



# Newsletter

Wednesday 17 September 2008

Term 3 Week 9

## BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Striving, Thinking, Learning*



### FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM LEADER

Last Monday all Year 3 and Year 5 students who sat for this year's National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) took home a letter that indicated their level of achievement during the assessments that were completed in May this year. Results for these students range from Band 1 to Band 6 (Year 3) and Band 3 to Band 8 (Year 5). I encourage all families to take the time and review the achievements of their child by reading the column graphs as well as the written information. Like families, the teaching staff are familiarising themselves with the new format. Further information can be obtained by contacting your child's teacher initially. Overall, the picture remains encouraging for Bowral Public School with the school fairing well against the state average. However, some areas for further development have been identified that will assist and guide teaching and learning programs into the future. Many thanks to the families who continually support teachers in their daily tasks of encouraging students to strive for accuracy and commitment in all subjects taught.

Blessed with beautiful spring weather, Jellore sports house ran a successful self-help day. The green house students are to be congratulated in the positive way they organised their stalls and encouraged their peers to enjoy the day. The guidance provided by the teachers is always appreciated and the supply of merchandise from home to sell on the stalls ensured plenty of customers. These days provide students with the opportunity to plan all aspects of their fund raising activity. It was also pleasing to see the number of students who dressed for the occasion in colourful outfits that complied with the school's sun safe and O H and S policies.



Again I need to remind families about the importance of ensuring their children arrive safely at school each day. Some families are sending their children to the school office after the 9.10am bell to sign themselves in. It is important that any children arriving late are signed in

**BY AN ADULT** prior to the late note being issued. In this way, teachers can be certain that the students in their care have proceeded directly to school from home. Your continued support in this matter would be appreciated. Whilst speaking about this topic, it has been noticeable that a regular group of children are arriving at the school prior to 8.40am, the time the first teacher commences duty. It would be appreciated if students making their way to school could plan their journey to arrive just after 8.40am. Any early arrivals **must** sit down on the seats adjacent to the library and not commence any games until the teacher arrives for duty. This is the safest way the school can extend a Duty of Care to all children.



As many of our students arrive to and depart from school each day by bus, it is important that the clearly identified bus zones are free from vehicles at the appropriate times. Over the last few weeks, some vehicles have been parked illegally. This not only creates a parking hazard but also has the potential to place lives of bus travellers in danger. All drivers need to ensure they are familiar with the vehicle parking restrictions located around the school.

Bowral Public School hosted the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee yesterday in the Bowral Memorial Hall. Students from all parts of the Illawarra and South East Region attended the day in their efforts to qualify for the state final to be held in the ABC studios at Ultimo in early November. Over forty students entered each of the two divisions, Stage Two and Stage Three. The day was co-ordinated by Mr Cayzer and he is to be thanked for his commitment to this very worthwhile activity. Along with the other children, the four Bowral students tested their spelling skills that reflected hours of practice leading up to the day. Congratulations to Jaime and Ruby (Stage Two), as well as Natasha and Victoria (Stage Three) for serving as wonderful ambassadors for our school. Mr Cayzer received wonderful support from school leaders Luther (chairman), Bryce (timekeeper), Sophie and Elliese (check in personnel). A number of classes took the opportunity to be part of the audience at various times during the day. As a follow up to the day Victoria was interviewed on ABC Illawarra radio on this morning to give the general public an insight into a participant's perspective on the day. She spoke with confidence and was articulate.

The Hills Centre, located in the Castle Hill area, is the venue for this year's Stage Two Proms. Twenty nine students from the school, under the direction of Mrs Oszurko and Mr Thompson, will join other government school children from across the state to demonstrate the wonderful choral skills and talent at the performance to be held tonight. I have had the opportunity to listen with interest to the fabulous voices of the children representing our school. Thanks are extended to the teachers, students and families in 'flying' the school's flag at this statewide activity. On this occasion Mr Cayzer will represent me.



As the term draws to a conclusion, Kindergarten enrolment forms for 2009 continue to be lodged at the school office. Currently the count is forty six. It is hoped that all the forms will be with the school by the last day of term three, Friday 26 September 2008. All families with a 2576 postcode fall into our school's drawing area. Any other families wishing to enrol a child are required to complete an out of area form.

Many thanks to the families who made the school a priority last Monday night and were able to attend the monthly meeting of the school P & C Association! One of the major matters discussed and resolved was the upgrading of the area around the fixed equipment to bring it up to standard to allow children to play safely. It is anticipated that the work will be completed during the forthcoming school holidays. Please read Justine McKinley's report for further P & C information.

### CALENDAR

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| <b>Thursday 18 September</b> | ♦ Proms - Stage 2 (Years 3-4)<br>The Hills Centre, Castle Hill |
| <b>Friday 19 September</b>   | ♦ Touch Football Gala Day at Eridge Park                       |
| <b>Monday 22 September</b>   | ♦ Term 4 invoices issued                                       |
| <b>Friday 26 September</b>   | ♦ LAST DAY FOR TERM 3  |
| <b>Monday 13 October</b>     | ♦ STUDENTS RETURN TERM 4                                       |
| <b>Friday 17 October</b>     | ♦ Term 4 Invoice payments due                                  |
| <b>November 3, 4 &amp; 5</b> | ♦ Kindergarten Orientation for students                        |
| <b>12 November</b>           | ♦ Kindergarten Orientation—Parent Information Session          |

**SPORTS WRAP**  
**TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Bowral Public School has entered six (6) teams in the Wingecarribee District PSSA touch football competition to be played at Eridge Park this Friday 19 September. Mr Cayzer and Mrs Griffith will accompany the teams. The sixty students should enjoy the experience as the day is all about learning the rules, sportsmanship and having fun. It will be important for all the Bowral children to follow the directions of the two teachers as well as the parent helpers who are assisting as team managers on the day. Students will be travelling by bus.



**John Morris**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**LITERACY / NUMERACY WEEK**

Congratulations and well done to a group of Year 5 students who represented our school during Literacy / Numeracy Week celebrations at Bowral High School.

The children formed a great team and were successful in winning, for the school, a scientific calculator.

Thank you to the parents who helped transport the children to and from the high school – your support is appreciated.

Excellent team work: Christian, Emily, Lauren, Maggie, Caroline, Liam, Eliza and Grace. You are fine ambassadors for Bowral Public School.

**MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS**

This year, 67 students from years 3-6 challenged themselves in the University of NSW Mathematics competition. All should be very proud of their achievements in the areas of patterns and algebra, number, measurement, space and working mathematically. I heard one student, on receiving their certificate say 'I got 8 wrong' and I replied 'how many did you get right?' The response of 32 meant a very high standard indeed. We must all learn to look at what we can do and build on those strengths so we also gain confidence in areas that need to be further developed. I am very proud of each and every student who was prepared to 'have a go' and see just what they were capable of on the day.

Well done to the following students who were successful in earning a credit, distinction or high distinction level:

- High Distinction:** Dylan (Year 3)
- Distinction:** Sammy, Jaime, William (Year3)  
Clayton, Benjamin (Year 4)
- Credit:** Ethan, Toby, Sophie (Year 3)  
Julia, Tayla, Jack, Ruby (Year 4)  
Maggie, Taylah, Courtney, Lachlan, Liam, Sarah, Emily, Jonn (Year 5)  
Bryce, Tom, Natasha, Sam (Year 6)



A fine effort.

**4B ASSEMBLY**

Last week I had the very distinct pleasure of attending the Stage 2 assembly conducted by Class 4B. What an eye opener! The performance of Shakespeare's Hamlet under the guidance of Mrs Staats and Mrs Whitton was excellent. The language of Shakespeare was presented in such a way that all in the audience could understand and appreciate this most famous of plays. Poor Claudius (Tristan) was so upset that his father Hamlet (Tom) had been murdered and his mother (Simone) had remarried. What a traumatic situation, made even worse when both mum and Claudius are murdered. The students in 4B did a magnificent job and are to be commended for their performance. Also to be commended are those who demonstrated their ability on the piano – Escher, Simone and Rufina; the girls who sang so well – Adena, Brianna and Tiana; and Samuel, Lochie, Jake and Christopher with their rap tune. Thank you for a wonderful afternoon of public performances Class 4B.

**Jan Christie**  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**JELLORE SELF HELP DAY**

Thank you to everyone who contributed, it was greatly appreciated. It was a good day.

**The winners of the Jellore House Self-Help Colouring Competition:-**

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	COMMENDED	COMMENDED	COMMENDED	COMMENDED	COMMENDED
<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Arthur	Dimity	Ronan	Kate	James	Sophia	Bethany	
<b>Stage 1</b>	Jade G	Aaron	Kodi-Lee	Sarah	Darcy	Connor	Lucie	Kale
<b>Stage 2</b>	Tim	Sharnaye	Nicholas	Lauren	Emma			
<b>Stage 3</b>	Toby	Sophie	Sarah	Samantha				



Hello,

Thank you to everyone who attended Monday evening's P&C meeting, it was great to see you all.

I thought I should include a few points on what was discussed. Firstly, concerns have been raised again that the school gate on Boolwey Street is not always kept shut. It was decided some months ago that it should remain closed between 9.30am and 2.30pm. It is not just the school staff's responsibility to monitor this gate as people may enter at any point during those hours and not close it again. Can I ask parents that if you are walking past and notice that it is open, please close it, as you are totally within your rights to do so. Also, if you are entering the school during the abovementioned hours, can you please remember to close the gate behind you. Thank you.

Another issue that has caused confusion is the bus stop in Bendooley Street where parents also drop their children. Please note, that while the area is a bus stop until 9.30am, parents are able to park their car and drop their children in this zone. The rules are that it has a 2 minute limit and drivers must remain within 3 metres of their vehicle.

Now, for the exciting news. The money raised at our Trivia Night will fund the repairs of the lower playground equipment. We hope to have the work completed during the school holidays. Thank you to everyone for your efforts in supporting this event.

Other exciting news is that there are a few positions vacant (control your excitement please) in the P&C and related committees. Barbara Fay will be moving on at the end of the year as her daughter leaves for high school. It would be wonderful if we could fill her position as Treasurer before the end of the year so she can train the new person. Another area we have a vacancy is on the Canteen Committee. This committee has been running all year without a co-ordinator and dearly needs one. The members of the current committee are all dedicated and energetic, but we are losing one very valuable member at the end of the year to high school as well (Ros, surely you would like to stay?).

I can fill anyone in on further details if you are interested, so please don't be shy. We need you!

**Justine McKinlay**





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

Unnamed items are now for sale for \$1 in the Uniform Shop and named items are slowly finding their way back to students' classrooms. This process has been very difficult because many of the jumpers etc were once named but the names have smudged or faded. This makes it near impossible to identify owners and return property. If this applies to you, you might like to come and look through the "illegible name" pile in the Uniform Shop. Can we encourage everyone to make sure all items of school uniform are able to be identified by anyone who might pick them up. Why not take the holidays as an opportunity to order some iron-on labels from STUCK ON YOU? They take about a week to arrive, 30 seconds to iron on, and \$20 gets you enough labels to last a lifetime! (Or a school career anyway!) You can order on line at [www.stuckonyou.biz](http://www.stuckonyou.biz), freecall 1800 645 849, or pick up a brochure at the Uniform Shop. And if you mention BPS, some of the profits come back to the school!

We are fully stocked with SUMMER UNIFORM! Why not come by before the end of term and beat the "First Week Back Rush"?!?!

**The Uniform Shop Committee**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

 <p><b>Swimsafe classes starting soon</b> Information phone 13 13 02 or visit <a href="http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au">www.dsr.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	 <p><b>Junior BASKETBALL Summer Competition</b> to commence Wednesday 22 October 2008 Moss Vale Basketball Stadium Ph: 4868 1569 or email: <a href="mailto:mvball@mitmania.net.au">mvball@mitmania.net.au</a></p> 
<p><b>BLUE LIGHT DISCO</b> Mittagong RSL Club ~ Saturday 20 September Special guest will be Terri, who was the winner of this years' BIG BROTHER.</p>	<p><b>Change in time for this year's Southern Stars 'This Life' broadcast on WIN</b> Saturday 27 September 1pm NSW only (Illawarra and South East Region)</p>
<p><b>SOFTBALL ~ TEEBALL</b> Nominations due 22 September Information phone/fax 48611529 Flo Moore</p> 	

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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 \_\_\_\_\_