



Newsletter

Wednesday 5 November 2008

Term 4 Week 4

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Striving, Thinking, Learning

FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM LEADER

P & C Matters

Please ensure that the canteen survey which was attached to the school newsletter recently has been completed and returned. This will guide the P & C in determining the future direction of our canteen.

Work continues on the gardens and grounds at the school. Members of the P & C gave us a great start two (2) weekends ago. Mr Lowe has painted a couple of undercoat layers on the seats located in the vicinity of the canteen. The finishing coats will be provided by students from 1/2C and Mrs King. This class continues to take responsibility for this area and have placed woodchip mulch around the agapanthus donated and planted by Mr Lowe.

Volunteers are required on Saturday 15 and 22 November to assist in the next stage of painting games and other designs in the Lower Playground. Under the direction of Kirsten Deakin, helpers will be required to paint specified areas after they have been sketched onto the concrete. More details will be provided next week.

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Public Speaking and Debating

Last Sunday our four (4) Year 6 debaters, accompanied by Mrs Pridham, travelled to Stanwell Tops to participate in the State Finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge. On Monday they were required to prepare the affirmative arguments for the topic that Students Should Learn A Second Language. After their debate against Young Public School the adjudicator awarded the debate to Bowral. Their second challenge for the day was against another country school, Alstonville, located on the North Coast. The 'shoe was on the other foot' this time when Bowral was required to argue against Sport Has Too Much Impact Upon Our Nation. This debate was also won by our Southern Highlands team. After a night of recreation, the students were soon sharing their ideas as they faced the Sydney East team from Woollahra Public School. As the affirmative side, Bowral was required to convince the audience that There Is Too Much Violence In The Media. The strength of the arguments from the opposition saw Bowral unable to match their counterparts. With determination and good planning, the final debate in the preliminary rounds was against the strong Baulkham Hills team from Jaspers Road Public School. Regaining their confidence, Bowral's win against this city team saw them become one of the four (4) teams to contest the semi-final. Their opposition on this occasion was Beecroft and taking the affirmative viewpoint, Bowral argued that "America Has Too Much

Influence On Us." As the winner, Beecroft will now progress to the final. The Bowral team is to be congratulated on their wonderful achievements throughout the year and can be extremely proud of their success. I look forward to speaking with the team and Mrs Pridham upon their return.

As Friday draws nearer, all families in the Bowral Public School Community wish 3/4X student Jaime all the very best as she prepares for her trip to Sydney to contest the finals of the statewide Stage Two Public Speaking Challenge. I know Jaime continues to consolidate her knowledge about a variety of topics as well as refining and adding the finishing touches to her prepared speech. Good luck Jaime and you can be proud in the way you have brought great credit to your class, school and family.

Kindergarten Students 2009

The first stage of the Kindergarten Orientation program took place this week. It was encouraging to see the number of children who, when their name was called, walked happily to Mrs Flemming to move off to their class for the one hour session. May I sincerely thank all families for the appropriate manner in which they have prepared the children for this occasion. The parent meeting will be conducted in the school library next Wednesday 12 November 2008 from 12 noon. I look forward to the opportunity of again meeting all families and along with other people connected with our school, share information that will assist in making the transition from pre-school to primary school a trouble free activity. Currently the school has received sixty nine (69) applications. As numbers grow, the prospect of forming a fourth Kindergarten class in 2009 is enhanced.

Classes for 2009

My thanks to those families who have contacted the school, either via the stage leaders or myself, regarding the placement of students for 2009. The staff values your comments and these will be considered as student placements are made in forming classes for 2009. Any families who have not either spoken or written to me regarding the matter of moving away from the Bowral Public School drawing area for 2009 are asked to do so prior to this Friday 7 November 2008. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Tabloid Sports

This annual sports activity for Kindergarten and Year One was conducted in the Banyette Street playground last Friday. It was very encouraging to see the number of families who made the school a priority to support their child. I was impressed with the organisational skills of Rob who ran the day so well. All the equipment supplied allowed the students to carry out their activities with enthusiasm and develop an understanding of the 'game rules.' The support from the school's Year Six helpers was very much appreciated as they took control of an activity. Once the game was explained to each 'country' group, the students were able to participate in a supportive environment. Despite warm and sometimes blustery conditions, the learning experience was enjoyed and saw a continual improvement in skill levels. The note on the invoice that Rob left at the school read "Really great day, teachers were fun to work with, children were lovely." I'm sure there were many 'stories' shared by the children when they arrived home at the end of an exciting and rewarding day.

CALENDAR

- Thursday 6 November** ♦ AFL Gala Day Stage 2 students
- Monday 10 November** ♦ Free Life Education Parent session 9:10am-9:30am
- 12 November** ♦ Kindergarten Orientation — Parent Information Session
- 7—13 November** ♦ Life Education
- Monday 17 November** ♦ 'Beat Box' The Rhythm Show, K—6

SPORTS WRAP

1. Eridge Park is the venue for the Stage two AFL Gala Day this Thursday. Our five (5) teams will be supervised by both Miss Boxshall and Mr Cayzer. As representatives of the school, I feel sure the children will serve as worthy ambassadors. Apart from learning more about many aspects of the game, the opportunity to mix with children from neighbouring schools and have some fun along the way are the joint focuses of this sporting experience.
2. Permission notes and information sheets about the upcoming Special Swimming Scheme will leave the school shortly. With only one hundred and twenty (120) places available to Year 2 and 3 students, families are encouraged to return forms and money to class teachers as early as possible. The two (2) week program commences on Monday 1 December 2008.

Life Education

All families are reminded about the free session for parents next Monday 10 November starting at 9:10am. This is a wonderful opportunity to view and understand what our students are being taught during these sessions.

Remembrance Day

The school students and staff will hold a short ceremony on Tuesday 11 November 2008 commencing at 10:55am to acknowledge the contribution Australian men and women of the armed forces have made in a number of theatres of conflict. The school captains and vice captains will have a role to play on this day.

John Morris Principal

Thank You 4D

Last week it was an absolute delight to attend the Stage 2 assembly conducted by class 4D. The musical talent in the class is undoubtedly of a very high standard as is the ability of the children to write and present poetry. Jesse was a surprise packet. I know he is a most kind hearted young man with a passion for technology and then I had the pleasure of listening to him play the piano. Sharnaye had everyone moving to the beat when she accompanied the CD 'Everyone', what an enjoyable interlude. Isabella demonstrated her skill as a piano player as we all listened very intently. Cody is a talented Irish dancer. She moved her feet with such a light touch and as would be expected, kept her arms still and steady. Cody has been looking at different styles of Irish dancing outfits on the Internet and I suspect is keen to add another pretty dress to her collection. The poetry, read aloud by the children, showed a sense of thoughtfulness and understanding of how language can be used to paint a picture. Some of their work is presented in this newsletter. Last but not least, the whole class just worked as a team to present items on the recorder. One, a slower piece, showed how the children could play a lullaby and then the faster tune had us all wide-awake and ready to move. Thank you 4D for inviting me to such an enjoyable assembly.

Haiku poems by 4D

In the snowy air
There lived a cosy leopard
In a mountain
Jesse

Panda in bamboo
Eats and eats and eats all day
Until the sun sets!!!
Bronte

Lizards run wild
Under dark rocks and hiding
While the sun rises.
Morgan

Dog barking loudly
Smiling and running about
Very loveable
Susie

As the golden sun
Rises in the distance
The animals wake
Harry

Butterfly
The nice butterfly
She flies in cool breezes
I love her, she's nice.
Sharnaye

UNSW COMPUTER COMPETITION

Results are now available for the last of the competitions run by the University of NSW. As has been the case with each of the other competitions, Bowral students have shown they are prepared to be challenged and test their skills against students across the country. The 49 students were assessed in the areas of: general computing skills; word processing; graphics / multi media; internet / email; and understanding databases and spreadsheets. Year 3 students who sat the test performed exceptionally well as a group and in each of the aspects assessed were above the average when compared to the results for NSW. Well done to all those who sat for the test and were prepared to challenge themselves in such a demanding competition. Special congratulations to the following students who performed at a very high level.



High Distinction: Dylan (Year 3)

Distinction: Charlie (Year 3); Ruby, Joshua (Year 4); Sarah, Jonn, Eric, Caitlin (Year 5); Bryce (Year 6)

Credit: Thomas, William, Jaime (Year 3); Tayla, Maggie, Emily, Rhys (Year 5); Henry, Victoria, Tom, Joshua (Year 6)

Well done to all 49 Bowral students.

Jan Christie Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

On 6 December, Mark Feeney (casual teacher at Bowral Public School) will be riding his bicycle from Tathra to Mt Kosciusko (230km) to raise money for the Olivia Lambert Appeal. To help him raise money or find out more visit www.everydaywhere.com.au/c2k4k2008



THANK YOU
To everyone who contributed to the Christmas boxes. It was very much appreciated from Julian Campbell



SPICKS n SPECKS MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT
BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL
When: Friday 14 November 2008 6:30pm for 7:00pm start
Where: Bowral High School Hall
Tickets: BHS Office on 4861 2255 or pay at the door.

KIDS FLING bike race for all children Sunday 9 November
Contact details Samantha Catt Mobile: 0427 726 228
Email scatt@ekit.com

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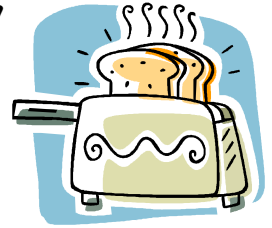
CANTEEN

Please use Term 4 canteen menu for prices and items available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for lunch orders.

Menu available on the schools website
www.bowral-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

TOASTED TUESDAY

The canteen will now be offering
RAISIN TOAST
At recess every Tuesday
Raison toast with butter just 50c a slice



Bowral Public School



Thanks again to everyone who took the time to complete the canteen survey. So far, we have had around a third of the families at Bowral Public School responded, which is a great turnout. The canteen committee is in the process of testing some new items for the menu such as 'Raisin Toast on Tuesday' and 'Watermelon Wednesday'. If the students are accepting of new items, they will be added to the menu. One of the reasons many of the students don't use the canteen is due to time constraints if they go to Church Yard or Banyette playgrounds. We are hoping to offer limited items (starting with watermelon) at these sites so students can purchase food whilst still playing. We are also working towards presenting the menu in a more user-friendly format.

Remember to keep November 15 and/or 22 in your diaries for our 'painting bee'. After finishing work at the last working bee, it was obvious that a mural was needed for the side of 1/2C's classroom to make it a more welcoming area. Mrs King will ask her class to design something for this space; we just need the helpers to make it happen.

Another thing to note is the request from Kay on behalf of JIG for helpers at the parent session for orientation next Wednesday. The school is hoping to offer a crèche for the parents of next year's kindergarten students. It would be great if we could get volunteers to help for this session.

Justine McKinlay

JIG will assist in the orientation morning for new parents to Bowral Public School on Wednesday 12 November 2008. To enable new parents to gain as much information as possible, JIG will operate a crèche for the siblings of the children starting school next year. Supervision, refreshments and easy activities will be provided. To ensure this can occur I need volunteers to assist.

The orientation parent information program is between 11:30am—1:00pm. Please complete the slip below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Thanks everyone

Kay.



Yes I can help to supervise and entertain preschoolers and toddlers during the orientation program.

Name Contact Number