



# Newsletter

Wednesday 11 June 2008

Term 2 Week 7

**BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*Striving, Thinking, Learning*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The annual Bowral Public School P & C Association's fireworks will be conducted at Eridge Park this Friday. Justine McKinley and her organising team have spent many hours planning this event and it is anticipated that many Bowral Public School Community families will make this activity a priority at this time. Apart from the fireworks, there will be a number of food outlets, coupled with activities for children, to ensure everyone is catered for during the evening. I am aware that already a number of pre-event tickets have been sold and this is greatly appreciated. Some local firms have indicated their interest in being a community supporter of the fireworks and this has assisted the P & C in developing an appropriate budget. Congratulations to everyone for their support at this time.



Last Thursday, Mr Allan Jones, president of the Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Club, visited the stage two (2) assembly to present the school with a \$8000 cheque from his organisation that will greatly assist in the implementation of a reading scheme for students in Years 3, 4 and 5. This system is called a Lexile Framework. It is a tool that matches readers to appropriately challenging books by measuring both reader ability and text difficulty on the same scale – called a Lexile scale. It serves as both a comprehension and assessment tool that motivates students to read independently and monitors and reports, through on line activities, students' progress. Teachers and students are extremely grateful for this financial support and coupled with the \$2500 provided by the P & C Association, the program is hoped to be fully implemented by the beginning of term three. Currently, the students involved are completing an initial twenty (20) minute Lexile test that will calculate their starting point. At this time I would like to thank Mrs Jenny Henderson, the school's teacher/librarian, for her on-going support and commitment to this initiative. Families wishing to support this program can assist this Friday (refer note from Mrs Henderson). I trust all students enjoy this new aspect that complements activities already planned for the classroom.

As a result of the Staff Development Day held on day one of term two, all teaching staff reviewed the behaviour system that operates in each classroom. A variety of ideas and suggestions were shared that has now resulted in a number of visual charts being displayed in all rooms. The charts will assist students to gain an enhanced understanding of the school rules ultimately resulting in the refining of their learning behaviour. I have visited a number of classrooms since the charts have been introduced and I am impressed in the way this pictorial representation has assisted learning. Four colours are used with all children aiming to remain in the green section. To find out more, visit your child's classroom.

Congratulation to the school debating team on their third consecutive win last Friday when they faced strong opposition from Moss Vale Public School in which the topic of a three (3) day weekend was debated. Once again Luther, the first speaker for the

government, clearly defined the topic and put forward some initial points. Second and third speakers Bryce and Victoria respectively, were able to build on this start that ensured that when the school team debates Crookwell Public School next Wednesday, they will present in a confident manner. The continued support of Mrs Pridham is appreciated.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a single sheet that provides families with details of the annual Family Contribution. Some years ago, the Library Fund and Building Fund were established by the school community to support Bowral Public School. Last year donations were allocated to the Building Fund while, in 2008, financial support will be channelled into the Library Fund. If you would like to make a donation, complete the form and return it to the school by the end of the month. All donations are tax deductible.

Mention was made earlier this term about the Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO). After initial planning, classes have commenced developing their activities that relate to the planned topic 'Once Upon A Time.' I am aware that some teachers have met with families to enable them to assist in the development of appropriate props and costumes. This is greatly appreciated. I am now providing all families with the dates of the performances. Clubb Hall (attached to Frensham School, Mittagong) will be the venue and there will be two (2) performances – Tuesday 5 August and Thursday 7 August 2008. The same show will run both nights with a planned starting time of 6.30pm and the show will be of about a two (2) hour duration. Tickets for both shows will go on sale, at Bowral Public School, during the early weeks of term three. I trust these dates will be helpful in planning both family and work commitments.



This Friday 13 June will see all the practice that students have undertaken put to valuable use as our school participates in the Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off. It has been very encouraging and rewarding to see the activities that the students, supported by teachers and family members, have undertaken in enhancing skipping skills and their aerobic capacity. All students should bring any sponsorship money on the day.

Finally, I wish to thank the teaching staff for the many hours of additional work they have committed to the development of individual student reports. These reports will reflect student growth and development over the first part of the 2008 school year. Reports will be distributed to each family shortly.

**ALL GUESSING COMPETITION TICKETS SOLD OR  
UNSOLD RETURN BY FRIDAY PLEASE**

## CALENDAR

- Thursday 12 June** ♦ Opera Australia Memorial Hall Bowral K-Yr 6
- Friday 13 June** ♦ Fireworks at Eridge Park Bowral  
♦ Jump Rope for Heart—Jump Off  
♦ Regional Cross Country, Cambewarra
- Monday 16 June** ♦ P&C Meeting 7:30pm School Library
- Friday 20 June** ♦ Self Help Day Joadja
- Tuesday 5 August & Thursday 7 August** ♦ Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO)  
Clubb Hall Frensham School 6:30pm

## **SPORTS WRAP**

### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Due to wet weather, the annual Hindmarsh Cup and Noble Challenge rugby league games have been postponed until Thursday 26 June 2008. Transport details and general organisation will be provided to the players involved as they become available.



### **CROSS COUNTRY**

The South Coast Regional cross country will be conducted at 'Willandra' Cambewarra this Friday. The Bowral School Community passes on its best wishes to our runners as they compete against students from the other sixteen (16) PSSA Districts – Nicholas and Louis (8/9 years boys), Ella (8/9 years girls), Andrew (10 years boys), Lily (10 years girls), Caleb (11 years boys), Eliza and Jess (11 years girls), and Tom (12 years boys). Final notes were issued to these athletes earlier in the week. Each competitor is required to bring \$5 and give to the District Manager, Alissa Whatman, from Robertson Public School. Also included in the note were changed traffic directions to get to the venue.

### **CRICKET**

The third round of the State PSSA cricket knockout will see Bowral play Woonona East on Tuesday 17 June. Details about this activity are being co-ordinated by Mr Jut.



**John Morris**  
**Principal**

Dear Families

The school has purchased a large number of books to be used as part of the Lexile Reading Program in Years 3, 4 and 5 classrooms. They are all ready to be used apart from needing to be covered.

SO

We are having a covering day in the library, all day this Friday. If you feel you can give an hour or so to come in and help cover books it would be much appreciated. Bring a friend, everything will be provided to use ... even cake and a cuppa!

Many thanks

**Jenny Henderson**  
**Teacher-Librarian**



### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ISSUED TODAY**

School and house captain photographs can be viewed in our office reception area for ordering.



## **HEART FOUNDATION JUMP ROPE FOR HEART BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL'S JUMP OFF DAY AND MONEY COLLECTION DAY IS THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 13.**



There are some wonderful prizes for students raising as little as \$5 so please help support this worthy cause.

REMEMBER you can donate online at : [www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart)

or bring in the Sponsorship forms sent home with the children several weeks ago. PLEASE SEND ALL MONEY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS. The Heart Foundation will issue receipts when they receive the money and the sponsorship forms, so please ensure there are contact details written for those who would like to receive receipts.

Many of our children have been learning new tricks and with the level of skipping evident during recess and lunch times, their fitness should be improving every day!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Where does the money go?

With your help the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart aims to raise vital funds to go towards heart research in Australia. For every \$1 invested in health and medical research there is a \$8 economic benefit to Australia. At the same time, Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart teaches students about the benefits of physical activity and healthy eating which are vital to every family's overall health & wellbeing.

Funds raised go towards research to help the fight against heart disease and stroke. Each year, the Heart Foundation renews its commitment to fund the best and brightest researchers in Australia. The Heart Foundation has invested more than \$178 million over the past 48 years to support outstanding research into the cause, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cardiovascular disease in the Australian community.



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## Parents & Citizens Association

**Family Contributions 2008**

Dear Families,

To assist our school to purchase up-to-date resources to 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 families who are unable to assist in the classroom or help with P&C activities.

Our target using your contribution for 2008 is \$10,000. These funds will be deposited into our Library Fund to continue to expand the development of the school's planned activities to support the implementation of syllabi at Bowral Public School.

For your information:

- Your contribution is tax deductible.
- Your contribution will be paid into BPS Library 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**  
President

**Date of Notice:** 11 June 2008

**Date Due:** 30 June 2008

**To Help Us....**

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



**Bowral Public School  
Library Fund Donation 2008**

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of eldest child in family at BPS \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



# P&C News

Hello folks. Enough rain please!

Well the Fireworks Night looms and we are crossing every finger and toe hoping for fine weather. If we need to postpone, a note will be sent home with your child with this Newsletter detailing the new date of **Friday, 20 June** as well as the school's changeable sign, facing Bendooley Street, will provide the same information.

For those families who have not attended the event before (we are one such family), I would like to give you a few pointers from people who have attended previous fireworks nights:

- Stay warm. It is usually very cold so rug up with plenty of layers, gloves, scarves etc. It will also be damp so wear appropriate shoes..
- Bring your own chairs etc as this type of furniture will be limited.
- Please bring plenty of change if you can to purchase hot food and for glow products, bouncy castle rides etc. This is a family event, and we have aimed to keep prices relatively low so families aren't feeling they are being drained financially. This isn't the Easter Show after all!
- **There are 'out of bounds' areas where the pyrotechnicians will be set up for the show. Please keep your children away from this area as it causes unnecessary worry for the pyrotechnicians and those watching the boundaries. A map detailing the layout of the stalls and amusements follows.**

If on the night you see someone flat out on a stall and you have some time to spare, please don't be shy; your help will be much appreciated.

This year we have been very fortunate to have generous supporters of our event in our community. They are Peter Doyle Premium Seafood, Anchors Fruit and Veg, Southern Highlands Smash Repairs, The Bowral Café & Patisserie and Woolworths Supermarket. Doyles have asked that families hold onto their tickets from the evening and present them when you next purchase from their shop. They will donate 5% of the purchase price to the school.

A note on the raffle tickets. **If you have not sold all of your book before Friday, please send it back to school as the remaining tickets can be sold on the evening.** We also intend to place everyone's name who sells a book into a draw to select a person to light the first fireworks on the evening. If a child sells more than one (1) book, their name will be placed into the draw according to number of books sold.

I hope everyone enjoys themselves on the evening.

On a totally different note, there is a P&C meeting on Monday, June 16 at 7.30pm. The library is the only place to be on a Monday night!

**Justine McKinlay P&C President**

