



Newsletter

Wednesday 15 October 2008

Term 4 Week 1

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM LEADER

Welcome Back to Term Four

May I extend a warm welcome back to all continuing and new families for the final term of the 2008 school year! The favourable weather during the two week break hopefully has provided all students and staff with the opportunity to recharge their batteries in readiness for the term ahead. As always, the final ten weeks of the school year will see a focus on the teaching and learning in each classroom. This will provide the teaching staff with appropriate data to complete the end of year report on each student. Apart from an assessment of academic achievement recorded in the report, appropriate comments will be compiled to reflect the individual social and personal growth of each child. Of major significance will be the degree to which students engage in set tasks and continue to develop the necessary work habits. In a supportive environment, with the school and home working together, children are perfectly placed to strive to reach their learning potential. I continue to reiterate that if families are concerned about their child's progress, please take the opportunity to contact the school and arrange a suitable time to speak to the teacher of your child.

Kindergarten Students for 2009

It is important that any families who intend to enroll their child in kindergarten next year complete enrolment documentation and present it to school office personnel **as a matter of urgency**. Final preparations for the Kindergarten Orientation program are now being undertaken by key staff at the school and it is important that no families are omitted at this time. Families that possess a 2576 postcode fall into the drawing area for Bowral Public School. Immunisation records, proof of residential address and the child's birth certificate need to be sighted to ensure enrolment. All intending students must turn five years of age by 31 July 2009. If families have any concerns about the enrolment procedure, they are encouraged to make an appointment to talk to myself or the deputy principal. Orientation dates are 3, 4 and 5 November with a family session the following Wednesday 12 November 2008. I look forward to meeting children, friends and families at this time of the year.



Special Swimming Scheme

Bowral Public School will again be taking part in this annual program. Bowral Pool will be the venue with swimmers travelling by bus. The scheme primarily targets students in Year 2 and Year 3 and our school has been allocated one hundred and twenty places for the ten day session with the first day being Monday 1 December. Permission notes and related information will leave the school in the week commencing Monday 3 November. The scheme will be co-ordinated by Miss Christie and Mr Cayzer.



Life Education

The Life Education van will visit our school from Friday 7 November and will remain on site until Tuesday 18 November. All students will be provided with an opportunity to participate in a planned session for their class. The various Kindergarten to Year Six programs are linked closely to the outcomes highlighted in the Physical Education, Health and Personal Development Key Learning Area. Further details will be provided to all families once the timetable for all classes is finalised.

Term Invoices

These were distributed to all families in the concluding weeks of term three. Each invoice provides a breakdown of the activities and costs and is distributed on a stage basis. It is important that invoices are paid to the school office by this Friday 17 October. If any families require financial support at this time it is important that they contact the school **prior to Friday**. For those families opting to pay by installments, it is restated that the closing date for each activity is the **Friday prior to the activity**. It is important that these deadline dates are adhered to thus allowing your child to participate in these classroom linked activities. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Playground Equipment

During the recent school holidays the softfall was replaced under the fixed equipment located on the northern side of the junior toilets. This will allow our children to develop skills and enjoy playing opportunities, both during specified teacher directed lessons and also at lunchtime breaks. During this week, teachers have been re-teaching their classes in the correct ways in which to use the equipment safely. I draw the attention of all families to the two (2) signs located adjacent to this area regarding adult supervision. We seek your co-operation ensuring all children using this equipment are supervised by an adult at all times.



Summer School Uniform

With the return of the warmer weather, it is again important to remind all families to write clearly **the current owner's name** in each item of clothing worn to school on a daily basis. Of importance is wearing of the school's broad brimmed hat each day. This limits the risk of sunburn. Clear finger nail polish can be worn as well as sleepers or studs. Footwear is black shoes and there are a number of black sports shoes being purchased by families that support the uniform policy.

Medical Conditions & Back to School Allowance

Can I urge all families to complete this attached document. In addition to ensuring you receive your Back to School Allowance, it is a means of ensuring our school has up to date information to support the individual health care needs of our students.

CALENDAR

Friday 17 October	♦ Term 4 Invoice payments due
Monday 20 October	♦ P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Sunday 26 October	♦ P&C Working Bee
Friday 31 October	♦ Tabloid Sports Carnival, Kindergarten-Year 1
November 3, 4 & 5	♦ Kindergarten Orientation for students
12 November	♦ Kindergarten Orientation—Parent Information Session

P & C Activities

Next Monday night will be the monthly meeting of this important organisation. Meetings are held in the school library and run from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. All families are welcome to participate and various viewpoints are appreciated. On Sunday 26 October the first of the summer working bees will be conducted at the school between 12 noon and 4.00pm. Work will continue on the garden areas with an emphasis around the demountable buildings. As part of the program it would be appreciated if any people attending could bring an electric sander as attention will be given to upgrading the seats and tables located adjacent to the canteen. Garden tools are also useful. An area will be set aside for families to stop for a cup of tea or coffee and something to eat during the four hours of the working bee. It is anticipated that available families will make the school a priority at this time. If you can help, please leave your name at the school office.

Presentation Days

On Monday 15 December each learning stage will hold a presentation assembly. For Early Stage One, Stage One and Stage Two the assemblies will be conducted during school hours at the Bowral Memorial Hall. Stage Three's assembly is conducted at Bowral High School and is a night activity. Advance notice is being given to all families who may need to make arrangements to enable their attendance on this day. The final program (order in which assemblies will be conducted) will be supplied to all families shortly.

SPORTS WRAP

Activities planned for term four are AFL activities in November. More details as information reaches the school. I will be attending the State PSSA athletics carnival at Homebush in the role as track referee on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

John Morris Principal

ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICES LAUNCH

It has been very remiss of our school, particularly myself, to not point out the wonderful job Tanaya and her brother Jackson did in representing our school at the launch of the Marumali Aboriginal Health Service at Mittagong last term. The aim of the program is to help indigenous people in the Wingecarribee shire access better health services. Both Tanaya and Jackson were taken to the event by their parents (thank you) and had the opportunity to find out how important good eating habits are in maintaining good health and also how families are a great support to us all when we are not feeling the best. Tanaya and Jackson were fortunate to receive some special items, including a cap, pencils and t-shirt promoting Marumali. They then were invited to stay for a nutritious lunch. Thank you Tanaya, Jackson and your family for being such positive representatives of Bowral Public School.

TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

Julian from Class 3/4X was kind enough to share his thoughts with me on the recent gala day. Impressively, Julian completed this recount at home on his own initiative.

Sports diary

Dear Diary,

Last Friday, I went to a football gala day. We played 4 games. We lost all 4 games. Our team was called the Bowral Braves. Our coach was Mr Cayzer.

Thank you Julian for sharing your diary.

Jan Christie Deputy Principal

Bowral Public School
P&C

Hello,

I hope everyone had a great break. It went so fast!

For those who don't enter the school from the Boolwey Street gates, the good news is that the children's playground has been completed and is ready for action. Due to OH&S regulations teachers will be guiding the children during class time this week to get them reaccustomed to the equipment, then next week it will be free to be played on. We have to thank Steve Pinczi for his help in excavating the site, and Stephen Freckelton for completing the work. Duncan and Belinda Hill were fantastic co-ordinators. There are others to thank, and you know who you are. Thank you for your efforts.

Now, last term I mentioned a working bee on the school grounds on Sunday 26 October from 12-4pm. We are focussing on providing more green space where the children can eat and play. If anyone has orbital sanders (we will need around 5) at their disposal please bring them along as we plan to sand the wooden seating in preparation for repainting. We also need an aerator for the lawns if someone has one handy. Otherwise, bring your gloves, rakes, shears and weeding implements if you have them. There will be plenty of refreshments and a barbeque running for everyone and children are more than welcome to attend. The more the merrier.

We have a P&C meeting next Monday night in the library at 7.30pm. Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided, so I look forward to seeing you there.

Justine McKinlay

A few words from the Uniform Shop...

Apologies to those who turned up Monday morning hoping to buy uniform. A flat battery meant that we didn't get to open until 9:30am! We will be open from 8:30am on Wednesdays for the rest of term (thank you Marion McIntyre). Don't forget if you can't make it to the Uniform Shop during opening hours, you can order! Just download an order form from the school website and send it in with your child.

The Uniform Shop Committee

GUITAR AND BASS GUITAR LESSONS NOW AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

Music enhances a child's ability to extend and apply their experiences and knowledge in the performing arts.

Any interested families may contact

Michael direct on 4862 5625

Mobile 0418 217 666



1. STUDENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Given Name

Family Name

Date of Birth

Class

Allergies—Please specify any allergies suffered by the student (eg peanuts, insect stings)

Other Medical Conditions—Please supply any other medical conditions (eg asthma, diabetes, epilepsy)

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