



Newsletter

Wednesday 4 June 2008

Term 2 Week 6

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

Next Tuesday the first of the recorder concerts, co-ordinated by the Department's Performing Arts Unit, will be conducted at the Sydney Opera House. This Festival of Music is an annual event and students from our school will travel to Sydney to rehearse during the day and perform at night with children from other government schools across the length and breadth of New South Wales. The students selected to represent the school on this occasion have been practising for many months under the leadership of Mrs Oszurko and Miss Sheumack. I wish them all the very best for the night and look forward, along with many families, to listening to their performance. Students are reminded to be at Bowral Railway Station next Tuesday by 8.25am.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many families, grandparents and friends that made Bowral Public School a priority last week during the school's Education Week celebrations. The school assembly provided the school leaders with an opportunity to continue to develop their public speaking skills and the performance by the stage three recorder group continued to promote the role that music plays in the school. All visitors to the classrooms were able to gain a 'snapshot' of what each class was undertaking at this time and the way the rooms were presented demonstrated the time and effort undertaken by both the students and their teachers. A highlight of any tour on this day was a visit to the school library where an impressive display of student work reflecting both Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day could be viewed. The school's teacher librarian, Mrs Jenny Henderson, spent many hours leading up to the day planning and setting out the display. My thanks to all the teachers for their on-going commitment to the education of children enrolled at our school. Your contribution is acknowledged and appreciated.

Congratulations to our school's debating team on their narrow victory over Hill Top Public School last week. It is encouraging that the students are provided with an opportunity to 'test' their thinking and talking skills against children of a similar age. My thanks to Mrs Pridham for her dedication to this activity and also to the families who provided transport on the day. The third debate will be against Moss Vale Public School this Friday.

From time to time cases of headlice are found in the heads of students at the school. When this occurs, classes are notified and the accompanying letter provides details about the best way to eliminate the lice. I would encourage all families to undertake regular checks of the hair of their child/children to ensure the spread of headlice is kept to a minimum. Your support in this matter is appreciated as it requires the co-operation of all families in dealing with this issue.



The attendance of children at school each day is a legal requirement for all families. There will be times, through illness or other reasons, that children are unable to attend school. On these occasions, a note should accompany each child when they return to school. This allows teachers to complete their roll making the appropriate notations. When notes are not provided, teachers and/or clerical staff will need to follow this matter up. Attendance is monitored by the school and if there is a concern families will be contacted. In cases where no notes are returned, it may require the assistance of the Department's Home School Liaison Officer to be involved. If there are occasions when your child may be absent for a number of days, a telephone call to the school would be appreciated. Education of children is a shared responsibility between the school and the home and support from families, regarding this matter, would be appreciated.

Two weeks ago, the Future Schools Committee provided all families with an update regarding matters relating to the future of our school. Unfortunately, there was an error regarding the matter of what the school calls Churchyard, where students play during the lunchtime break. The school newsletter indicated that with the future development of St Jude's Church, the Church Yard would be sold. **This information is incorrect.** In fact, no decision has been made regarding this parcel of land. On behalf of the Future Schools Committee, I apologise for this error that has caused undue worry and concern to any members of St Jude's Church or their parishioners.

Next Thursday 12 June 2008, the ICAS competition for Spelling and Writing will be conducted. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast are both good preparation for this challenging activity. Also, in the Bowral Memorial Hall on this day, Opera Australia will perform the Barber of Seville. The cost of this musical performance was included on the term two invoice. The cost is \$6.65. Any families availing themselves of the opportunity to pay by installments **must pay this amount by this Friday 6 June 2008.**

PARKING IN ST JUDE'S CHURCHYARD

As many families are aware, staff of Bowral Public School are unable to park on the school site. With the permission of personnel from St. Jude's Church, staff cars are able to be parked in their carpark, opposite the school grounds. It is important for families to understand that this carpark is a private parking area for Church functions only. However, St Jude's will allow families to use their carpark for drop off and pick up on weekdays. The times available for this are from 8.00am until 9.30am in the mornings and 2.30pm to 4.00pm in the afternoons. It would be appreciated if cars are parked in this area for no more than thirty (30) minutes. Drivers are asked not to park near the entrance of the carpark as this is reserved for Church staff. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.



John Morris Principal

CALENDAR

Monday 9 June	♦ SCHOOL CLOSED QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
Tuesday 10 June	♦ Instrumental Concert Opera House Stage 3
Thursday 12 June	♦ Opera Australia Memorial Hall Bowral K-Yr 6 ♦ ICAS - Writing and Spelling Competition
Friday 13 June	♦ Fireworks at Eridge Park Bowral ♦ Jump Rope for Heart—Jump Off ♦ Regional Cross Country, Cambewarra
Friday 20 June	♦ Self Help Day Joadja

SOFTBALL

Unfortunately the games of softball against Nowra Public School this week did not go ahead. Both games were forfeited by Nowra. Further information about the next round will be provided once it is known.



RUGBY LEAGUE

The annual Hindmarsh Cup and Noble Challenge rugby league games will be played at the Robertson Showground on Thursday 5 June 2008. Good luck to our players in their games against other local schools. Players will leave the school by 8.35am on the day.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our athletes are in the final stage of their preparation for the South Coast Regional cross country to be held at 'Willandra' Cambewarra on Friday 13 June 2008. It is hoped the runners will enjoy this experience.

NETBALL

The school netball team will participate in the first rounds of the State PSSA Knockout competition this Friday. Good luck to the team and thanks to Mrs Bell for her interest and commitment to this sport.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The jump off will be conducted at the school on Friday 13 June 2008. Many students have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in this activity. A number of families have decided to use the online method of sponsorship that is very efficient and produces receipts immediately. The Heart Foundation website is www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart and you can follow the steps to register there.

DEBATING NEWS

Last Tuesday the debating team - Luther 1st speaker, Bryce 2nd speaker, Victoria 3rd speaker and Grace —team advisor, travelled to Hill Top to take part in the second round of the Premier's Challenge Debating competition. The topic was "That laptops should replace exercise books". Our team argued the affirmative case. It was a very close contest, but Bowral Public School was victorious—just!. Our next debate will be against Moss Vale Public School this Friday 6 June 2008.



Virginia Pridham Debating Coach



P&C News

Ok folks; I have officially had my first bout of lying in bed hyperventilating over the Fireworks Night. There are lots of people who are working very hard and everything is coming together really well, but I would sleep easier if I knew there was a bunch of Year 4 parents who could assist with the Beef Roll stand on the evening. If you haven't been to one of these events, the beef is provided and carved on the night by Mauger's Meats. Volunteers then make up the rolls to order. There will be no money handling, just making up and serving the rolls. Is there anyone out there who can help?

On the subject of food on the evening, take the night off cooking and have dinner at the event. There will be plenty of choice for everyone. I hear there is something VERY special happening on the soup stall, a renegade corn on the cob stand, plus the abovementioned beef buns, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs and home made cakes and coffee to round off the evening.

If you can't help in any other capacity but can bake, donations of cakes, biscuits, slices etc will be most gratefully accepted. Tracy and Julia will collect any donations from the office on Thursday afternoon 12 June and Friday morning 13 June.

We are also endeavouring to have plenty of activity prior to the actual fireworks. There will be face painting, 2 bouncy castles (a big thank you to Southern Highlands Smash Repairs for this), plus lots of games and a disco tent. There will be prizes for the best dressed children in each stage.

Thank you to the business houses who have supported this event so far. They are Peter Doyle Seafood, Southern Highlands Smash Repairs and Woolworths.

Justine McKinlay

COMMUNITY NEWS

Families who have missed out on Choral Concert tickets try the web site again. Families have found there have been tickets available.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL ILLAWARRA RD MOSS VALE
'Educational Ideas Seminar'
Topic "Parenting Modern Children and Teens"
Tuesday 10 June 7-9pm Information phone 4868 1088
Email: Phyll.Mclaughlin@tudorhouse.nsw.edu.au

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FIREWORKS VOLUNTEERS 2008

TASK	COORDINATOR	VOLUNTEER			TIMES
Set up		Rachel Feary Tracy Jordan	Julia Freer Justine McKinlay	Benita Richards	From 2.30pm
Car Parking – Wirenda Road		Michael Murton	Rodney Cavalier		From 4.30pm
Outside boundary supervision – Moss Vale Rd walking entrance					Approx. 4.30 - 6.30pm
Inside boundary supervision – fireworks area	Justine McKinlay	Jason Silm	Matt Bow		From 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Pack Up		Iain Falshaw	George Connell		From 8.00pm – 9.00pm
Clean Up – Sat. morn		Rachel Feary	John Morris		From 7.00am
Hot Food Ticket sales	Justine McKinlay	Sara Silm	Kate Bow	Sarah Turkic	From 5.00pm
Canteen	Rhonda/Amanda Headford				From 5.00pm
Bouncy Castle supervision	Shevaun Barnett & Kindy families				From 5.00pm
Soup & Roll	Jane Dummer & Year 1 families				From 5.00pm
Glow Products	Louise Hillyer & Year 2 families				From 5.00pm
Cake Stall	Tracy Jordan & Julia Freer & Year 3 families				From 5.00pm
Beef & Bun	Yr 4 Coordinator is needed please!				From 5.00pm
BBQ Sausage & Onion Rolls	Roger Jut & Year 5 families				From 5.00pm
Games	Year 6 families & students				From 5.00pm
Arrange Floats for stalls & treasury	Barbara Fay	Barbara Fay	Tim Keating		

Note: Where a coordinator is noted, communication will be via them through your child's class. Time slots for volunteers are not for the full duration, but in either ½ or 1 hour shifts. So the more people volunteering, the shorter your shift. Please either contact the coordinator for your year or send this sheet nominating where you can help back to Justine McKinlay via your child's class. Thank you!



PREPAID TICKETS FOR FIREWORKS EVENING - FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2008

Family Name Phone



Student Name Class

Number of Adults Number of children

Prepaid: \$20 per family. Tickets on the night: \$25 per car or walking: Child \$5, Adults \$10

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all families who supported our Open Day Coffee Shop with donations of an assortment of cakes, slice and biscuits. A special mention must be made to Woolworths Supermarket for their generous donation of a wish gift card used for purchases by the canteen.



**Canteen Volunteers
Employment Guaranteed**

Where: Bowral Public School Canteen

When: Weekly Fortnightly Monthly or as often as possible

Hours: 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Experience: Not necessary. Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.

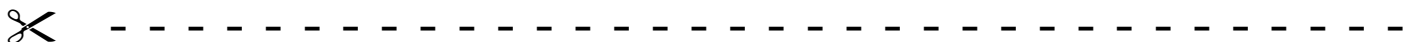
Salary: "A La Carte" lunch (healthy sandwich), plenty of tea or coffee and best of all friendship.

Bonus: Your children are happy to see you in their favourite place – school. You get to spoil them by spending a little extra money (all for a good cause) and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

Applications close: NEVER

Please fill in the form below and send it back to the canteen as soon as possible. Your roster will be sent home to you. We are currently short of volunteers for term 3 and 4 and new helpers are always welcome. Those already on the roster need not reapply. Thanking you in anticipation.

Donna and Rhonda



Canteen Volunteers

Name:Telephone:

Eldest child's name/class:

Please nominate: [day which you prefer to work]

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Once per term Twice per term

I can help at short notice Yes No

Special Requests.....

Thanks for volunteering. If you have any questions please contact Donna on 4861 5739 or Rhonda in the canteen on 4861 1056