



# Newsletter

Wednesday 23 July 2008

Term 3 Week 1

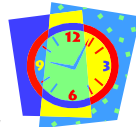
## BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Striving, Thinking, Learning*

### FROM THE TEAM LEADER

Welcome back to all new and continuing families to the third term of the 2008 school year. I trust that all students enjoyed the two (2) week vacation and were able to participate in a number of activities with families and friends. The break also provided the opportunity to recover from colds and flu that are prevalent at this time of the year. It is very important that children are provided with warm clothing, especially a jacket, to combat the cold winds that Bowral experiences at this time of the year. Correct school uniform, including black shoes, allows the student body to really look like an effective team. For the information of all families, the clothing pool has been relocated to the school residence building on the southern side of Banyette Street. Wednesdays and Fridays, between the hours of 9.00am and 10.00am, are the operating hours.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families about two aspects relating to student attendance. When students arrive after the 9.10am bell, they must be signed in by an adult. In the majority of cases this is being done and the staff thanks families for this support. When no adult is available to sign late students in, it is a concern as the staff has a Duty of Care to all students and we are unsure as to what time the student left home. Student safety is always a priority and it is important that the home and the school continue to work together to ensure all students have equal access to the curriculum. The first two (2) hours of each school day are especially important as this is when there is a focus on literacy skills, the teaching of new concepts and a revision of previously taught skills and knowledge.



The second matter is the provision of a note from families when children are absent from school. It is a legal requirement for families to provide a note when students are absent from school. A growing number of families are contacting the school whenever their child is absent so a message can be conveyed to your child's teacher. This is very much appreciated. A telephone call or message to the school if children are absent for two (2) or more days allows teachers to know children are safe and, where possible, to provide some school activities upon request. If students commence to develop unsatisfactory attendance patterns, it may be necessary for the school to make contact with the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) to investigate the situation. If a child will be absent from school for more than fifteen (15) days, for the purpose of a family holiday, contact should be made with me prior to the commencement of this period.



Earlier in the week a blue note left the school with information relating to the school athletics carnival and this year's Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO). The MPO information sought the support of all families to ensure

the MPO levy of \$12.50 was paid by families selecting to pay term invoices by installments. This needs to be paid by this Friday 25 July 2008 (deadline date). As all students have been provided with a part in their class item, it is important that all children are able to fully participate in rehearsals (next week) in Clubbe Hall at Frensham School as well as the final dress rehearsal (Monday 4 August 2008). Permission notes about rehearsals should be brought home this week. All children are issued with an individual note and this needs to be returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. The note also provided information about the purchasing of tickets and this newsletter also provides a tear off section that can be used for this purpose. The staff trusts that all families support this activity as it allows the teaching of many aspects of the curriculum, especially English (talking, listening, reading and writing). Any questions about your child's part in the performance of 'Once Upon A Time' should be addressed to your child's teacher. Finally, on this topic, I sincerely thank the contribution being made by both the teaching and non-teaching staff as they provide motivation and enthusiasm for the students as rehearsals continue. As this is my first involvement in this Bowral Public School Community activity, I am really looking forward to the night performances on Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 August.

The second of the ICAS competitions will be conducted next Thursday as just over seventy (70) students accept the challenge of the Mathematics paper. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast will prepare the children for this activity. A quality eraser and a 2B pencil would be appreciated by the supervising teachers.



The term has commenced with the school athletics carnival that was held at the Southern Highlands Christian School this week. The occasion saw students from Year 2 to Year 6 participate in a range of track events – heats of the 100m and 200m followed by finals. The 800m saw a number of close finishes and interesting challenges. The day's running was completed with the 4 x 100m circular relays. Congratulations to all the students who endeavoured to strive for excellence and personal bests on the day. The team to represent the school at the Wingecarribee District PSSA carnival at Chevalier College on Friday 22 August 2008 will receive a permission and information note shortly.

My first week of the term will finish in Sydney where I will referee the combined primary and secondary cross country championships, for both government and non-government schools, at Eastern Creek Raceway. This is the fifth year that I have been appointed to this role and I enjoy the opportunity to not only assist students as they complete their relative distance events but also to admire the performances of future champions.

### CALENDAR

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| <b>Friday 25 July</b>                           | • Invoice payment due  |
| <b>Tuesday 29 July</b>                          | • ICAS Competition - Mathematics   |
| <b>Wednesday 12 August</b>                      | • ICAS Competition - English   |
| <b>Tuesday 5 August &amp; Thursday 7 August</b> | • Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO) Clubbe Hall Frensham School 6:30pm |
| <b>20 &amp; 21 August</b>                       | • NAIDOC week  |
| <b>Friday 22 August</b>                         | • District Athletics - Chevalier College                                   |

## KINDERGARTEN 2009

It is that time of the year when schools commence their planning for the 2009 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 (with a 2576 postcode) are now invited to visit the school to collect enrolment forms and information for 2009. Students must turn five (5) before 31 July 2009 to gain enrolment. If there is a family living in your neighbourhood that doesn't currently have students at Bowral Public School, please encourage them to collect the relevant information from the school office. As the term progresses, further information about the school's Kindergarten Orientation Days will be shared with enrolling families. If families require any further information, at this stage, they are encouraged to contact the school to make an appointment. In the past, four (4) Kindergarten classes have been formed regularly with the maximum number of students being limited to twenty (20)



## SPORTS WRAP



### SOFTBALL

During the last week of term two, the boys' softball team from Jerrabomberra Public School travelled to the Southern Highlands to play against our team. Unfortunately, the Bowral team was outclassed by the visitors who will now progress to the next round of the State PSSA Knockout competition. To their credit, the boys gave of their best in all aspects of the game and will learn from the experience. Congratulations to the team, Mrs Williams the coach and the families who supported the boys.

Bowral Public School girls travel to Balarang Public School this Friday to play against the home team in the State PSSA Softball Knockout competition. Good luck to Miss Boxshall and her team in their endeavours to progress to the next round of the competition.

**John Morris**  
Principal



### MUSIC TUITION

Drum tuition now available at the school residence on Friday's from 11:00am  
Please contact David Helman for more information on 0408 679 006

### CLOTHING POOL

Now located in our School Residence

**OPEN**

Wednesday and Friday mornings

9:00am—10:00am





Bowral Public School

### Musical Performance Opportunity - 'Once Upon a Time'

Please issue ..... tickets @ \$10 each for performance on Tuesday 5 August  Thursday 7 August   
*Please tick ✓*

Amount enclosed \$ .....

Eldest student name ..... Class .....

OFFICE USE ..... Row ..... Seat Number .....



## P&C News

Hello everyone, and welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a restful (I did say hope) time with your children.

To start the term off I have a great fundraising offer for the ladies (sorry gents). If you are feeling like I am and have had your fill of comfort food, Contours at Bowral have a special *until the end of August*. The flyer will come home with your child entitles you to a free workout. If you decide to join, not only do you receive \$100 off your start up membership, but \$50 will be donated to our school. Just remember to mention the school. This is my kind of fundraising!

Something for the diary is the P&C meeting next Monday night at 7.30pm in the library. We have had a great turnout recently (must be the home made muffins on offer), so long may it continue. If you cannot attend the meeting, but wish to stay abreast of what is going on, please email Benita Richards [richards.benita@bcg.com](mailto:richards.benita@bcg.com), and she will include you in the distribution of the agenda and minutes.

We will be discussing the up coming trivia night at the meeting, so I thought I would include the slip below again, if you didn't send it back late last term.

**Justine McKinlay**



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### **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.

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Contact details.....

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

BLUE LIGHT DISCO  
Saturday 26 July at Mittagong RSL Club

SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL (Fundraiser)  
Penrose School Sunday 28 September  
Enquires Janene Weber ph 4884 4196 Johanna Davidson ph 4884 4577

#### TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL ILLAWARRA RD MOSS VALE 'Educational Ideas Seminar'

Topic "Fathering—Strengthening your connection with your kids no matter where you are"  
Wednesday 3 September 7-8:30pm Information phone 4868 1088 Email: Phyll.Mclaughlin@tudorhouse.nsw.edu.au

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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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_