



Newsletter

Wednesday 2 July 2008

Term 2 Week 10

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Wednesday night nine (9) families were represented at the drug education workshop conducted by Tracey Coleman, Drug Education Consultant, Illawarra and South East Region. During this one (1) hour session, Tracey spoke about the current situation regarding the use of drugs and shared some statistics. The final section of the workshop dealt with the importance of communication between parents and caregivers and their children. Tracey emphasised the need of keeping communication open, in not only dealing with drug related matters, but also communication in general. At the request of those adults present, Tracey has sent me a copy of the last two (2) pages of her presentation and they are included in this week's newsletter for your interest. Please take the time to read through what Tracey presented and I trust that for many families these notes only confirm what you are already doing in listening to your child. I found this information extremely worthwhile and it also continues to demonstrate the close partnership that exists between the home and school. Once again I apologise for the lateness in advertising the workshop but in speaking to Tracey at the conclusion of the night, she agreed to run a second workshop, covering the same material, during term four when the weather is warmer. I will ensure this date makes the calendar at the beginning of the last term of the 2008 school year.

I trust all families received their child's report towards the end of last week. The information provided serves to ensure families are fully informed about the growth and development of their child during the first part of the year. Further information can be provided by making an appointment to speak to the teacher concerned.

Along with this week's newsletter, each family is being provided with a copy of Bowral Public School's Annual School Report for 2007. The contents cover a wide range of topics that I trust reflect significant milestones and activities about our school during last year. The self evaluation committee made a decision towards the end of 2007 to have the report published external to that which the Department of Education and Training usually provides. The committee trusts that the coloured booklet presents a clear snapshot of not just what was achieved in 2007 but also some future directions.



A reminder to all families that the first day for students in term three will be Tuesday 22 July 2008. The previous day is a Staff Development Day in most NSW government schools where teachers will undertake a series of Teacher Professional Learning opportunities that will assist as they reflect on their teaching practices.



After a great deal of investigation, it is pleasing to share with families the date of the annual athletics carnival. This will be conducted on Wednesday 23 July 2008 at the Southern Highlands Christian School. A 400m track will be marked and our students, from Year 2 to Year 6, will be able to test their skills and fitness as they participate in a series of track events as well as a range of novelty activities. For children turning eight (8) years or older this year, the opportunity will be provided for students to compete in the 100m, 200 and 800m. 4 x 100m circular relays will be run towards the end of the day. In line with State PSSA rules, the children will compete in three (3) divisions. All children turning eight, nine or ten in 2008 will compete in the junior division. The eleven year olds have their own division while twelve and thirteen year old athletes make up the senior division. Permission notes were issued to all eligible children earlier in the week and it is imperative that the tear off section is returned to the school by Friday 4 July 2008 (the last day of this term) to ensure buses are ordered to transport the children to and from the ground. This activity was included in our term 2 invoice. Any families who may have forgotten or who are paying term invoices by instalments need to ensure that the money is also paid by this Friday. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

A Pink Day will be held this Friday. This has been an initiative of the school's Student Representative Council (SRC) to support the McGrath Foundation. The death of Jane McGrath recently was a tragic loss and her children attended a government school in Sydney. Both Jane and husband Glenn set up the McGrath Foundation to train nurses to support cancer victims. Children are encouraged to wear something pink on the day or the school will provide a pink ribbon. For this privilege, any coin should be brought and it will be collected by the SRC representatives from each class.



I trust that all families have the opportunity to enjoy the forthcoming winter vacation. This last term appears to have been a long one and the children are ready to enjoy activities away from the school over the new two (2) weeks. The break will provide the opportunity for children and adults alike to recover from colds and similar symptoms that often strike at this time of the year. I thank the staff for their on-going commitment in providing an education for the children that not only encompasses the academic domain but also personal and social development.

John Morris
Principal

HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY

CALENDAR	
Friday 4 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Term 2 ♦ Wear something pink today to support the McGrath Foundation - Coin donation ♦ Payment for athletics due today
Monday 21 July	♦ Staff Development Day no students required
Wednesday 23 July	♦ School Athletics Carnival - Years 2 - 6 at Southern Highlands Christian School
Friday 25 July	♦ Invoice payment due
Tuesday 5 August & Thursday 7 August	♦ Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO) Clubbe Hall Frensham School 6:30pm

SPORTS WRAP

SOFTBALL

The next round in the State PSSA Boys Softball competition will see Bowral play at home against Jerrabomberra Public School on the second last day of term two. This Queanbeyan school will travel to the Southern Highlands to challenge our team that has been training under the direction of Mrs Williams. The result of the game will be published in the first edition of the newsletter in term three.

John Morris Principal



HINDMARSH CUP AND NOBLE CHALLENGE

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of participating as coach in the annual Hindmarsh Cup and Noble Challenge Series. I thank both Mr Morris and Miss Christie for their assistance. Whilst our teams were not victorious in any of the matches, the players were all winners. The level of improvement in their playing standard as the day progressed was enormous. I congratulate all the players on their wonderful behaviour both on and off the field.

Mr Jut Coordinator

HINDMARSH CUP AND NOBLE CHALLENGE

Last Thursday I had the privilege of watching our Hindmarsh Cup team (under 10 years) play Hill Top Public School at Robertson. Whilst the weather was bitterly cold, the team really showed a great deal of spirit and were cheered on by a fantastic group of supporters.

The final score was 4 - 0 to Hill Top, although this was not a true indication of the effort that was put in by everyone – including the reserves and trainers with the water bottles. The score could have been 4 all following a sensational run of almost half the field, by Clayton, who was so enthusiastic he ran right over the try line before putting the ball down.

Highlights were: superb tackling by Escher and Jesse; great taking up of the ball by Jack and Jonathan from the front row; some really first class sprints with the ball by Tim and Clayton; Josh, as captain, showed a fine understanding of positional play; Tom, Lochie and Dylan never stopped following the ball and showed themselves to be real team players; the same can be said of Andrew and Josh who made sure they were always ready to take on their opponents; Minique, as co-captain, was gracious enough to sit out the first game and provide encouragement from the sideline.

In their other two games the players continued to try their best and enjoyed the experience provided by the competition. Special thanks to the extra coaching from the parents who ensured the team stayed warm and also practised their ball passing skills.

Thanks team for demonstrating such fine sporting attitudes and behaviours.

Jan Christie Deputy Principal

Recount of Hindmarsh Cup and Noble Challenge

On the 26 June, a group of stage 2 and 3 students travelled to Hampton Park Robertson to represent Bowral Public School at the district rugby league carnival. The seniors day started with a match against St Thomas Aquinas which was a great challenge. We played well and although we lost, there were some fantastic tackles and runs. Our next match was against St Pauls and this time it was very close. The team stepped up and played at a much higher level. Bowral scored first but ended up just losing. It was a great effort. We played St Michaels in a nail-biter. The final score was nil all but St Michaels ended up winning on penalties. Finally we played Colo Vale and we lost by six points. It was a great day and although we didn't make finals, everyone had great fun. Thanks Mr Jut.

Luther 6Z

On Wednesday 26 June Bowral Public School competed in the districts rugby league gala day. We left school early to compete against Saint Thomas at Hampton Park in Robertson. They played well against us and we got beaten 4 tries to nil. Our second game was against Saint Michael's. We were winning in the first half from my try. Although they got the better of us in the second half, in the end we lost 2 tries to 1. Our second last game was against Saint Paul's who drew with us but they got the first penalty so we lost. Our last game was against Colo Vale. They were a strong side that beat us 1 try to none. But the end of the day was awesome thanks to Mr Jut.

Henry 6Z

On Thursday 26 June, the Bowral Public Junior and Senior teams went to Hampton Park in Robertson to play a gala day of rugby league. We arrived at Hampton Park, and were not surprised to see strong winds and really cold weather. The seniors played our first game against St Thomas Aquinas School, who boasted 3 representative players, 2 current and 1 former. They played excellent rugby league and it was tough and exciting football displayed by them. We lost pretty comprehensively, (after a good effort in the cold) 24 - 0. The next game was against St Pauls School. We played good football, and so did the other team. However they played a touch better. We were confident and leading in the first half, but they dug down and pulled 2 tries from nowhere, and we had no reply. We lost to a good effort, 2 tries to nil. What we presumed as our last game, was against St Michaels. They looked tough opposition, and were. We fought hard with them (within the spirit of the game) and tied. However, whichever team receives the first penalty wins. We gave away the first penalty, unfortunately, and lost on that rule. But to our surprise, we had another game against Colo Vale. We played for pride and we dug deep and tried hard. But Colo Vale also had not won and wanted a bit of pride, and came out with the win 1 try to nil. Bowral's efforts were outstanding and were led with honour and enthusiasm by Cameron, and the co-captain, Sam. The full team was: Nicholas, Henry, Lochie, Sam, Riley, William, Luther, Bryce, Caleb, Liam, Brodie, Sam, Jackson, Cameron (captain) Sam (vice-captain), Lachlan, Tom, Tyson, Tom. Well done all those who participated, and my many thanks to Mr Jut who coached us well.

Sam 6Z

Communication Advice

- **DO**
 - ✓ Choose a calm moment
 - ✓ Bring up the conversation in general
 - ✓ Arrange a specific time to talk and tell them what you want to talk about
 - ✓ Ask them to predict what they might have to deal with
- **DON'T**
 - × Make it a lecture
 - × Do all your talking at the time of a wrongdoing
 - × Wait until they are in trouble
 - × Do all the thinking for them
 - × Assume that all parties are the same

Communication Advice

- **DO**
 - ✓ Make sure they have the knowledge they need
 - ✓ Be clear about the rules
 - ✓ Get to know their friends
 - ✓ Ask them to suggest solutions too
 - ✓ Make sure they know they can ask for help
 - ✓ Let them know you love them
 - ✓ Forgive them if they make a mistake
- **DON'T**
 - × Assume there is only one arrangement that will work
 - × Assume they know all the facts
 - × Be inconsistent
 - × Judge their friends without knowing them
 - × Assume that they think you are approachable
 - × Make your love conditional
 - × Deny them the chance to prove they can do the right thing

LOST UNIFORM ITEMS

At times, named items of uniform are mistakenly picked up and go home with another student. Could you please check that uniform items have your child's name on them, as families are reporting labelled items of clothing missing at the office. Please return to the school office any items you may find belong to another family.

Thank you



COMMUNITY NEWS

HARMONY COMMUNITY FARM LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

Run from 1 July to 15 August 2008
Competition open to all school students
Information John Cranney M: 0409 890 909

Wanted

St Judes Church would like ice cream containers to be used for soup at their drop in centre. If anyone has spare containers please leave at Bowral Public School office. Thank you

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P&C News

Thank you to those parents who completed the surveys on the Fireworks Night. It is very beneficial to the people organising these events to have this kind of feedback.

Something to put into your diary for next term is a **Trivia Night on Saturday, 6 September**. To gain an idea of what venue will be needed for the evening I would appreciate it if you could return the tear off slip below to indicate if you would be interested in attending the evening. Then an appropriately sized location can be booked. Likewise, if you would be keen to help in any capacity towards the organisation please let me know.

As the school athletics carnival will be held the first week of next term Wednesday 23 July the canteen committee is looking for volunteers to help out at the venue. If you can spare some time while you are watching your child compete, please let Donna Manton (email dma085380@bigpond.net.au) know. Your help will be appreciated.

Reminder Anchors discount voucher use by date is 13 July 2008

I hope all families have a wonderful and safe holiday.

Justine McKinlay



Bowral Public School Trivia Night Saturday 6 September 2008

I would be interested in attending. Number of guests.....

I would be interested in helping in the organisation.

Contact details.....

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