



# Newsletter

Wednesday 30 July 2008

Term 3 Week 2

**BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*Striving, Thinking, Learning*

## FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM LEADER

Blessed with a wonderful winter's day, the sports oval at the Southern Highlands Christian School proved a most appropriate venue for our school's annual athletics carnival. All children, from Year 2 through to Year 6, were provided with opportunities to compete in both sprint and middle distance events and enjoyed the chance to achieve with distinction. It was extremely encouraging to see the number of children who elected to contest the events provided on a busy program. Heats of the 100m and 200m were followed by closely contested finals and the support and cheering urged the sprinters to achieve many satisfying performances. The 800m saw students with enduring ability excel while the best of the sprinters backed up to contest the 4 x 100m relays. The novelty events took place in the centre of the arena and these activities saw students enjoy the fun of a variety of activities and test skills of ball catching, agility, flexibility and co-ordination. By the time the students boarded the buses for the return journey back to school, they busily chatted about their achievements throughout the day and reflected upon individual highlights. A special athletics assembly was conducted last Friday to recognise the performance of all placegetters. The results of all track and field events are printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Permission notes and an information sheet will be provided to all students who qualified to represent the school at the Wingecarribee District PSSA athletics carnival to be conducted at Chevalier College on Friday 22 August 2008. Private transport will be required to get the team to and from the venue.

This carnival is the largest sporting event on any school calendar and the efforts of everyone was appreciated. The students' behaviour on the day was very commendable and their efforts in all events demonstrated commitment, determination and courage. The role carried out by all staff is acknowledged as they carried out their various jobs with confidence and precision. The well stocked canteen was well patronised by students, staff and families and thanks are extended to the volunteers who were prepared to give freely of their time on this occasion. From the first race, families were present to cheer on the runners while the valuable assistance of parents and caregivers who assisted the staff as officials and found time to assist with the clean up was appreciated. The terrific support provided by Mr William Gardner, School Principal, and the staff of the Christian School for the manner in which they welcomed Bowral Public School is both appreciated and acknowledged. The organising committee would value any feedback from families about the carnival. To assist, a short survey is provided later in the newsletter.

This week has seen the final rehearsals of this year's Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO) at Clubbe Hall. This has allowed all participating students to 'get the feel' of the venue as they practise their various singing and dancing roles ready for the two (2) performance nights on Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 August 2008. I am very encouraged by the effort that the students are

displaying in fine tuning their performances. The props department has seen both teachers and families work in tandem to complete the necessary scenery for the show 'Once Upon A Time'. Once again, this school activity has demonstrated the on-going partnership that exists between the school and the staff – all for the benefit of the entire school population, Kindergarten to Year 6. No tickets are available for the Tuesday night session and families who still require tickets will need to make their reservation by Friday 1 August 2008. The various teaching stages have provided families with information, on a range of organisational matters, and it is very important that these letters are read accurately to ensure the show can commence at 6.30pm. It is extremely important that teachers are provided with any information regarding student pick up at the end of each performance. If another adult, apart from the child's parent or caregiver, is collecting a child, it is vital that this is made known to the class teacher. The performance has allowed teachers to teach many aspects of the school curriculum and the children will benefit from being part of a major production. Sincere thanks to all staff, especially those who have taken on additional responsibilities, to ensure a quality performance reflects student, staff and family expertise. I look forward, with anticipation, to seeing our students performing over the two nights.

Last Monday the school's Australian Government Quality Teaching (AGQTP) team travelled to Campbelltown to attend a workshop dealing with their topic under consideration, the education of Gifted and Talented students. Also in attendance was the team from Ironbark Ridge Public School who are undertaking a similar project to Bowral. Leading the day was Associate Professor Diana Whitton, the academic partner for both schools. Topics addressed involved Curriculum Differentiation and the implementation of the NSW Quality Teaching framework into classrooms. During the day it was arranged for Diana to visit Bowral Public School on Monday 8 September 2008. There will be a session for families to attend, from 6.00pm until 7.00pm. I trust this date can be placed in diaries. I have my fingers crossed that nothing will stop Diana from keeping this commitment (third time lucky!).

I would encourage families to visit the school and check the lost property box if their child is missing any items of clothing. After only two weeks of school this term, the box is overflowing and the clothing must belong to someone. By families continuing to write the current owner's name in each item of clothing, it increases the chance of returning the clothes to the owner. The box is located in the school office area behind the print room.

Many families are utilising the uniform shop that is now located in the school residence. My thanks to volunteers who provide this service each Wednesday and Friday between 9.00am and 10.00am.

CALENDAR	
<b>Monday 4 August</b>	♦ CANTEEN CLOSED
<b>Tuesday 5 August &amp; Thursday 7 August</b>	♦ Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO) Clubbe Hall Frensham School 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 12 August</b>	♦ ICAS Competition - English
<b>20 &amp; 21 August</b>	♦ NAIDOC week
<b>Friday 22 August</b>	♦ District Athletics - Chevalier College
<b>Monday 8 September</b>	♦ NSW Quality Teaching session for families 6:00pm—7:00pm

## 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 neighborhood 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) per class.



## SPORTS WRAP



### SOFTBALL

Bowral Public School girl's softball team was not able to play their match against Balarang Public School last Friday due to inclement weather. This match has been rescheduled for Monday 11 August 2008.

**John Morris**  
*Principal*

## 2008 SCIENCE COMPETITION

Earlier this year four students in Years 3 to 6 set themselves the challenge of participating in the University of New South Wales Science competitions. The skills of observing, measuring, interpreting data, making predictions, investigating and problem solving were assessed.

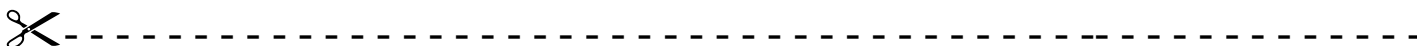
Students performed very well and particular commendations are extended to:

Year 3	<b>Distinction:</b>	Rosemary , Sammy and Dylan
	<b>Credit:</b>	Toby and Jamie
Year 4	<b>Credit:</b>	Elliot , Oskar and Julia
Year 5	<b>Credit:</b>	Emily, Grace, Sarah, Jonn, Tayla and Maggie
Year 6	<b>Credit:</b>	Bryce and Joshua



Congratulations and well done to all students who were prepared to 'have a go'. A great effort.

**Jan Christie**  
*Deputy Principal*



## BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL 2008 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FEEDBACK

Please comment about the venue and the time of year the carnival is held?

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Did the timing of the program allow families to see their child compete?

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Any other comment you would like to make about any aspect of the carnival?

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Please return to the school office by Friday 8 August 2008

## CANTEEN NEWS

Due to a price increase from our supplier the canteen finds it necessary to **increase the price on Jumpy's pack to .70c** and the cheese flavoured pack will no longer be available. We apologise for this inconvenience but it is unavoidable.



Thank you so much to all those who lent a hand at the Athletics Carnival. Many hands make light work. It was much appreciated.

**CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 4 AUGUST.**

*The Canteen Committee*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL FINAL TARGETED SPORTS PROGRAM TRIALS FOR 2009**  
Commence 4 August 2008 Enquires Sports Director Darren Nunn ph 4271 1099 (ext 147) or M: 0411 258 836

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## P&C News

Hello everyone. Thank you to everyone who braved the foul weather to attend Monday night's P&C meeting. We got through lots of issues and I will report back in the next week or so.

Firstly, there are a few dates for your diary:

**Saturday, 6 September – Trivia Night** – this will be a really fun evening with a disco theme. You pick your era, but be sure to look fabulous. A meeting for those interested in helping organise will be held at 6.30pm on 11 August in the library (this is before the next P&C meeting). Fantastic prizes are already being sourced, so keep an eye out for further details.

**Friday 31 October – Christmas Shopping Evening** – we will be inviting some local craftspeople and producers to join in a twilight shopping evening to help us stock up on Christmas presents.

**Sunday 7 December – Carols by Candlelight** – a school and community evening to celebrate the Christmas season.

Another date of note that is fast approaching is Father's Day. Kay Paviour, who helped organise the Mother's Day presents for the junior school, has volunteered to coordinate Father's Day. If you can help her please let her know. I think our Dads need just as much pampering as us Mums so if you have some time to wrap gifts or help with the children on Friday 5 September, please let Kay or myself know.

On a more serious note, a number of parents are concerned about the traffic around the school, particularly those with small children trying to cross outside the gates in Boolwey Street. A letter has been delivered to Bowral Police asking them to monitor what is occurring during the peak times, so look out for our friendly local police force.

Justine McKinlay

P.S I have still included the tear off slip asking for expressions of interest for the trivia night. It really is just to give those booking a venue a good guide, so please fill it in and return to the school.



**Bowral Public School Trivia Night Saturday 6 September 2008**

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