



Newsletter

Wednesday 28 May 2008

Term 2 Week 5

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In all New South Wales Government schools this week, Education Week will be celebrated. It provides all families and visitors to the school with an opportunity to see the types of learning that is currently promoted at our school. This year's theme is a love of learning and all stakeholders of the school are in a position to support children's learning. As future adults of our nation, our children need to be provided and supported in not only academic challenges, but also development in social, moral and emotional domains, along with creative and physical areas. Learning is an on-going process and as children move through stages of development, they are able to display their skills, knowledge and talents. Positive reinforcement plays a major role in recognising achievement and guidance is needed to support children in areas that have been identified as creating some concern. I appreciate the role that families play in supporting their children and to the staff in allowing our children to achieve to their potential. Thank you all for your commitment and dedication to public education at Bowral Public School.

Thank you to the six (6) families who have returned their OC package for Year 5 2009. You should have received a letter of confirmation in the post. I am in the process of completing the school section of the form so it can be received by the Selective High Schools and Opportunity Placement Unit by the desired date.

Last week the completed NAPLAN papers were sent off to allow them to be marked. Both family and school packages should be returned during the latter part of August 2008. For families with children in Year 3 and Year 5 2009, the dates for NAPLAN assessments will be Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May. This may assist families with forward planning in the future.

Like many families, it was wonderful to see our stage three campers arrive home safely last Friday afternoon after their week long camp at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation camp. All campers appeared in good spirits and ready to share with their families many wonderful stories about their time with their peers participating in a range of new experiences. It was obvious that rock climbing and the ropes course provided challenges that the students overcame and thoroughly enjoyed. The overnight camp was a first for a number of students and the age old activity of archery still remains a favourite amongst both boys and girls. It was extremely encouraging to hear about the excellent behaviour of the children and the way they assisted each other to ensure the camp will be a highlight of their time at Bowral Public School. The valuable contribution by the teaching staff of Miss Boxshall, Miss Hall, Mrs Griffith, Mr Jut and Mr

Cayzer is certainly appreciated in the way they care for our students. I look forward to being part of the sharing circle as children talk to their friends about terrific times.

The path leading from the sandpit to Boolwey Street is now completed and it will provide safer access to all its users. I appreciated the consideration demonstrated by many students, staff and families at this time to ensure the path could be completed without mishap. Safety will always remain a priority on the school site and I trust that everyone will use the path in the correct way. The finishing touches will take place later in the week. As of next Monday 2 June 2008, the path will be able to be used.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Bev Hordern for her co-ordinating skills in ensuring that students were able to attend the Woonjeegariby Aboriginal Festival last Friday at the Empire Cinema. A number of local schools attended the screenings and it is anticipated that the students enjoyed not only watching the short films but also expanding their knowledge of Aboriginal lifestyle and culture.

I was thrilled to hear about the success experienced by our Year 2 low vision student Harrison last week at his athletics carnival. His results are listed under the Sports Wrap section of this newsletter. The day was a further experience that allowed students with special needs to participate in track and field events, have fun and enjoy the experience of competition in such a supportive environment. Congratulations Harrison.

As I mentioned last week, students from Year 3 to Year 6 will participate in the ICAC University Science competition this week as the first of six opportunities where they will be able to test their skills and knowledge with other students throughout the state. Writing and Spelling will be held on Thursday 12 June. The other three, Mathematics, English and Computer will be conducted in term three. Good luck to the students who are accepting this academic challenge.

Next Monday 2 June 2008 I will be attending the term meeting for principals in the Goulburn and Highlands region. This is not only a sharing opportunity but also a time to meet with our School Education Director, Mrs Ann Henniker, who will update all of us on a variety of topics.

John Morris
Principal

CALENDAR

Wednesday 4 June	• State PSSA Softball at Kangaroo Valley
Thursday 5 June	• Hindmarsh Challenge & Noble Cup
Monday 9 June	• SCHOOL CLOSED QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
Tuesday 10 June	• Instrumental Concert Opera House Stage 3
Thursday 12 June	• Opera Australia Memorial Hall Bowral K-Yr 6 • ICAS - Writing and Spelling Competition
Friday 13 June	• Fireworks at Eridge Park Bowral • Jump Rope for Heart—Jump Off • Regional Cross Country, Cambewarra
Friday 20 June	• Self Help Day Joadja

SPORTS WRAP

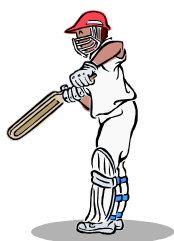


Harrison of class 2P competed successfully in an athletics carnival for children with sensory and physical disabilities last Tuesday at Campbelltown.

Harrison competed against other 7 year olds with various disabilities, gaining 2nd places in the 50m and 100 m events and taking 3rd place in the 200m.

He also performed well in the field events, especially discus, long jump and high jump.

Congratulations Harrison for representing Bowral Public School so well at your first athletics carnival.



CRICKET NEWS

The Bowral Public School, 1st 11 Cricket Team played an inspiring match against Shellharbour Public School on Monday 26 May at Welby Oval. We felt it would be a much tougher match than it was, given that Shellharbour defeated us last year by a very sizable margin. However, this year it was our turn. Our captain, Sam, made every decision a winner, from the toss to field positions, batting line up and bowling rotations. His leadership in accompaniment with the Vice Captain Tom Mooney was excellent.

After winning the toss, Sam chose to bat and post a score, and after 25 overs, Bowral were 5 out for 109, leaving the opposition a run chase of 110 for victory, or 4.36 runs per over. The standout batsmen for Bowral were Lochie (retired on 50), Tom (18) and Luther (not out on 15) The other batters (Sam, Tom, Henry and Bryce, 7 not out) threw caution to the wind as they posted quick runs in support of the team total.

At the change of innings there was an air of optimism as the team set to work containing the opposition batters. After the first 6 overs, they had scored just 12 runs with Lochie bowling three consecutive maidens. His figures for the match were 5 overs no wickets for 5 runs. The other bowlers were, April, 1 wicket (unlucky not to have had 2) for 14 runs off 5 overs, Luther, 0 wickets for 21 off 4 overs, Sam, 0 wickets, for 12 off 5 overs, Oliver, 0 wickets, for 20 off 4 overs and Tom, 1 wicket, for 11 off 2 overs. In support of this excellent bowling was the fielding. Two brilliant catches were taken in the field, and three fabulous run outs were effected. Shellharbour were kept to just 87 runs of their 25 overs. The intensity in the field, despite a gruelling week at camp for all but two, showed immense commitment by the team.

The full team was Samuel, Captain, Thomas, Vice Captain, Lochie, Tom, Luther, Bryce, Oliver, Eric, Henry, April, Sam and Lachlan. This outstanding victory now moves us to the next phase in the knockout, that will see us playing Woonona East Public School in the next few weeks. This match will be played in the Illawarra.

Roger Jut

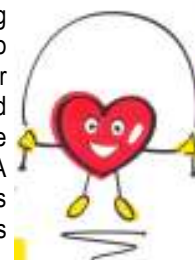


**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ARRIVE
NEXT WEEK (Week 6)**

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



The children are all very enthusiastic about their skipping and there are some amazing skills being demonstrated both in class lessons and in the playground at recess and lunch. If you are happy to support The Heart Foundation and the school by way of sponsorship, this is a reminder that our JUMP OFF DAY is in just over two weeks, FRIDAY JUNE 13, and we would love all monies raised to come in on this day. Our school is able to obtain a rebate of 10% of the total raised and we hope to use this to buy ropes and other sports equipment to promote a healthy lifestyle in our students. A number of families have decided to use the online method of sponsorship that is very efficient and produces receipts immediately. The Heart Foundation website is www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart and you can follow the steps to register there.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

COMMUNITY NEWS



SHOES 4 KIDS are running a fundraiser for schools by issuing a card for each pair of shoes purchased. Thank you to all the parents who have brought these cards to the school office. These cards are collected by our school and for every 100 cards we received a donation of \$250. We have already received our first cheque.



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



SCHOOL BANKING AVAILABLE MONDAYS



MITTAGONG PRESCHOOL'S WINE AND CHEESE TRADE NIGHT

Friday 13 June 2008 7:30pm
Mittagong Preschool (Cnr Oxford & Waverley Pde Mittagong)

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BROKEN BAY CAMP REVIEW



The Sport and Recreation Camp is located at Broken Bay on the Hawkesbury River north of Sydney.

On Monday 19 May 2008 many people from Bowral Public School left school by 6:30am and travelled by bus then by ferry. We arrived at camp about 11:30am and were shown to our rooms. The activities were so fun. My favourite activities were fishing, ropes course and rock climbing. Fishing was so cool we all had prawns as bait. Some kids managed to catch some fish but I got an oyster rock. The rope course was very easy at the start but soon got to be a challenge. It was very scary from that night. Sometimes you would lose your balance and would fall. The rock climbing was so fun the rock was huge. I made it to the top then when you're coming back down you leap down like a frog and glide. I think it's a great camp for ages 11-13. But I can't prove how cool it is so go there yourself because it's very fun. I would give it a nine out of ten.

Victoria 5J

The place for our school camp this year was at Broken Bay. Broken Bay is located on the Hawkesbury River, North of Sydney. We left on Monday the nineteenth (19) of May, and came back on the 23 of May. I am going to tell you about two of my favourite activities at camp. I liked rock climbing and the ropes course best of all.

Rock Climbing. Rock climbing was one of my favourite activities in the whole camp. When we got to the climbing site we had to put a harness on. Then we lined up next to a rock and I waited for my turn. I was feeling very nervous and excited at the same time. When it was my turn I got two clips – (the size of a 10 year old hand) – and clip them on me. Then I had to say “ready” and the two instructors held the end of the rope and said “set”, and pulled the rope (giving me a “wedgie”!!) and then I started to climb as they said “go”. I went on the hard side, and nearly got to the top, but my hands were hurting. I wanted to keep on going but couldn't. It was high, and I was so excited and proud of myself for being so high. I started climbing down, and that was so much fun, that I wanted to do it all over again.

The Ropes Course. The ropes course was great too. It was so much fun. We also had to wear a harness, and go through ladders and all kind of balancing courses, and tough ropes and tyres.

We had to go through different sort of balancing beams. It wasn't easy, but it was challenging and so exciting. Some of the courses were even scary, but I loved them all.

I loved camp so much. I rate it 10/10 because it was lovely, fun, exciting, beautiful, athletic and unforgettable. I will remember this camp for ever.

Francys 5J

On Monday 19 May, Stage Three went on a camp. Some of the activities were raft building, rock climbing, bivouac, fishing, surf skies, ropes, boomerangs, archery and night games. This is the menu of what we had to do, breakfast, activity, lunch, activity, free time, dinner, night games then supper. On Wednesday we camped out. Then on Thursday we had a disco it was fun. On the way back we caught a ferry, then to get back to school we caught a bus.

Courtney 5E

On Wednesday the three groups from Bowral Public School went to three separate locations for the Bivouac. We had to walk for about half an hour to our location. When we got to our camp site, we had to put up our tent and get all our stuff in our tents. When everybody was ready for dinner, we got sorted into cooking groups. In those cooking groups we would have a certain amount of food to share. We had to cook our own dinner and breakfast with the food we got. In the morning we all got to cook damper in the hot coals. When the damper was cooked, we put golden syrup on them. It was yum!

Emily 5E

My favourite activity was the ropes course and the bivouac. The ropes course was mega hard. I fell off a few times, that was embarrassing. I loved the bivouac because I never went camping before. I liked cooking over the fire and singing camp songs. Surf skies were cool even though I kept falling off. Archery was awesome, I wasn't very good though. Camp was great!

Grace 5E

Last week Stage 3 went to Broken Bay for camp. We did raft building, we had to use long and short pipes, rope, chair tops, crates and oars. My group built one and as soon as it touched the water...it fell apart!. We instead used the parts of the raft to hold on to swim with them. It was heaps of fun. After that we laid in the sand and made sand angels. There were so many activities, but rafting was my favourite.

Caitlin 5E

Monday 19 May stage 3 went to Broken Bay Sports and Recreation Camp. All the girls in my cabin, the Waratahs had so much fun. We got split into different activity groups, the Sharks, Brim and Dolphins. I was in sharks. Our instructor was Matt. We did things like craft building, rock climbing, fishing, archery, boomerangs, ropes course, night games and we had free time. We had a disco on Thursday night. My favourite was the ropes course, because I got over my fear of heights. I had so much fun

Tayla 5E

FIREWORKS VOLUNTEERS 2008

TASK	COORDINATOR	VOLUNTEER	TIMES
Set up		Rachel Feary Julia Freer Benita Richards Tracy Jordan Justine McKinlay	From 2.30pm
Car Parking – Wirenda Road		Michael Murton Rodney Cavalier	From 4.30pm
Outside boundary supervision – Moss Vale Rd walking entrance			Approx. 4.30-6.30pm
Inside boundary supervision – fireworks area	Justine McKinlay	Jason Silm Matt Bow	From 5.00pm -7.00pm
Pack Up		Iain Falshaw George Connell	From 8.00pm – 9.00pm
Clean Up – Sat. morn		Rachel Feary John Morris	From 7.00am
Hot Food Ticket sales	Justine McKinlay	Sara Silm Kate Bow Sarah Turkic	From 5.00pm
Canteen	Rhonda/Amanda Headford		From 5.00pm
Bouncy Castle supervision	Shevaun Barnett & Kindy families		From 5.00pm
Soup & Roll	Jane Dummer & Year 1 families		From 5.00pm
Glow Products	Louise Hillyer & Year 2 families		From 5.00pm
Cake Stall	Tracy Jordan & Julia Freer & Year 3 families		From 5.00pm
Beef & Bun	Yr 4 Coordinator is needed please!		From 5.00pm
BBQ Sausage & Onion Rolls	Roger Jut & Year 5 families		From 5.00pm
Games	Year 6 families & students		From 5.00pm
Arrange Floats for stalls & treasury	Barbara Fay	Barbara Fay Tim Keating	

Notes:

Where a coordinator is noted, communication will be via them through your child's class. Timeslots for volunteers are not for the full duration, but in either ½ or 1 hour shifts. So the more people volunteering, the shorter your shift. Please either contact the coordinator for your year or send this sheet nominating where you can help back to Justine McKinlay via your child's class. Thank you!



P&C News



This week the only thing on my mind is the school's annual Fireworks and apologies in advance for the avalanche of information that is about to hit you.

You will find attached a form, that allows your family to pre-purchase tickets to the evening, making it cheaper for you and easier for the organising committee to cater for your families. Please feel free to invite your friends from outside the school. We will be placing posters around the town and asking the other schools to advertise the event in their newsletter. If you have a local business and would like to place a poster in your window or noticeboard, please let me know and I will provide one.

Above is a list of people who have already volunteered for tasks on the evening and where we have a need for further volunteers. A big thank you to those who have already put up their hand and are busily helping to make this a great evening. For ease of communication, a number of people have offered to coordinate a stall. These are listed above and they have taken responsibility for recruiting people from their child's year. They will be the main contact point for their stall.

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, we have had a generous offer from Anchors Fruit and Veg. The offer is a guessing competition with a grand prize of \$1,000 worth of produce that can be taken over a 12 month period. Each ticket sold also represents a 10% discount on your bill if you shop at Anchors. Tickets will be sold at 3 for \$10 (at Anchor's request), and books of 9 will be sent out (with next weeks newsletter) for each family at school. The draw will be held on fireworks night.

We have also received some offers from local businesses who would like to be a supporter of our school for this event. I would like to open this to all families and local businesses who might like to support a stall or part of the cost of the event. If this is of interest, I would love to discuss the options with you.

If you are interested, please contact me by Wednesday 3 June 2008. Email: falshaw@internode.on.net

Justine McKinlay
P&C President

FIREWORKS NIGHT



Date Friday, 13 June 2008
Venue Bowral Rugby Club, Eridge Park
Time 5pm–8pm
Cost \$20 (family pass) Prepaid at BPS *or* \$25 per car on the night;
Walking in: Child \$5, Adults \$10



Families are invited to purchase a prepaid ticket.



This will assist the organising committee in catering for the evening *and* SAVE YOU MONEY.

Enquiries: Bowral Public School or falshaw@internode.on.net

Please send the form below and money to the office by **Thursday, 5 June, 2008**. Tickets will be delivered to your child's classroom.

PREPAID TICKETS FOR FIREWORKS EVENING — FRIDAY, 13 JUNE 2008

Family Name:.....Phone:.....

Student Name:.....Class

Number of Adults:..... Number of Children:.....

Prepaid: \$20 per family. Tickets on the night: \$25 per car or walking in: Child \$5, Adults \$10

Bowral Public School P&C Association Inc