



BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3. We are looking forward to another productive term of high quality teaching and learning at Bowral Public School. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our many new families, I am sure you will agree that you have made a fantastic choice in choosing this very good school for your child to attend.

School Development Day

On Monday staff undertook professional training in new DET curriculum materials as well as a presentation by the Gifted and Talented Committee. The school is in the process of establishing a gifted and talented register which will better inform teachers of the individual and specific needs of the students they are teaching. Teachers also examined closely the school management plan and were able to establish areas of progress and also continue to identify issues and targets which need further development.

Swine Flu Update

This pandemic has entered a new phase and the Department of Education has continued to take advice from the NSW Department of Health. Please read carefully the attached information sheet to today's newsletter. If your child is unwell, they should not come to school until they are better. Children who are unwell will be sent home from school. All children should be reminded to wash their hands frequently and to cover their mouths when they cough. By following good hygiene practices we will aim to keep transmission of illness to a minimum.

Unflued Gas Heaters

Presently the NSW DET is undertaking a study on unflued gas heaters. These heaters are found in many NSW public schools. Unfortunately, because of the heritage nature of our buildings, Bowral PS was unable to participate in this study. Schools in other cold climate areas are undergoing testing and analysis and we look forward to the results of this report. In the meantime, I have been assured that the heaters at Bowral PS are safe for students and staff while certain guidelines are followed. Cross ventilation is essential and I have asked all staff to ensure that this direction is clearly adhered to. The warmth, comfort and safety of students and staff is a primary concern and we will continue to take advice from the NSW DET. The Department actively monitors the use of gas heating in schools and will advise schools should there be any change in policy regarding use of gas heaters.

Wendy Buckley
Principal

School Photographs

School photographs have been distributed this week. School Leaders and House Captains photographs are available for purchase on a reorder basis. These can be viewed in our office reception area.

2008 Annual School Report will accompany this newsletter home to families today.

Fun Run

Yesterday we sent home a letter to all families in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 1/2P with details of this activity to be held on Wednesday 5 August.



Student Banking Competition

So to get your school excited about saving, we are teaming up with Disney/Pixar's latest movie 'UP' by offering a special Disney/Pixar prize pack valued at \$425 for one lucky Super Saver. Plus we're giving away 200 double passes to see Disney/Pixar's 'UP'.

As a little something extra, schools will have the opportunity to win a Sony Bravia 32" LCD TV valued at \$1,729. There are three to be given away so there's never been a better time to be involved in Student Banking.

The way the competition works is simple. Each Student Banking deposit made between 20 July and 21 September 2009, will receive one entry into the draw. Disney/Pixar prize pack: Family movie pass, watch. Disney/Pixar's DVD box set, Aviation goggles, Canvas backpack, Raincoat, Cap, Tumbler, Travel diary.

For more information visit
commbank.com.au/supersavers

REMINDER DIARY DATES

- Friday 31 July ♦ Invoice payment due date
- Thursday 30 July ♦ Year 6 Moving into the Teen Years program
- 6 & 13 August
- Monday 3 August ♦ Proms rehearsals at Goulburn West - Stage 2
- 3 & 10 August ♦ Minding Me Program Year 5
- Tuesday 4 August ♦ UNSW English Competition
- Wednesday 5 August ♦ K-Year 1 Fun Run 11:30am, Bradman Oval
- Thursday 6 August ♦ Return of the Bully Program K-6
- Term 3 ♦ Canteen Open Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Human Swine Flu Information Sheet

This year it is likely many more people will come down with flu-like illnesses than in recent flu seasons because few people have immunity to the human swine flu virus.

As the number of cases of flu increases, we all need to take steps to minimise the transmission of the virus in school communities as some staff and students are at greater risk of severe illness from flu.

Staff or students who become unwell should stay away from school until they are well to minimise the transmission of the flu.

Any student who identifies that they are unwell, or is displaying flu-like symptoms at school will be sent to a sick-bay area and their parent or carer will be called to take them home.

Please watch carefully for any signs or symptoms of flu-like illness in your child. If they are unwell please do not send them to school until their symptoms have gone.

These symptoms include fever, cough, tiredness, muscle aches, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath.

Some people are more likely to develop severe illness from both seasonal influenza and swine flu. NSW Health advises that this group includes people who:

- Are pregnant (particularly in the second and third trimester)
- Have chronic lung disease (including asthma)
- Are very obese
- Have chronic heart conditions
- Have chronic kidney disease
- Have chronic liver disease
- Have blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
- Have neurological disorders
- Have metabolic disorders (such as diabetes)
- Have weakened or suppressed immune systems (which may be caused by cancers, medications or HIV/AIDS)
- Are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background (of any age).

If you or your child is in one of these categories, please seek urgent medical attention as soon as symptoms of flu appear because you may need anti-influenza medication and it works best if given early.

The department has policies in place to support schools this flu season. I can assure you that the department will continue to act on all advice received from NSW Health to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and students.

Additional health information is available from the H1N1 influenza 09 section of the NSW Health website at:

<http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Illawarra All Schools Track & Field Championships All school aged athletics welcome

Sunday 23 August Kerryn McCann Athletics Centre 8:30am start
Enquires: Phil 0400 385 611 www.athleticswollongong.org.au

THE CHILDREN'S ART ROOM

Starting up in Term 3 at Bowral Public School

The aim of The Children's Art Room is to provide an opportunity for children aged 5 to 12 years to engage in and experience the process of creating art. The Children's Art Room will provide a friendly environment where children are supported in their originality, self expression and imagination. Children will experiment with a wide range of art materials and art processes, develop skills in drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking and most importantly, have fun.

For more information or to enrol your child please contact Penny McManus (qualified primary school teacher and local artist) Phone 4861 7869 M: 0422 880 707 Email lope1@west.net.au

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Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a great break.

Firstly, I would like to thank and congratulate the dedicated painters who have transformed the canteen over the holidays. Cindy Stone, Jane Turner, Vicky Best, Amanda Headford, Kay Paviour, Jane Dummer and Kate Bow did an amazing job; something the students should really enjoy.

******* Stop Press ***** Please note that the date of the Hoe Down has been changed to 6 November to accommodate Daylight Savings and (hopefully) warm weather.**

Now, on to the Trivia Night. Tickets are limited to 11 tables of 8, so please get in early to secure your table. If demand far outstrips this number, we will look into larger premises to accommodate. When booking your table, please nominate one contact person that we can liase with should the need arise.

We have been hitting the footpaths and have been lucky to receive some great prizes for the raffles and Silent Auction (last year we had over 40 prizes in the raffle alone). If you are able to offer some goods or services, please feel free to contact me at falshaw@internode.on.net.

The details for the evening follow.

Date: Saturday, 15 August 2009
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm (ending around 11.30pm)
Venue: St. Judes Church Hall
Cost: \$10 per person, \$80 per table
Theme: The Letter 'P'

Please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible



Bowral Public School, P&C Trivia Night - 15 August 2009

Please issue _____ tickets to the Trivia Night. I / we will be sitting on the _____ table.

Contact Name _____ Telephone _____

Eldest Student _____ Class _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____