



BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 4

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

Due to very windy weather last Thursday the school photos were taken indoors. While it would have been ideal to have a magnificent autumn setting behind each class photo, wayward hair would have detracted from each photo.

The day ran very smoothly thanks to the extraordinary effort of our School Administration Manager Linda Rice. The photographers complimented the school on the manner in which students at Bowral Public School conducted themselves throughout the day. Well done everyone!

NEW PRINCIPAL

Mrs Wendy Buckley made a brief visit to the school last Friday afternoon. She also visited this morning to meet staff. Her official starting date is Monday 25 May 2009.

FIREWORKS

To our dedicated team of parents, who worked tirelessly to bring us a spectacular fireworks event, a very special thank you! The food was tasty. The glow products were very popular, especially the swords. The fireworks were spectacular. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves, taking the opportunity to chat with friends and acquaintances.

Thank you to members of the school community who have taken time to provide positive feedback about the evening. It was most thoughtful and appreciated by all involved.

EDUCATION WEEK – OPEN DAY

Next week is *Education Week* in NSW public schools. Bowral Public School will celebrate this occasion with an Open Day on Tuesday 26 May 2009. This year the focus is on the environment.

Open Day Timetable

10.00am - 10.40am

- * Early Stage One (Kindergarten) open classrooms
- * Stage One dancing in top playground

10.40am - 11.00am

- * Early Stage One dancing in bottom playground
- * Stage One open classrooms

11.35am - 12.15pm

- * K-6 Assembly (includes class performances)

12.15pm - 1.00pm

- * Stage 2 and 3 open classrooms
- * Library open for display

1.00pm - 1.50pm Lunch

We hope to have the school museum open for inspection as part of our Open Day celebrations.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

School ends at 3.10pm. Parents, who collect their child/ren at the end of the day, are asked to be **prompt**. On many occasions teachers are required to attend afternoon professional learning workshops or meetings. These meetings are held either at Bowral Public School or other schools across the highlands. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Ros Adamson
Acting Team Leader

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Well, first it was the Cross Country and now the Athletics Carnival has had to be postponed. The rain early on Tuesday morning meant that when the ground was inspected [in the rain!] at 7:30am, it was too wet for safe running and far too damp to have hundreds of children sitting on the grass. The chalk marking on the tracks had also partially washed off. So the decision was made not to proceed. The P & C / Canteen Committee did a wonderful job of transferring the 'Meal Deals' to the school and we thank them for their commitment and support.

The back up day was planned for next Monday but there are serious doubts about the readiness of the grounds if the forecast heavier rains come in the next few days. We are negotiating with the Southern Highlands Christian School who have been very generous and supportive but at the time of printing this newsletter no decision could be made due to weather conditions forecast for the end of the week. A separate note regarding the rescheduling, will be sent to all families as soon as we are in a position to do so.

Mrs Bev Hordern
Coordinator

THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff, students and school community I would like to express our appreciation for the thoughtful, respectful and responsive manner in which Mrs Adamson has led Bowral Public School for the first four weeks of Term 2. This has been an exceptionally busy period and it is always a challenge to walk into a new environment and not only maintain the positive programs in place but also encourage reflection on practices as we continue to learn and grow as a school team. Mrs Adamson has been a most welcome member of Bowral Public School and we wish her the very best on her return to Wollondilly Public School.

Jan Christie
Deputy Principal



I hope those who attended the Fireworks Night agree that the display was spectacular. It seems to get better each year!

We need to extend a big thank you to the team who organised this year's event. They were Jane Dummer, Kate Bow, Rachael Feary, Kay Paviour, Jo and Geoff Kerr, Meredith Wakeman, Benita Richards, Louise Hillyer, Prue Wade, Jenny Pinczi, John Morris, Simone Kennedy, and Sarah Turkic. Everyone did an amazing job running such a big event, and with Jane's continually updating 'checklists' pretty much everything went to plan.

Once again we need to thank the Dummer family for bringing what seemed to be half a warehouse worth of Complete Hire equipment for the night, saving us a considerable sum of money (Murray's corn stall was particularly good too I should add). To our wonderful soup makers, fabulous bakers (the CWA would be proud), volunteers on the stalls, gate keepers (both front & back), and those who set up and packed up, a huge thank you to you all. Without this support the evening simply couldn't happen.

A few local businesses helped us by either donating products or offering big discounts. They were Baker's Delight, Anchors, Mauger's Meats and The Small Business Shop. Again, a big thanks to you.

We can't forget the efforts of Linda, Karan, Sirpa and Brian who helped tremendously in the lead up and on the day.

Looking forward to next year!

Justine McKinlay

CANTEEN NEWS

On **Tuesday 26 May**, the school canteen will be selling morning tea to the families, grandparents and friends visiting the school for **Open Day**. The morning tea will be held at the Old Woodwork Room between 11am to 1 pm.

Any donations of cakes, biscuits or slices would be very much appreciated. They may be left at the Old Woodwork room on Tuesday morning.

Please support your school canteen for this enjoyable event.

Thank you
Canteen Committee



COMMUNITY NEWS

MOSS VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 23 May 2009 in the school hall, 7:00pm
Contact Anette Grading-Walton M: 0439 602 097
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REMINDER DIARY DATES

- **Monday 25 May** ♦ TBC School Athletics Carnival Years 2—6
- **Tuesday 26 May** ♦ Education Week Open Day
- **Wednesday 27 May** ♦ UNSW Computer Competition
♦ 'Pirates of Penzance' -Chevalier College
Performance Years 5 - 6
- **Wednesday 3 June** ♦ 'Bravehearts' Personal Safety Education Program
K - 2
- **Friday 5 June** ♦ Soccer Gala Day, Moss Vale
- **Monday 8 June** ♦ Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Wednesday 10 June** ♦ UNSW Science Competition
- **Thursday 11 June** ♦ Opera Australia—Cinderella, K—6
- **Term 2** ♦ Canteen Open Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays