



# Newsletter

Wednesday 27 August 2008

Term 3 Week 6

**BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*Striving, Thinking, Learning*

## FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM LEADER

Whilst the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sir Donald George Bradman was acknowledged worldwide on Wednesday, no more were the celebrations more meaningful than in our town Bowral. With the support of personnel from the Bradman Museum, the day's planned activities ran smoothly and the weather was kind to us. The short assembly in the school grounds was a real highlight for everyone associated with the Bowral Public School Community. The school leaders set the positive tone for the day as they completed their tasks with confidence and sincerity. It was appropriate that Ian Craig was present to unveil the plaque (that is currently being relocated to the northern side of the bell post) as he possessed a close link with Bradman as a fellow Australian captain. The activities at Bradman Oval was completed well, despite some initial problems placing the children in the 100 shape. Their singing was superb and I know the children enjoyed the time playing on the grass after lunch. The memory of this day will stay with us all for many years to come and both the paper and television coverage of the day's events were testimony to the link that exists between the school and the Bradman Museum. My thanks to everyone who assisted, in so many ways, on this special occasion.

Kindergarten enrolment forms continue to be received at the school office. It is important that all completed applications are received by Friday 26 September 2008, the last day of term three. By families indicating that they have a child commencing their primary education at the beginning of the 2009 school year, the school can adequately plan orientation sessions as well as the makeup of the proposed classes. It is important that the child turns five (5) by 31 July 2009. Families that have a 2576 postcode fall into Bowral Public School drawing area. Any families wishing to gain any additional information or have a child possessing special needs, they are asked to contact the school to make an appointment. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated. Information and enrolment forms have also been shared with the pre-schools that usually provide students to our school.

The ability to speak clearly and sustain a logical viewpoint is often a gift that needs to be rehearsed and put into practice on a regular basis. All students are provided with this opportunity in both class and stage situations. Talking and listening is a major component of the English Key Learning Area and is valued by all teachers. Possessing confidence, our school debating team achieved wonderful success at their debating camp recently, returning to the school as the regional champions. Luther, Bryce, Victoria and Jesse are to be congratulated on their recent success and the guidance provided by Mrs Pridham and the support of families has assisted in establishing a cohesive team. Their next assignment is the state championships in early November 2008 at Stanwell Tops. Congratulations on this wonderful team effort. Jamie also has achieved success away from her school setting. Travelling down the coast to Nowra last Friday, this Stage Two student pitted her talents against other students vying for the prestigious title of the best in the region. Her passion for her prepared speech demonstrated thorough preparation and research. Jaime was able to transfer these skills in the preparation of her impromptu topic

and at the end of the competition she was declared the Illawarra and South East Regional champion. Her performance was of such quality that I received a telephone call from the principal of the host school, Mr Clive Robertson, informing me not only of the closeness of the competition but also the wonderful presentation style possessed by Jamie. Like our senior debaters, the school community is proud of the success that Jamie has brought to our school and we all wish her well as she now focuses on her preparation for the state titles.

The initiative displayed by the co-ordinating school in postponing the Wingecarribee District PSSA athletics carnival from last Friday to this Monday is to be applauded and all athletes arriving at Chevalier College were greeted with a good sporting arena to test their running, jumping and throwing skills. After the completion of the 800m, the girls turned their attention to the track and competed in heats of the 100m and 200m while the boys were competing against each other in both vertical and horizontal jumps as well as the shot put. Once these were completed, girls tackled their field events and the boys participated in their sprint heats. Bowral was extremely well represented in all finals and although no student from our school accumulated sufficient points to receive an age champion award, we were notified later in the week that sufficient points had been scored to ensure Bowral was the champion school. My congratulations to all our athletes who tried so hard to achieve personal bests and displayed the necessary behaviour that ensured they were suitable ambassadors to represent us. Available results achieved on the day are listed in the sports wrap. Congratulations to the team for their commitment, camaraderie and sportsmanship and to families who helped with transport and assisted in ensuring our competitions reached their events on time.

Recently I have been contacted by personnel from Berrima Buslines in relation to students breaching the transport Code of Conduct while travelling on school buses. Students must abide by the transport rules otherwise their pass can be withdrawn. The school will support the bus company as they ensure students behave appropriately as they travel to and from the school. Additionally there has been an episode of graffiti appearing on the seats of a school bus used by our students. The marks were immediately removed. I seek the support of families to ensure that students wearing our uniform understand the travel rules and importance of allowing drivers to focus on delivering students to and from school safety.

Next Tuesday 2 September 2008 there is planned industrial action by the New South Wales Teachers Federation. The issues placed on the agenda at this time are the statewide staffing agreement, standards of teacher qualifications and salaries. I will contact all families as soon as possible after I ascertain the supervision arrangements. It is anticipated that participating teachers will return to the school in time to conduct an assembly, in the top playground, by 11.30am.



## CALENDAR

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| <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'<br>◆ Regional Athletics - AIS Canberra |
| <b>Friday 12 September</b>   | ◆ Jellore Self Help Day  |
| <b>November 3, 4 &amp; 5</b> | ◆ Kindergarten Orientation for students  |
| <b>12 November</b>           | ◆ Kindergarten Orientation—Parent Information Session  |

## **SPORTS WRAP**

### **DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

After all the tallying was completed, Bowral Public School is the champion athletics school for 2008. Congratulations to all our competitors who gave of their best last Monday. The following students and teams have been selected to represent the Wingecarribee District PSSA at the South Coast Regional Championships to be held at the AIS stadium at Bruce in Canberra on Tuesday 9 September 2008.



#### **BOYS:**

Louis (8 yrs 100m), Morgan (9 yrs 100m), Jackson (11 yrs 100m), Andrew (Junior 800m and long jump), Sam (11 yrs long jump), Tom (Senior long jump), Morgan (Junior shot put) and Lochie (Senior high jump). Also included is the Junior relay team.

#### **GIRLS:**

Georgia (8 yrs 100m), Harriet (Junior 200m, 9 yrs 100m), Sophie (11 yrs 100m, 200m), Isabelle (11 yrs long jump). Also the junior and senior relay teams.

There will be no bus transporting the team to Canberra and each school is required to organise private transport. A permission note and associated information will be issued to be above mentioned students next Monday and should be returned to the school no later than Wednesday 3 September to co-ordinate transport. There is a \$5 competing cost that needs to be returned with the note. If any family required further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

**John Morris**

**Principal**

Congratulations  
**DEBATING TEAM — REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**  
Victoria, Luther, Jess and Bryce  
Teacher Mrs Pridham

*Picture removed*

Dear Parents

On the last day of term two Bowral Public School had a pink day to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. We would like to thank you for your support and donations that helped us raise \$472. We will be donating it to the McGrath Foundation to help their research to find a cure for cancer.

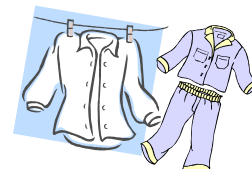
Yours sincerely

*Eric and Grace on behalf of the SRC (Student Representative Council)*



### **LOST PROPERTY**

The lost property box has now been emptied, all school clothes with names has been returned to the child's class and any item without a name has gone to the clothing shop.





Hello,

Thank you to everyone who has returned money for the Trivia Night. There is an attached note with the full details of the evening just in case anything has been missing over the past couple of weeks. There still is time to get a table booked, so don't hesitate! I look forward to seeing you all dressed in your finest polyester number of the era.

I would also like to thank the businesses who have supported the Trivia Night thus far in donating prizes. They are: Bing Lee, Mt Broughton Estate, Mezza Bar, Empire Cinema, Angus and Robertson, Powerpoint Music, Gastronome, Cameron's Newsagency, and The Tea Shop. More will follow next week.

On another fundraising note, Contours are still running their promotion for Bowral Public School. To recap, if you join you will save \$100 of the joining fee and \$50 will be donated to the school. Just mention BPS and you can claim the discount.

Contours is located above Gloria Jeans just over the road from school.

Well done to all of the teachers and John Morris who helped arrange yesterday's celebration of Don Bradman's birthday. The children were gorgeous, and I had calls from friends and relatives in the UK saying they had heard the BPS children singing their hearts out on radio. They were thrilled they knew where Bowral was on the map!

*Justine McKinlay*

## **FUTURE SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Future School Committee held their meeting last Wednesday afternoon in the school library. Where are we up to? No different to where we were two years ago! The Department of Education, whilst they have visited the school earlier in the year have not really indicated any progress on a decision on the future of the school. They have not, as promised, given us an indication as the value of the current site, so we have a good idea of a shortfall, if any, in the costing of relocating and building a new school. What they did do, was confirm that we were no on latest budget and nothing would happen at the school for 2008/09. They did indicate that we were on a priority list. Where on the priority list, we do not know and have no way of finding out.

As a Future School committee, it was decided that to stay near the top of the list, we needed to make noise about our school and constantly remind the Department that we are not going away. The children and teachers at Bowral Public deserve the basic facilities in which to learn. A committee member arranged for Channel 7 to come and report on our school as we hoping that it will go to air in the next week or two on the Channel 7 (Sydney) news. We also asked the school community to write to our local member so that she can constantly table letters to the Education Minister on our behalf - (this is her role as our local member). I would like to thank the parents that wrote to Pru Goward for your support of the school. All six of you! But can I remind you - even though the response you have received back from the Government indicate that they are close contact with the Future School Committee as to our situation - this is not true - once again we have a big tunnel of silence from them.

It has been decided by the Future School Committee to cease campaigning for the time being on behalf of the school, as a response of 6 letters is not enough support for us to continue our work to fight for a new school. We have given up a lot of personal time and effort so far and it make it work, it has to be a community effort. We will take up the fight again, if we see enough letters written by the school community and sent to Pru Goward. Sample letters will be available at the front office from the end of next week, to give some idea of what to write.

To finish off - think about this - we will most probably have enough student numbers in 2009 for another demountable to be put in our playground - perhaps even two - where are we going to put it/them? Once again, we will have less playground space and more students in the playground.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Volunteers needed to help in our school canteen

We have a number of volunteers who have gone back to work or now have other commitments so are unable to help Rhonda in the canteen for term 4. If you can spare some time, just one day a term is a big help, please fill out attached form and send back to school ASAP. If you already volunteer and are able to volunteer extra days please contact Donna on [dma08538@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dma08538@bigpond.net.au) or 4861 5739

Thanking you in anticipation  
Bowral Public School Canteen Committee



**Canteen Volunteers  
Employment Guaranteed**

**Where:** Bowral Public School Canteen  
**When:** Weekly Fortnightly Monthly or as often as possible  
**Hours:** 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Experience:** Not necessary. Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.  
**Salary:** "A La Carte" lunch (healthy sandwich), plenty of tea or coffee and best of all friendship.  
**Bonus:** Your children are happy to see you in their favourite place - school. You get to spoil them by spending a little extra money (all for a good cause) and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

**Applications close: NEVER**

Please fill in the form below and send it back to the canteen as soon as possible. Your roster will be sent home to you. Those already on the roster need not reapply. Thanking you in anticipation.

**Donna and Rhonda**



**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS**

Name: .....Telephone: .....

Eldest child's name/class: .....

**Please nominate:** [✓ day which you prefer to work]

- Monday       Tuesday       Wednesday       Thursday       Friday
- Weekly       Fortnightly       Monthly       Once per term       Twice per term

I can help at short notice     Yes     No

Special Requests.....

Thanks for volunteering. If you have any questions please contact Donna on 4861 5739 or Rhonda in the canteen on 4861 1056

- ◆ Please note Jumpys have increased in price to .70c and cheese flavoured Jumpys are no longer available.
- ◆ All entries for the Fruit and Veg Competition have to be returned to the canteen by Friday 29 August 2008.