



Newsletter

Wednesday 20 August 2008

Term 3 Week 5

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM LEADER

Many thanks to the families who have completed Kindergarten enrolment forms for 2009. These are slowly being received at the school office. It is anticipated that all forms will be lodged with the school by Friday 26 September 2008, the last day of term three. This will enable planning to be finalised for the three (3) Kindergarten Orientation days on Monday 3, Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 November 2008. A final parent information session is scheduled for Wednesday 12 November 2008 in the school library. Concerns about any aspect of this arrangement can be discussed by school personnel by making an appointment. I will be visiting the feeder pre-schools during this week to ensure directors have relevant information. I am anticipating that the school will be able to create four (4) classes for the 2009 school year.

As families are reading this newsletter on Thursday afternoon, the school debating team will be returning to the Southern Highlands after a two (2) day series of workshops with other Illawarra and South East region children. The venue for this activity was Batemans Bay and our team of Victoria, Luther, Bryce and Jesse will no doubt appreciate the additional support they are receiving to assist them in fine tuning and expanding their debating skills. It is fortunate that the school has been able to have Mrs Virginia Pridham accompany our team to this learning opportunity. Congratulations to the school team for their ongoing commitment to this aspect of the English Key Learning Area and to the support of the families for the children involved. I look forward to spending time with the debating team and listening to them share their experiences.

During the week students from Year 6 visited the CWA Hall in Bowral to share their involvement in the International Day that is conducted each year. The country nominated for 2008 was Mexico and before a packed audience on Tuesday afternoon our students shared the work that had been undertaken in the study of this country. All participating students received a certificate of appreciation. From the competition conducted, third place was won by Megan, second place to Dean with Elliese taking first place. I extend my congratulations to both Mrs Bell and Mrs Oszurko for their ongoing commitment to this community based activity and to the children for their efforts at this time.

Wednesday's Southern Highlands News (pages 23 to 27) contained some photographs about a number of aspects of the school's recently held musical performance 'Once Upon A Time'. It was truly a wonderful time and I continue to remain in awe of the achievements of both the students and the staff in presenting to the Bowral Public School Community this exceptional creative arts performance. Thank you to the families who have either sent emails or cards to individual teachers or the school for your terrific words of appreciation. A number of props are displayed in

the school foyer to remind us all of the excitement and colour of the two performances. As always, it is important to reflect on the show and to see if, in the future, various aspects can be improved upon. One aspect that I would appreciate feedback on is the purchasing and allocation of tickets. If there is something you would like to say, please take the time to put pen to paper and send it along to school. Where concerns/issues have been identified, possible solutions are always appreciated.

As I enter the school grounds on these cold and sometimes frosty mornings, it is pleasing to note the growth of the bulbs that have been planted around the school earlier in the year. Like many others, I am looking forward to the spring months when the school gardens should present a maze of colour to us all. Many thanks for everyone who has contributed in some way to ensure our school will present really well, especially as Tulip Time approaches. Speaking of the cold weather, I have noticed a number of both children and staff has been absent from school as they recover from the symptoms of winter flus and colds. I trust that these people recover fully so they can continue the various roles upon their return. May I also take this opportunity to thank children for their understanding in this matter with regards to remaining 'in the green' during their teacher's absence.

I am looking forward to this Friday when the annual district athletics carnival has been programmed for Chevalier College. All participating students have been provided with appropriate information and I'm sure they will give of their best as they tackle the various athletics disciplines in which they have been selected. The latest up to date information appears in the Sports Wrap. Good luck to the team, wear warm clothes and represent our school with enthusiasm, pride and display sportsmanship at all times.

CALENDAR

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| Friday 22 August | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Athletics - Chevalier College• INVOICE PAYMENT DUE FOR NAIDOC |
| 25 & 26 August | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAIDOC week |
| Wednesday 27 August
Celebrating Sir Donald
Bradman's 100th Birthday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICAS Competition - Computer Skills• 9:30am Special Assembly to unveil the plaque on the old school bell.• BRADMAN MUSEUM - Students walk to Bradman Oval 11:30am• CANTEEN CLOSED TODAY |
| Monday 8 September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSW Quality Teaching session for families 6:00pm—7:00pm |
| Tuesday 9 September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Australia Workshop K—Year 4 'Tiddalik the Frog'• Regional Athletics - AIS Canberra |
| Friday 12 September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jellore Self Help Day |
| November 3, 4 & 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten Orientation for students |
| 12 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten Orientation—Parent Information Session |



Preparations continue to help celebrate the one hundredth birthday of Sir Donald Bradman on Wednesday 27 August 2008. Any student contributions ie. cards, poems, stories etc should be brought to school and handed to your child's teacher on Friday 22 August 2008. I will collect these at the end of the day and ensure they are taken to the Museum. Next Wednesday the special assembly to unveil the plaque on the old school bell post will commence at the school by 9.30am. All students will attend this



fifteen minute activity. Students are asked to bring their lunch to school on this day in a plastic bag with their name written clearly on it so lunches can be taken to Bradman Oval, on a class basis, by volunteers. **Please pack recess separate to lunch** on this day and do not include any glass bottles. The children will be supervised walking to the Oval from 11.30am with the singing of 'Our Don Bradman', Happy Birthday and the cutting of the cake by representatives from the Museum and our two (2) students, Elle and Kayla (who share a birthday with the Don), to commence soon after 12 noon. All students will be placed to form the number one hundred (100) on the Oval.

At the conclusion of this program, students will have lunch and spend some time playing on the Oval prior to walking back to school. The Museum will offer free entry and families can experience the walk. Families are invited to attend as many of the day's activities as they can as their contribution to this day is also significant. Please ensure children are dressed correctly in school uniform with their broad brimmed hat. Let's hope for fine weather to celebrate this important occasion in the history of our school, the Bradman Museum and the wider Australian community. The canteen **WILL NOT** be open on this day.

SPORTS WRAP



DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

All is in readiness for the Bowral Public School team to compete in the annual Wingecarribee District PSSA athletics carnival at Chevalier College this Friday 22 August 2008. This sporting event is a wonderful opportunity for our children to demonstrate their skills in running, throwing and jumping. An information note was provided to the families of all competitors last Monday and a number of minor changes have been made to the transport arrangements. It is important that children arrive at school by either 8.00am or 8.30am, according to the transport schedule. On Wednesday all competing athletes received a program (dark blue in colour) for the day. Families are asked to read this as it will give them some indication as to the order of events. The 800m distance run will commence at 8.30am. By the time these six (6) races are completed, all Bowral students should be at the venue. Following these events, girls will compete in the heats of their 200m and 100m events while the boys participate in high jump, long jump and shot put. Once these athletics disciplines are completed, the boys will take to the track while the girls will be involved in the field events. Finals of all track events, including the relays, will complete the program. If there are any problems/concerns on the day, please see Mr Morris, who is the team manager. If the carnival is postponed until Monday 25 August 2008, the back up date, an announcement will be made over 2ST at about 7.30am. If this occurs, it would be appreciated if families who have nominated to assist transporting students **AND CAN'T FULFIL THIS ROLE ON MONDAY** to contact the school immediately. Your support in this matter would be appreciated.

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School council is in the process of renewing its constitution. As part of this process we are examining the role and the relevance of the school council and are seeking the assistance of the school community. If you have any relevant ideas/information that will assist this school council in developing the constitution, or if you have an opinion of school council's role in our school's continued development, please email me on geoff@pinaroo.net. Your input will be valued and appreciated.

Geoff Kerr
School Council President

UNIVERSITY OF NSW WRITING ASSESSMENTS

Our students prepared exceptionally well in this competition, conducted earlier this year. We had 40 children sit for the paper, that asked them to write a narrative. The areas assessed were:

- undertaking of the text type and using the correct framework.
- syntax , punctuation and spelling



The following students all made a fine effort and are to be congratulated:

High Distinctions: Susan (Year 3) Victoria (Year 6)
Distinctions: Joshua (Year 4) Natasha (Year 6)
Credit: Rosemary, Dylan, Ashelle, Ebony (Year 3)
Isabella, Lucette, Anthea, Ruby (Year 4)\
Maggie, Emily, Sarah, Grace, Lauren, Isabella, Olivia (Year 5)
Luther, Bryce, Nathan, Clair (Year 6)

A further 17 students received participation certificates for their work.

Well done

Jan Christie

Deputy Principal



SPELLING COMPETITION

Our students have shown themselves to be fine spellers, challenged by such words as package, spade, reputation, accelerate, contagious, acknowledge, dialogue and privileged. Students showed they are ready for the Premiers' Spelling Bee with their fine efforts in the University of NSW competitions. Fifty six (56) children challenged themselves and should be very pleased with their efforts. Congratulations and well done to:-

Distinction: William (Year 3)
Grace, Taylah, Isabelle, Sam, Natasha (Year 6)
Credit: Toby, Ebony (Year 3)
Sophia, Tayla, Lucette, Ruby, Joshua, Julia (Year 4)
Maggie, Emily, Lauren, Caroline (Year 5)
Claire, Victoria (Year 6)

A further 36 students received participation certificates. A fine effort.

Jan Christie

Deputy Principal



Landcare Week (1–7 September), Coles is asking shoppers to turn their plastic bags into plants and raise money for Junior Landcare.

For each plastic bag returned to Coles throughout the whole of September, the retailer will donate money towards the Junior Landcare School Garden Grant program – a nationwide initiative that allows schools to develop environmentally friendly gardens.

Students can bring bags to school or direct to Coles up to 7 September 2008 only.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Did you know BERKELOUW BOOKS have a Young Writers Award 2008
9-12 Years and 13-16 Years
Information ph: 48771370
bookbarn@berkelouw.com.au
Entries close 5pm 7 September 2008

Bowral Little Athletics Club Registration 2008
Saturday 30 August and Saturday 20 September
Information Janelle Beard 0402 044 785
jatimbe@bigpond.net.au

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Thank you for your response on the Trivia Night. If you are planning a table, be sure to nominate someone as 'Head of Table' so we can place you on that table. Again, if you don't have a table of 8, a couple of tables have been reserved so everyone can be accommodated. I have included the form again to be completed.

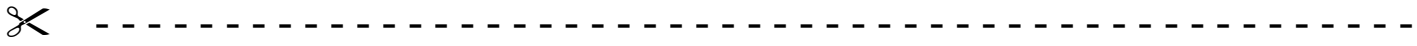
I thought it would be valuable to tell everyone where the money that has been raised so far this year has gone and where we would like money raised to be spent going forward. Firstly, the P&C has contributed \$5,000 towards the Library for new books. We have also signed off on a new school tent with our school logo on it that can be taken to carnivals and used in any outdoor event we have.

On our 'Wish List', we are planning to finally get the junior school play equipment back up and running. An update of the painted surfaces (hopscotch, chess board etc) in the playground is also hoped for. On a larger scale, restarting the vegetable garden as a beginning of teaching our children about a sustainable environment and food production, both important parts of their life education. We are also hoping to be able to fund at least one interactive whiteboard.

If any member of the parent body has advice or skills that can help us in achieving these goals, please contact either John Morris or myself. We would love to hear from you.

Justine McKinlay

P.S Hope you like our new logo. Its only a small thing, but goes a long way in making us look more professional when interacting with the broader community.



Bowral Public School
Trivia Night Saturday 6 September 2008

Number of tickets required Amount enclosed \$

Please seat on Table
Name

Return tickets with in class

Return to the school office by Wednesday 3 September.