



Newsletter

Wednesday 25 June 2008

Term 2 Week 9

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Issued on the same day as the newsletter this week are the individual student reports. As part of the Department of Education and Training's reporting procedure to families, the report documents the progress of each child since the commencement of the 2008 school year. The contents reflect both academic achievements as well as social and personal development. Each of the six Key Learning Areas is reported upon with a different assessment code used for Kindergarten students when compared to students in Years One to Six. The final assessment mark has been derived from a number of information sources including direct observation, pen and paper activities, individual, group and whole class participation, homework record and discussions between the teacher and student. Of major significance are the comments on the final page of each report under the heading of social development and work habits. The assessment of each item listed under this heading provides a clear indicator as to the way that a child approaches school and classroom activities on a daily basis. I would strongly recommend that you sit down with your child and read through the report together as a valuable insight and information exchange can be gained from this situation. My thanks to the teaching staff for the time and effort they contributed, both in school time and away from the site, in completing the report for each student in their class. I have taken the time to read each of the general comments on all student reports and have added my thoughts to what I have read. As can be expected, in the majority of cases, students are working to their ability range and striving for excellence. In some cases, there will be a need for others to devote some additional time to work in areas that require further development. Finally, I am a firm believer that education is a partnership between the home and the school and if any families require further information about their child's report, I would encourage them to organise a time to speak to their child's teacher to ensure a supportive learning environment is maintained.

My congratulations to the Joadja teachers and children for the wonderful job they did last Friday in raising \$1800 on their self help day. Once again, the day was held under the threat of continual rain. However, as the stalls were being set up, the skies cleared to allow all students to enjoy the fun of the day. These days provide opportunities for the children to develop a team approach and think about all the various organisational requirements of providing a stall. The assistance provided by families on these occasions is always appreciated. My thanks to all families for dressing their children in line with the school's sun safe policy as well as O H and S considerations.

It is very encouraging to welcome families to the school each day as mums and dads, along with extended family members and friends, provide valuable classroom support in a range of ways. The contribution made by these individuals on a daily basis is greatly appreciated as another pair of hands can always make a difference. It is important that **all helpers sign in at the school office** to let us know they are on



the school premises and collect a visitor / parent helper badge. By co-operating in this fashion, it allows staff to quickly locate you if a need arises. In the event of the school being involved in an emergency evacuation, it is important that you follow the directions of the teacher to whom you are attached as this will ensure your personal safety.



Last week was an exciting one for our students involved in external activities in both debating and public speaking. After three successive wins against Colo Vale, Hill Top and Moss Vale Public Schools, our debating team of Luther, Bryce, Victoria and Jesse travelled to Crookwell on Wednesday to compete in the final zone round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. As the government, they put forward a series of logical and persuasive arguments in successfully convincing the audience and adjudicator that money spent on space exploration would be better spent on Earth. Congratulations to our team and Mrs Pridham as Bowral is now the zone champions. The ongoing support of families is appreciated. The following day, our public speakers travelled to Colo Vale Public School to participate in the Multi Cultural Public Speaking competition. Our two (2) Stage Two students were convincing in their planned speeches and were required to back up in the second phase of the competition with an impromptu talk. As the judges tabulated the scores, Jamie was declared the winner. Maddie is also to be congratulated on her fine effort. The Stage Three division followed a similar format and Luther was the runner up in this competition. Congratulations and thanks are also extended to Jesse for his contribution. It is extremely pleasing that our students participate in these competitions as they provide additional opportunities to engage more fully in the talking and listening components of the English Key Learning Area. As always, the support of families is appreciated, not only with providing transport but also for the assistance they provide to their child in assisting to prepare sustained viewpoints.



The school's athletics sub committee is currently planning for the annual athletics carnival. At this stage it appears that a ground has been located and that the carnival will be conducted in the first week back of term three. Final details will be printed in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, it is anticipated that the field events of high jump, long jump, shot put and discus will be completed in the first three (3) days of next week. There are three (3) age divisions. All children turning eight, nine and ten in 2008 compete in the junior division, eleven year boys and girls have their own division while twelve and thirteen year students make up the final division. The finalists for these events will primarily be selected from the class athletics program that has been conducted earlier in the year. Students are asked to bring suitable clothing to enable them to compete. Changes, with regarding days, may be necessary if weather conditions prevent the activities taking place. Students will be kept informed of days the activities will be competed.

Thank you to Bev Hordern and Karen Baguley for organising the Jump Rope for Heart. Your efforts were appreciated by everyone.



CALENDAR

Thursday 26 June	• Students reports home today
Monday 21 July	• Staff Development Day no students required
Tuesday 5 August & Thursday 7 August	• Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO) Clubbe Hall Frensham School 6:30pm

SPORTS WRAP

TENNIS

Earlier this week the school's tennis team welcomed players from Minnamurra Public School in the second round of the State PSSA Tennis Knockout competition. Played at Loseby Park, our team of Caroline, Eliza, Oliver and Luther were outclassed by a talented combination that will see Minnamurra progress to the next round. Despite tough competition, our players continued to give of their best right up until the final game was played. Congratulations to the Bowral team and thanks are extended to Mrs Hordern for her commitment to this activity as well as the families who supported their children on this occasion.



SOFTBALL

The next round in the State PSSA Boys Softball Knockout competition will see Bowral play at home against Jerrabomberra Public School. This Queanbeyan school will travel to the Southern Highlands on Thursday 3 July 2008. Details will be provided to the selected boys by Mrs Williams.

John Morris
Principal

SOCCER

A terrific match of soccer was undertaken by Bowral Public School soccer team against Kangaloon and Glenquarry schools last Wednesday 18 June. This match, the first in the NSW PSSA Knockout Competition, was won by the visiting team who, after scoring four goals all with Bowral at the end of regulation time, went on to score two goals against Bowral in extra time. This part of the state-wide knockout involves thirteen schools from the Southern Highlands and the Illawarra PSSA Districts

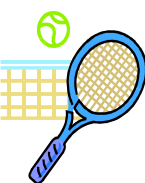


Players on both teams enjoyed the first sunshine we had for a number of days and spectators were thrilled at some of the special skills displayed in goal scoring from both sides.

The winning team played Bundanoon in the next round that was held on the same morning at Stephen's Park.

Our school would like to thank Mr Bell, for giving up his morning to set up the field and referee not one but both matches in his official capacity.

Greg Thompson
Soccer Co-ordinator



TENNIS REPORT

On Monday our team of Eliza, Caroline, Oliver and Luther played their Round Four PSSA Knockout match against Minnamurra at Bowral Tennis Courts. Minnamurra was very strong and we had some tough sets. The team really played well and their sportsmanship was outstanding. Minnamurra won the day and we wish them well in their next match. Congratulations to our team for their super effort but most of all for their great attitude. They were a credit to their school and families.

Bev Hordern

JOADJA SELF HELP

Thank you to all the parents of children in Joadja, 1H and KM who helped them to organize their stalls and bring in contributions for our most successful day. The rain held off and the children had a lovely time. Thank you also to all families who supported this day by sending your children with some pocket money to support our stalls and activities.

The Joadja Teachers.

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Wanted!

DVD's at home that you no longer watch?
G and PG (suitable for children) rated DVD's for school use,
would be greatly appreciated and may be left at the school office.



There were some people I neglected to thank last week for their help with the Fireworks Night. Amanda Headford, Meredith Wakeman and Sally Ray letterboxed the local residents around Eridge Park informing them of the evening. Thank you!

Something I would like to do is gain the opinion from the parent body on how the evening went and if there are areas in which we could improve, or things we could add. We did discuss this at last week's P&C meeting, but I would really like opinions of the broader school community as well. I have included a few short questions below and would be most grateful if you could fill them out and return to school.

Hopefully we will have firm figures of takings on the night that I can share with you by next week. They are looking good.

Questionnaire - Fireworks Night

Time of Year. Should it be held earlier or later?

Time of Day. Earlier or later starting time?

Types of Stalls. Can the food/children's entertainment be done differently? Suggestions?

Is there anything that can be done better?

Thank you for your time.

Justine McKinlay
President

COMMUNITY NEWS

Illawarra Blue Stars

All schools athletics carnival Sunday 3 August Beaton Park Athletics Track 8:30am start Enquires Phil 0400 385 611

PERMACULTURE GARDENING - Free 2 hour talk
Penrose School—5 July 2008 10am
Contact David Johnson PH 4884 4214

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Saturday 28 June at Mittagong RSL Club
Special guest Christie Hayes who plays "Kirsty" from Home and Away.



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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
P&C 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.



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Date: _____ Name of eldest child in family at BPS _____ Class _____