



BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Education Week

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at Bowral Public School on Tuesday for our Open Day. I was able to visit most classes throughout the day and I was impressed with the displays of student's work, the engagement of students with their class work and the enthusiasm shown in dancing and other student activities.

Congratulations to the Stage Three students with their magnificent recorder playing. It is an extremely hard job sometimes to make the recorder sound tuneful and I know all will agree with me that the boys and girls in Stage Three certainly achieved that feat. They couldn't do that of course without the hard work and dedication of their teachers. Thank you Mrs Oszurko, Mrs Bell, Miss Sheumack, Mr Tudor and Mrs Griffith.

Congratulations also to our student leaders who demonstrated their leadership skills by conducting the Education Week Assembly. Miss Christie needs to be thanked for the work that she does behind the scenes organising the assemblies and supporting our leaders as well.

I was able to meet some parents at our Open Day and all who I met were very welcoming. I trust that I will have opportunities to meet with many of you over the coming weeks. I look forward to meeting some of you at the next P&C Meeting.

Should you wish to meet with me personally to discuss issues or concerns or to talk about your child, I would ask that you telephone our school and make an appointment through one of our helpful office staff. Thank you.

Finally I am very happy to be your new principal. I look forward to a long and productive relationship where we will work together to ensure that the students at Bowral Public School receive the best education possible.

New Telephone Message

Thanks to Mrs Rice and Mr Morris the school has a new "on hold" message when you ring the school and have to wait to speak to someone in particular. Gone are the days when you were placed on hold and had to listen to "The Yellow Rose of Texas". If you ring the school now you will hear a very professional message, giving information about the school...a much better alternative, I'm sure you will agree!

Mr Cayzer

As most of you know, Scott had heart surgery earlier this year and returned to work at the beginning of this term. I am sorry to inform you that Scott suffered a stroke last week. While Scott is still in hospital, he is recovering well and looking forward to returning home. He has asked me to let the whole school community know how appreciative he is of the support he and his family have received and we certainly wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

Help Celebrate Australia's great teachers.

The Australian Awards for Teaching Excellence recognise the exceptional work that teachers and schools are doing on a daily basis. They are a wonderful opportunity for schools and teachers to be recognised nationally for the tremendously important work they do, making a genuine difference in the lives of students. The awards are open to teachers, principals, support staff and schools. Nominations are invited from members of the school community. The closing date is 19 June 2009.

More information at:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Pages/NominationswelcomeforAustralianAwardsforTeachingExcellence.aspx>

This Friday is the due date for the return of OC applications for Year 5 2009 students. At the time of the newsletter going to print, eleven (11) packages have been issued and two (2) completed forms have been returned. I am anticipating that other forms will be returned before the end of the school week. If there are still any concerns from families about this matter, please contact me at the school as a matter of urgency.

Wendy Buckley
Principal

REMINDER DIARY DATES

- **Wednesday 3 June** • 'Bravehearts' Personal Safety Education Program K - 2
- **Friday 5 June** • Soccer Gala Day, Moss Vale
- **Wednesday 10 June** • UNSW Science Competition
- **Thursday 11 June** • Opera Australia 'Cinderella' K - 6
- **Wednesday 24 June** • School Athletics Carnival
(back-up date Wednesday 1 July)
- **Term 2** • Canteen Open Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

After checking our busy calendar and negotiating with the Southern Highlands Christian School, our Athletics carnival is now planned for **WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE** with the back-up date the following WEDNESDAY 1 JULY. Field events will be conducted at school on a Grade/Stage basis throughout the remainder of this term and possibly into next term. The District Carnival is to be held at Chevalier College on 28 AUGUST.

Thank you,

Bev Hordern
Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

It is not appropriate for students to go over to the uniform shop at the residence unaccompanied. Please complete an order form, which may be left at the school office for the Clothing Shop volunteers. This will be processed and items will be delivered to your child via his / her class teacher.



STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING BAGS

A big thank you to those who so generously supported the Stewart House fundraising initiative. Either by entering the raffle or donating clothing, your efforts help a very worthy cause. Stewart House bags will be collected from the school today. Once again thank you for your kindness.

Virginia Pridham

YOUNG WRITERS' AWARDS

Berkelouw Books is sponsoring awards for young writers. There is a category for students aged 9 -12 years, with the First Prize being \$500 cash and a \$1000 book voucher for the school. This competition is open Australia wide. If your child is interested in entering, you can obtain an entry form from the school office. Entries close on Monday August 31. More information is available at : www.berkelouw.com.au

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I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new principal, Mrs Wendy Buckley. On behalf of the members of the P&C, we look forward to getting to know, and work with Wendy in the future.

Something I would really like to highlight is the work of the Canteen Committee. Many of you will be aware of the changes that are slowly creeping into the canteen menu and the offerings at our sporting events. What people may not be aware of is the amount of work done by just a small group of people to enable these changes. Those on the committee are passionate about food and in providing our children with nutritious menus (that they will eat). Change takes time and a lot of effort and the workload is considerable. It would be really nice to share a few things around, so I am seeking the help of people who can't do canteen duty because of other commitments. The committee cook the new chicken noodle soup (at school), bake for a teacher morning tea once a term, plus cook and serve at functions such as the Open Day, and sporting carnivals. There are also 'special projects' that someone may wish to take on, such as 'Fruit and Veg Week', or implementing the ability to 'cook from raw' in our canteen.

If you would like to help out with any of these functions please contact Renata Richmond at renatarichmond@yahoo.com.au.

Thank you to everyone who baked and helped on the Open Day. We managed to take over \$600 which is great.

Thank you!
Justine McKinlay