



BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 8

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New Hall

After lengthy meetings last week, the draft proposal for the new school hall has been defined and now will be assessed at the next stage of the process by relevant stakeholders. As parents no doubt understand there will be considerable disruption to normal school activities during the construction phase. We do believe that the end result of new and improved facilities at Bowral Public School will be well worth the inconvenience.



One of the issues for us was the removal of the existing COLA alongside the toilet block. This structure did need to go, but it seemed that it would not be able to be relocated because of cost factors. Thanks to a fabulous parent at our school, Mr Steve Pinczi, that COLA is now going to be moved to the top part of the school playground to provide additional shade for our students. This will mean there is more money to spend on our hall and we retain a valuable school resource. We thank Steve for his generous support of our school...a fantastic solution to this dilemma!

Farmer's Market

I'm sure anyone who has been to the Bowral Public School Farmer's Market will agree that it is a colourful, vibrant market that enhances the fantastic sense of community at Bowral. Unfortunately, because of the impending construction I have had to advise the market organiser that the markets will need to finish this year. One of the conditions of the new building program is that work must commence by December 1. This will mean that for the remaining 3 markets this year, stallholders will be inconvenienced but should be able to continue as normal within the school grounds.

Bowral Public School will look forward to hosting markets again once construction is completed in 2010.

Self Help Day

This week is Joadja's Self Help Day. These colourful days, held once a term raise additional funds for school resources. The students are able to devise and run an activity from start to finish and in doing so learn much about responsibility, money handling and marketing (along with a myriad of other skills). Funds raised this term will go towards resources to support our Interactive Whiteboards (eg software).

Kerry's Castle

The out of school hours care centre is moving! Because of the building program, the school will need better access to the basement and its resources. I have offered Kerry the use of the old school residence and she has happily accepted that offer. After school and vacation care will continue at Bowral Public School as a service to the families who use it, at Banyette Street. Commencing date to be advised.

P&C

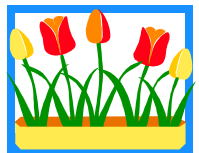
A big thank you to Justine McKinlay and Kay Paviour who have helped with the cleaning up of the school residence. It is not a fun job, but these two mums have willingly given up their time to help our school. Thank you both.

NAPLAN

This week parents of Year 3 and 5 students would have received the annual NAPLAN results for their child(ren). Staff will discuss the school results in detail at a staff meeting next week. Preliminary analysis has shown that the school is showing overall growth in most areas. As always, by analysing the school's results we can find out what we can do better as teachers and where our strengths and weaknesses lie as a school. Parents if you would like to discuss your child's results with their class teacher, you are welcome to do so.

Tulip Time Float

Don't forget we will be putting a float in the Tulip Time parade on Saturday 26 September. We are looking forward to as many students as possible participating in this fun afternoon to showcase Bowral Public School to our local community. Please refer to last week's newsletter for more details and the appropriate note.



Wendy Buckley - PRINCIPAL

REMINDER DIARY DATES	
Thursday 17 September	♦ Regional Athletics
Friday 18 September	♦ Self Help Day—Joadja ♦ No Canteen orders today
Monday 21 September	♦ P & C Meeting 7.30pm School Library
Tuesday 22 September	♦ Tabloid Sport K - 2
Friday 2 October	♦ Touch Football Gala Day ♦ Last day of Term 3

DISTRICT ATHLETICS RESULTS

An error was made in the results published last week. Louis Connell was listed as coming second in the 9yrs boys 100m. In fact Louis was equal first. Apologies to Louis.

Bev Hordern

STEWART HOUSE

Thank you to those who have donated used clothing to Stewart House in its recent collection. Bags were picked up on Tuesday 15 September. In 2009 this very worthwhile charity has been generously supported by our school - with two successful clothing drives and the proceeds from "The Impostors" as a cash donation. A big thank you to Dr Cotter and all who took part in this entertaining production. A worthy cause has been well supported.

Virginia Pridham - Stewart House Coordinator

KINDERGARTEN 2010

It is that time of year when schools commence their planning for the 2010 academic year. One of the most important steps is to identify Kindergarten students for the coming year. All families that reside in the school's drawing area (postcode 2576) are now invited to visit the school to collect enrolment forms and information for 2010. Students must turn 5 before 31 July 2010 to gain enrolment. As the term progresses, further information about the school's Kindergarten Orientation days will be shared with enrolling families.

If further information is required, please contact the school to make an appointment.

Julie Flemming, Early Stage 1 Leader



JOADJA SELF HELP DAY - FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2009

Please support Joadja's Self Help Day this Friday. Dress in rainbow mufti and make a gold coin donation. Participate in the many student organised and run stalls.

FREE CRAFTY GOODS

The Residence is having a tidy up and have some craft items no longer required. If you are interested in cottons, frames, purse clips etc or know of someone who could use them please call in and have a look at the Uniform Shop.

Bowral Public School



A big thankyou to the committee members and volunteers at the canteen who are ensuring the large amount of Meal Deals we are doing are getting out to the students on time. Vicky Best in particular has been a star, helping at least once a week, every week this term. The Meal Deals will change next term to reflect the change to the warmer months. Looking forward to seeing the menu.

Hoe Down is coming up, and we are planning a raffle to help a family dear to our school in their time of need. Should you or your business have something to donate, please let me know (falshaw@internode.on.net). Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Now a subject that is making me itch just writing about it. NITS. Make sure you check for the little beasties so we can make the school a nit free zone. If I can hold my kids down for long enough they will be getting a preventative treatment over the holidays, just to be sure.

Justine

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEXT BLUE LIGHT DISCO 3 October and 31 October 2009 Mittagong RSL Club	ILLAWARRA STINGRAYS Female Football Trials 2010 18, 20, 25 October all grades from U12 to open women More Information 222.illawarrastingrays.com Sandy 0418 679 777
BOWRAL, MITTAGONG, MOSS VALE LIBRARIES Holiday activities available Purchase tickets from each Library prior to the day	SPRING FAIR AT MITTAGONG Mittagong Public School Saturday 26 September 10am to 4pm Stallholder enquiries to Lisa Ellis 0412 611 354
SOFTBALL & TEE BALL Nominations now due Bowral Bowling Club 6pm 21 September 2009 Tee Ball under 10yr Boys & Girls & Softball under 13 yrs Boys & Girls Phone/Fax: 4861 1529	HIGHLANDS DISTRICT CRICKET REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS U16 - 19 & 26 September 10am Bradman Oval Nets U14 - 20 & 27 September 10am Chevalier College Nets U12 - 20, 27 September & 4 October 10am Chevalier College Steve Mooney alisonandsteve@bigpond.com

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Literacy and Numeracy Week At Bowral Public School



Stage 3 students from 5/6E and 6Z recently attended the Illawarra South East Region debating camp at Batemans Bay. The enthusiastic and dedicated group of Madeleine O'Shea, Ruby Turkic, Sarah Carnahan and

Grace Lavender learnt that the skills required to build a fantastic argument in a debate can also be used when presenting a point of view and justifying it when writing an exposition. We saw the value of looking at different points of view, presenting a case to either justify or rebut the position taken, clarifying and substantiating the main idea with a series of supporting statements. The girls finished the two day camp with a debate on the topic "Children should have the right to vote". It was wonderful to spend time with such enthusiastic learners who were a real credit to Bowral Public School, themselves and their families.

Jan Christie



1R have been very busy writing narratives. These show just how well the authors understand the importance of introducing a problem and the way it is resolved.

The Snake

Once upon a time I was walking in the garden and I saw a snake.

The snake was a bad snake. It had fangs! I said 'Go away, go away!' and he went back into his hole and I was safe.

By Michael Dowe

Watch Out! Big Bro's coming

One sunny day, in the jungle, the animals were playing but the chimpanzee was picking out his fleas and eating them until a little mouse screamed

'Watch out Big Bro's coming!'

All the animals shivered.

Then they heard a growl. It was Big Bro. Big Bro smashed the trees down and the animals ran for their lives. There was a waterhole nearby. They hid behind a tree at the waterhole. There was mud on the ground. Big Bro slipped on the mud and fell into the deep waterhole. Big Bro drowned.

The animals came out and went to play and never saw Big Bro again.

By Ella Dodds-Mah

Class 5T have made a study of poverty in the global village. *Jaiden Bamber* demonstrates the values of understanding and caring in his poem.

Poverty

Lost
One lost then found
No education
Extremely sad
Lonely



Young kids that have to work when they're three

3H have been writing a different form of poetry – diamante – known for their shape and also the fantastic use of verbs and adjectives – they also demonstrate how one thing can be turned into something else that has opposite qualities.

Leafy seadragon
Ornate, rare
Glowing, camouflaging, soaring
Leaf, weeds, reptile, sky
Demolishing, burning, terrifying
Furious angry
Dragon



By Hugo Silm

4C regularly complete a sports diary. A diary is a special form of recount that details what has happened.

Nicholas Pinczi writes;

Dear Diary,

On Thursday we went to have Sport For Life in the bottom playground. Ray said that we were dancing the waltz. Mr Cayzer, Ray and Sarah thought that Peter had the best costume. He was wearing a top hat and bow tie. First we went to start and warm up a little and then we practised doing the waltz by our self. Then Ray said to form a line and then we would have to dance with a girl. After that we went on to a new move and then when time was up we went to the next person and the next and the next. Then Ray stopped the music and talked about next week. That was a very good session and dance. I loved it!



Whaling

I believe that it is not fair to eat and kill some animals but people are worrying about the whale.

Firstly, if it is OK to eat a cow or a lamb why are people worried about the whale. What

is the difference between a cow and a whale? The whale is bigger than a cow so it is more meat.

Secondly, chickens suffer much worse treatment and everybody is worried about sparing the whales. Many animals are affected much worse than whales.

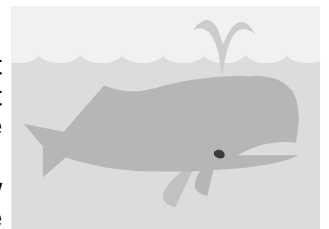
Thirdly, some people say that you can't eat them because they are mammals but aren't cattle, lambs and pigs mammals too. I don't know why whales are getting all the worry.

Fourthly, if whaling is banned people that live near the north pole will die because of starvation. Australia's native animal is the kangaroo and we still eat them so why can't we eat whales?

Fifthly, one whale could feed all of Bowral for a week but a lamb or anything else couldn't feed a family. One whale could feed a family for ages (if it is refrigerated to stop it going off).

In conclusion, people are worrying about the whales but what about other animals that suffer and that could be made extinct.

By Liberty Walker



4D are learning about the use of subheadings when writing information reports. It is clear the students understand the importance of writing what they know and understand rather than copying from a text.

Koala

Introduction

Koalas are a kind of mammal called a marsupial. Koalas are world famous Australian animals. The scientific name for a koala is Phascolarctos Cinereus which means 'ash-coloured pouch bear'. A baby koala is called a joey.



Koalas' breeding season.

Koalas mate in September. Male koalas make bellowing calls to attract females. The tiny joey is born 35 days after its parents mate. The newborn joey attaches to its mother's teat and stays attached for 13 weeks.

What they eat

Joeys eat pap which is rich protein which helps the joey's growth. Pap also contains bacteria that will help the koala digest gum leaves. Adult koalas eat gum leaves.

Habitat

Koalas live in the eucalypt forests in eastern Australia. They live near the sea and near the mountains. They also live in gum trees.

What they look like

Koalas of south-eastern Australia are larger than those of north-eastern Australia. They also have darker and longer fur which helps to keep them warm.

Conclusion

Koalas are a kind of mammal called a marsupial. They are very cute and sleepy,

A joint report by Grace McWilliams, Ebony Smith and Eliza

Class 5W and 5T have been writing expositions. Presenting a point of view and then justifying that position.

Animal Rights

Woolworths recently made a decision about eggs and they will only accept free range eggs.

Free range eggs are eggs that chickens have left around their free run area.

I think Woolworths have made this decision because it is wrong to keep chickens in cages just for eggs.

They should be let free for at least 10 minutes a day. The prices will be bigger because people will buy them because they think its right for chickens.

Free range eggs are more expensive because people want eggs from chickens that are happy, healthy and free.

Steak, pork, chicken, lamb, fish, deer, doe, goat, leather, fur and wool come from animals.

Scientists think that animals think like humans:

1: intensive farming;

2: animals like pig and chicken kept in a cage;

3: ship loads of Australian animals sent overseas.

More radical people want to stop intensive farming, shipping animals overseas, scientists testing potions on animals and animals being kept in cages.

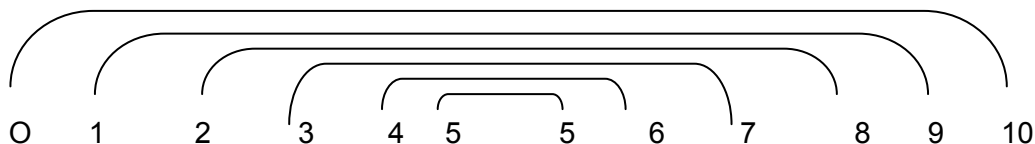
By Evan McGrath 5W



NUMERACY WITH 1B

Making friends to 10

1B have been learning about number combinations and have discovered a great rainbow design to help each number have a friend that makes 10.



They have discovered 5 is friends with itself so $5 + 5 = 10$.

Then the children showed just how quickly they understood the importance of using these friends of 10 to calculate:

$$\underbrace{4 + 7 + 6}_{10} = 17 \quad \text{and then} \quad 10 + \underbrace{5 + 0 + 5 + 3}_{10} = 23$$