



# Newsletter

Wednesday 6 August 2008

Term 3 Week 3

**BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*Striving, Thinking, Learning*

## FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM LEADER

After many weeks of practice and rehearsals last week, the first performance of the 2008 Musical Performance Opportunity (MPO) was held at Clubbe Hall, Frensham, last Tuesday night. The manner in which all children carried out their roles, whether it was singing, acting or dancing, demonstrated a wonderful commitment and dedication. By the expressions on the faces of all students, coupled with the confidence in the manner each actor or actress delivered their lines, it was obvious that all children were enjoying the opportunity to perform in front of a captive audience. The costumes, both professionally produced and locally designed, provided a kaleidoscope of colour whilst the various props and backdrops set the scenes as each stage, in turn, undertook their responsibilities throughout the evening. Like a number of families, I was also a 'first timer' and the audience's reaction as the curtain parted, after our boy school captain delivered his Welcome to Country, ensured the night was going to be a success. With students ranging from Kindergarten to Year 6 as members of the cast, it was wonderful to view the manner in which parts were played out and songs performed reflecting the theme for the night. I have shared with the staff the many positive comments that were made to me as families collected their children and headed home after the two (2) hour session. I feel confident that Thursday night's show will be enhanced by the experience gained by the children on the first night.



The MPO provides all teachers to teach elements of the primary curriculum, especially the English Key Learning Area, in a supportive environment with a terrific outcome in mind. By scanning the English document, phrases like 'shows confidence in using a variety of contents' and 'uses language to support and encourage others' quickly come to mind when viewing the page Values and Attitude Outcomes' (K-6). Turning to the Talking and Listening Outcomes, experiences range from Early Stage One 'demonstrates basic skills of classroom and group interaction' through the Stage Three 'communicates effectively for a range of purposes and with a variety of audiences.' Reading Outcomes include similar examples across all stages. I have appreciated the expertise and diligence provided by the teachers in selecting appropriate parts for their students and fine tuning these to allow the children to interact with the audience, demonstrating confidence and precision. The valuable assistance of our capable and understanding Teacher's Aide (Special) has permitted all students to feel part of a well drilled team. Thank you to all those who supported in the administrative role of this performance. Finally, to Mr Lowe and the band of volunteers who spent many hours supporting the staff in preparing backdrops and scenery, as well as the

creation of many nursery rhymes outfits, we extend our thanks. I trust all children will always have pleasant memories of the performance and continue to follow the suggestion made by Owl – take risks, be imaginative and be good team members. Congratulations everyone.

In each newsletter this term I have asked families who intend to enrol a Kindergarten student at Bowral Public School in 2009 to visit the school office and collect an enrolment form. It is at this time of the year that the Department of Education and Training ask schools to provide some idea about numbers for the following year. By completing an enrolment form, it will assist our school to commence the planning process with regards to the formation of the number of classes required. It is anticipated that all enrolment forms can be completed and returned to the school by Friday 26 September 2008, the last day of term three. By seeking your co-operation in this matter, the final details of the Kindergarten Orientation program can be completed and communicated to families in early term four. It is extremely important that if families are aware of any special needs of enrolling Kindergarten students that they make an appointment to speak to me as this will allow much needed lead up time to develop an appropriate plan to assist in the transition from pre school to primary school. If you have a neighbour that requires any further information, please encourage them to make an appointment to speak to myself or Jan Christie, the school's deputy. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Next Tuesday, just over thirty (30) of our students will travel to the Sydney Opera House for the Choral Concert. I am aware that the students have been training under the direction of Miss Sheumack and Mrs Oszurko and are looking forward to the experience. Like the groups who have represented the school before them, I know they will serve as wonderful ambassadors of Bowral and the occasion will continue to enrich their musical experience. I look forward to being a member of a captive audience on this occasion.



Previously on the school calendar it was advertised that Bowral Public School students would be involved in NAIDOC Week celebrations on 20/21 August 2008. Families are advised that the new dates are 25/26 August 2008. A reminder to families paying invoices by instalments, payment for this activity is due by 22 August.

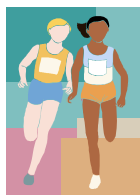
Finally, whilst on the subject of dates, the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) for Year 3 and Year 5 in 2009 are 12, 13, 14 and 15 May. Families may like to make a note of these days as it may assist in planning family activities.

CALENDAR	
<b>Tuesday 12 August</b>	♦ ICAS Competition - English
<b>Friday 22 August</b>	♦ District Athletics - Chevalier College
<b>25 &amp; 26 August</b>	♦ NAIDOC week
<b>Monday 8 September</b>	♦ NSW Quality Teaching session for families 6:00pm—7:00pm
<b>Tuesday 9 September</b>	♦ Young Australia Workshop K—Year 4 'Tiddalik the Frog'

## **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.



### **TEAM FOR THE DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Members of the school team to represent Bowral at the Wingecarribee District athletics carnival, to be conducted at Chevalier College, on Friday 22 August 2008, will receive a permission note and information next week. It would be appreciated if families could complete the tear off section of the note and return it to Mrs Williams by Friday 15 August 2008 as this will allow private transport details to be finalised. Drivers are reminded that the school requires a copy of your car registration and driver's licence if these documents have not be sighted previously. If a student intends to withdraw from an event prior to the day of the carnival, Mrs Williams also needs to be notified. Mr Morris will commence relay training next week and team members (six for each of the four divisions) will be issued with a separate note shortly.

Finally, could students who were crowned aged champions please return their trophies by Tuesday 12 August 2008 to allow them to be engraved.

### **SCHOOL SWIMMING CAPS**

A quotation has been received by the school for light blue swimming caps that will include the school badge and the words Bowral Public School in dark blue printing. There are two (2) types of caps. A silicone material cap would cost \$7 while a latex cap can be produced for \$2.50. If you are interested in purchasing one of these caps, could you please leave your name at the school office. No money is required at this stage. Further details can be obtained from Mr Morris.



**John Morris**  
**Principal**

A few words from the **Uniform Shop . . .**

As you no doubt have heard by now,



#### **WE HAVE MOVED!**

Now located in the "**School Residence**", we have our very own room complete with wall to wall custom-built cupboards and children's play area. A big thank you to Marion McIntyre (and her year 6 helpers) for getting us all set up over there. We are confident that this new location will enable us to carry a greater number and range of stock, and to offer a more efficient and organized service. So come along and check us out! We are still open Wednesday and Friday mornings until 10am.

One more thing,

#### **WE ARE FULLY STOCKED!**

Yes, you read that right! We have track pants, polar fleece jumpers, jackets, polo shirts etc. So drop in, or fill out an order form today!

**The Uniform Shop Committee**

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Highlands Baptist Church is involved in Operation Christmas Child (Gifts sent to the underprivileged children throughout the world)  
Information Jill Campbell 48614409

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