletics carnival will need to be altered as it is extremely difficult to obtain a ground that is marked out with a 400m track by Friday 6 June 2008. As soon as a ground can be located, the date will be slotted into the school calendar and families will be notified.

Congratulations and good luck to our Year 2 student Harrison, from 2P, who will travel to Campbelltown next Tuesday to compete in athletics events for children with physical and sensory disabilities. As a low vision student, Harrison will participate in a number of events with the aid of a guide. It is extremely pleasing that activities of this nature are programmed to allow students to 'have a go' and achieve success. The support of his family, Miss Walker, Mrs Sommers and Mrs Pridham are appreciated at this time.

John Morris
Principal

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AFL)

On Wednesday 7 May, Bowral Public School AFL Team entered the regional finals of the 2008 AFL Paul Kelly Cup. Our students displayed outstanding skills and sportsmanship. The teamwork on the field proved invaluable as we won our first match against Farmborough Public School and came within three goals of winning against Hill Top Public School and St John's teams. I am extremely proud of the level of maturity shown and spirit in which our team represented the school. Congratulations to all team members. Thank you to Mr Bell, Mrs Lake and Mrs Choc for providing transportation and team support throughout the day.

Natalie Boxshall



NETBALL REPORT

Term Two has seen the start of the school netball season. District Netball trials were held last week and of the eighteen participants from primary schools across the Southern Highlands, Jessica was the only girl from Bowral Public School selected in the Wingecarribee PSSA District team. Congratulations to Jess on her achievement.

The district team of ten girls from Bowral, Moss Vale, Colo Vale, Burrawang, Mittagong and Bundanoon travelled to Goulburn last Thursday for the zone trials. The girls played against the Goulburn District team and were great representatives of their respective schools. The girls all played in several positions showing great skill. Five of the Wingecarribee team were selected in the Zone Team. Bowral's only representative Jess played some fantastic netball on the day and was selected in the possibles and probables squad. The Zone team will represent the Southern Tablelands at the Regional Trials in Wollongong on Friday 23 May. We wish them every success.

HOCKEY REPORT

Four girls from Bowral Public School, Eliza, Courtney, April and Caroline represented the Wingecarribee District at the Regional Hockey Trials in Albion Park last week. The girls all played some excellent hockey on the day and Eliza was selected in the possibles/probables squad. We congratulate them on their achievement in hockey.

Jane Bell



P & C NEWS

P & C meets next Monday 19 May 7:30pm in the library. Come along, have a cuppa and cake/muffin, and meet with your fellow parents. The topics that will be discussed include:

- A Future Schools Update
- Fundraising and school events for the rest of 2008 including fireworks night
- Changes in the Uniform Shop
- Grounds Committee

Look forward to seeing you there.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

A huge thank you to Lousie Moulang, Kay Paviour and all helpers on the Mother's Day Stall. The children were all delighted with their purchases and we hope all mothers received a pleasant surprise on Mother's Day.



FIREWORKS NIGHT Friday 13 June

Your help is needed! The Fireworks night is only four (4) weeks away and we are in need of volunteers. Those interested in helping organise can meet next Thursday 22 May in classroom 4/5T (next to our school office). Afternoon tea will be provided for you and your children. If you are unable to attend, but would like to help out please email Justine McKinlay at falshaw@internode.on.net.

Thank You
Justine McKinlay on behalf of the P&C.

THE UNIFORM SHOP

- ◆ Our sale continues this week. Don't miss the great bargains on new and second-hand clothing!
- ◆ All un-named clothing from Lost Property is now being sold off for \$1!
- ◆ Bowral Jackets are in stock in all sizes.
- ◆ Take advantage of the ordering system. All uniform's that are ordered and paid for in advance will be sent home via your child's class. No queuing necessary.



CANTEEN OPEN DAY 28 May 2008

The canteen will be selling morning tea for our visitors from 11am—1pm. Donations of cakes, slices or biscuits would be much appreciated and may be left at the canteen the day before, or the Old Woodwork room on Wednesday morning.



Thank you
Canteen Committee.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOST / FOUND RABBIT AT PONY CLUB

Charlotte Street Burradoo

Contact Lyn 4861 3181 M: 0409 788 384

Bargo Playgroup Family Fun Day

Saturday 7 June Bargo Sports Club 10am—4pm

Contact Deirdre on 0417249877



Any one with spare
Choral Concert tickets please contact
Bowral Public School
Several families have missed out



BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Saturday 17 May at the Mittagong RSL Club
Special guest Conrad Coleby "Roman" in "Home & Away"
Junior 4pm—6pm Senior 7:30pm—10:30pm

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