



BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning



Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 6

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Debating News

Congratulations to our Debating Team who have been putting into practice some of their newly learned debating skills over the last week, Maggie, Maddie, Sarah, Emma, Grace, Sam and Eric. After a close encounter with Mittagong Public School last week, Mittagong were declared the winning team and Monday our team put their oratory skills to the test against Moss Vale Public School. Unfortunately, we were beaten again. All students involved have learnt a considerable amount about the process of putting forward a convincing argument in a clear and concise manner. Thanks, too to Miss Christie who has been working with the students, helping them prepare for their debates.

Internet Safety

Have you spoken to your son or daughter recently about internet safety? Cyber bullying and internet safety is a real issue for young people today and our children need to be well equipped to cope with contentious issues as they arise.

Here are some guidelines that can help:

- ♦ Put the computer in a central area of the home, not in a bedroom.
- ♦ Be reasonable and try to set reasonable expectations
- ♦ Be open with your child and encourage them to come to you if they encounter a problem online- cultivate trust and communications because no rules, laws or filtering software can replace you as their first line of defence.
- ♦ Talk with your child about how they use the Internet. Make sure they understand basic safety guidelines. These include protecting privacy (including passwords), never posting personal information, never meeting people they only know online and not posting inappropriate or potentially embarrassing photos.
- ♦ Try to get your children to share their blogs or online profiles with you, but be aware that they can have multiple accounts on multiple services.

Students who arrive at school late

If your child arrives at school after the morning bell has gone, then you must accompany them to the school office and sign them in. This process is to

ensure that we have accurate records of students' attendance as rolls are marked first thing in the morning and teachers are unable to make changes once rolls have been sent to the office. Any time missed from the classroom is valuable learning time lost and regular, punctual attendance is extremely important. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Payment for excursions

If your child is going on an excursion or attending an activity where payment is required, we request that payment is made the Friday before the event (at the very latest). Again, this makes the administration process a lot easier for our busy office staff. Mrs Rice, Ms Miettinen and Mrs Duryea all do a fantastic job in aiding the smooth running of our school and your assistance with prompt payment whenever possible will help both the school and your child.

Last Friday night Mrs Bev Hordern attended the 2009 Small Grants Awards Ceremony for the Ted Kennedy Aboriginal Fund. Mrs Hordern represented the school's Learning Support Team and received a grant to assist indigenous students in our school. The Ted Kennedy Fund is sponsored by the Southern Highlands Foundation and was set up to support the cultural and educational advancement of local Aboriginal people. This is the second year we have been successful in obtaining such a grant and the funds have been used to promote engagement, attendance and the health and well being of our Aboriginal students. The school is grateful to the Foundation for supporting such a worthwhile cause. There were eight grants awarded on this night.

Wendy Buckley
Principal

REMINDER DIARY DATES

- ♦ Friday 5 June ♦ Soccer Gala Day, Moss Vale
- ♦ Monday 8 June ♦ Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- ♦ Wednesday 10 June ♦ UNSW Science Competition
- ♦ Thursday 11 June ♦ Opera Australia 'Cinderella' K - 6
- ♦ Friday 19 June ♦ SELF HELP — Jellore
- ♦ Wednesday 24 June ♦ School Athletics Carnival
(back-up date Wednesday 1 July)
- ♦ Term 2 ♦ Canteen Open Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

There has been a case of whooping cough at school.

Whooping cough (pertussis)

Time from exposure to illness

7 to 20 days

Symptoms

Start with runny nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.

Do I need to keep my child home?

Yes, until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken.

How can I help prevent spread?

Immunisation at 2, 4, 6, and 19 months and 4 years of age. A special antibiotic can be given for the patient and close contacts. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic has been taken.



Bowral Public School



You will notice the attached Voluntary Contribution letter for 2009. It was agreed earlier this year that the amount asked for will remain at \$50 for one student or \$85 for a family. This year the tax deductible funds raised will be placed in the 'Building Fund'.

This fund is a tied fund and money raised accumulates until we have sufficient funds to purchase our goal. In consultation with the staff, School Council and the P&C Committee, funds currently in the account coupled with money raised this year will pay for air conditioning for our school library. The criteria for the use of 'building fund' money are very specific, and so with the funds available it is felt that this is the best way for EVERY student in the school to benefit.

Please support the school to allow our facilities to be upgraded sooner rather than later.
Thank you.

Justine McKinlay



NOTICE ABOUT LOST PROPERTY

'OVER FLOWETH' ALREADY

*Clothing Shop ladies will sort in
Week 7 (9 June) and Week 11 (6 July)
so please come in and claim your lost items.
All items without a name will go to the uniform shop.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

GOLD FISH FREE TO A GOOD HOME.
Please contact Singhals on 4861 2851

ABC DEVELOPMENTAL LEARNING CENTRE — MITTAGONG
Early Childhood and Diploma trained teachers. If you would like to come and see what our centre offers, please phone Tina 4872 1730

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**Bowral Public School
Parents & Citizens Association**

Family Contributions 2009

Dear Parents / Carers,

To assist our school to purchase up-to-date resources which support teaching and learning programs, the P&C raises money in a variety of ways. One significant method of fund raising is the Family Contribution Plan. This has been supported by parents who are unable to assist in the classroom or help with P&C activities.

Our target using your contribution for 2009 is \$10,000. These funds will be deposited into our building fund allowing us to continue to improve students learning environment, by installing air conditioning in our school library.

For your information:

- your contribution is tax deductible.
- your contribution will be paid into BPS building fund.
- you may pay instalments.
- you can pay more than the recommended amount.

Annual Contribution Rates

Family	\$85.00
1 child	\$50.00

We appreciate and need your voluntary support.

Yours sincerely

Justine McKinlay
P&C President

Date of Notice: 3 June 2009

Date Due: 30 June 2009

To Help Us....

*If you are sending a cheque, please make it payable to the **Bowral Public School Building Fund**.
A receipt will be returned to you which you can use for taxation purposes..*



**Bowral Public School
Building Fund Donation 2009**

Donation Amount \$ _____ Cheque / Cash

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of eldest child in family at BPS _____ Class _____