Last week I attended the funeral for Jack MacMillan; a former Bowral Public School student. Jack died tragically in an accident a few weeks ago; he was 12 years old. Jack attended our school from Kindergarten until Year 5 and was a quiet achiever who had many friends at our school. We will remember Jack’s time at Bowral in the coming weeks with a special remembrance activity. I will keep our school community informed of the details. Our commiserations go to Jack’s family and friends on their sad loss.

NOTES FROM HOME
Thank you to the parents who have returned the notes which we have requested in last week's newsletter. By returning these notes you will make your child's school life much easier. In particular the blue medical note is required for our Swimming Carnival participants before Friday.

ROAD SAFETY
In this newsletter and in coming weeks there will be the most current updates on road rules that are particularly relevant to schools and school zones. By becoming familiar with these rules and then upholding them, the safety of all of our students will be improved. A special thanks to Gavin Holloway (one of our parents and a police officer) who has provided this information.

VANDALISM
It is with sadness and a great deal of frustration that I report that our school has been the subject of vandalism once more. Two of our pencil sculptures were stolen and destroyed on the weekend. Pieces of one of the broken pencils were found in streets surrounding the school by some of our families. If you have any information about this mindless vandalism, please contact the school or Bowral police on 48629299.

HELP WANTED
The fence around the Schoolhouse Museum needs repainting before a garden upgrade is undertaken in the coming weeks. If you can volunteer some time (paint will be supplied), it would be much appreciated. Please contact me at school if you can help. Thank you.

APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATION
This Thursday at our first whole school assembly for the year we will commemorate and remember Kevin Rudd's apology to Australia's Stolen Generation which occurred 5 years ago. Our Aboriginal families have been invited to visit our school at this special time. Whole school assemblies are held every second Thursday, commencing at 11.30am. All parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL GATES
For those who are new to our school and a reminder to “old” families: The Boolwey Street gates will be opened in the afternoons and mornings but will be locked during the school day. This is to promote the safety and security of our younger students. Please use gates on Bendooley Street or Banyette Street at these other times.

ELLEN NOLET
We were lucky enough last year to have a wonderful mosaic artist create the mosaic that is on the wall near the fire escape. Ellen Nolet donated her expertise and time to our school. Ellen is having an exhibition at Kiama this weekend. For those of you interested in seeing more of Ellen’s work details of the exhibition are as follows:
Wednesday 13 — Monday 18 February 2013
10am– 4pm being held at the Old Fire Station Community Arts Centre
Cnr Terralong and Shoalhaven Streets, Kiama.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

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SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

In the interest of CHILD SAFETY there is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and Road Rules in the vicinity of a school. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school.

**NO STOPPING**

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.

*(Penalty: $298 plus 2 demerit points each time you stop)*

**NO PARKING**

You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers. You must not for more than 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. *(Penalty: $165 plus 2 demerit points)*

**BUS ZONE**

You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a bus.

*(Penalty: $298 plus 2 demerit points)*

**DOUBLE PARKING**

A driver must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.

*(Penalty: $298 plus 2 demerit points)*

**DISABLED PARKING**

A driver who stops in a parking area for disabled without current disability permit displayed with be fined. *(Penalty: $495)*

**MOBILE PHONES**

A driver who uses a mobile phone in a school zone whilst driving.

*(Penalty: $397 plus 4 demerit points)*

**THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU**
BOY'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING RECORDS GIRLS

Our swimming carnival is Friday 15 February at Midgong Pool. Below is a full list of the records our swimmers will be striving to break.

BOY'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING RECORDS
Hi everyone

Our first P&C meeting for the year is to be held on **Monday 18 February 2013**. We would like to invite everyone to our meetings. We will be discussing fundraising and activities to be held in 2013. If you would like to participate please feel free to join us in the staffroom (upstairs near the front office) at 7:30pm.

The AGM will be held on Monday 4 March 2013 and we are always looking for dedicated and keen parents to join our P&C committees. We are especially looking for someone to take on the treasurer's role as our wonderful Geoff Kerr and his family have left the area. Geoff has left a very organised set of books so if you are interested in this position, please feel free to e-mail myself (sam131975@live.com.au) or Kate Bow at kateandmatt1@bigpond.com.

**Sarah Munro**

P&C President

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**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

*Wednesday & Friday 9am – 10am (Principal’s Residence)*

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**WINGECARRIEBEE FAMILY DAY CARE SERVICE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Moss Vale OOSH currently runs a courtesy bus from our school to Moss Vale OOSH After school care.

Info: [www.mossvaleoosh.com.au](http://www.mossvaleoosh.com.au) or Rozz 0417404063

**BOWRAL UNITED SOCCER CLUB—REGISTRATION 2013**

Saturday 16 Feb 1pm-3pm at Club Bowral, Shepherd St, Bowral

Wednesday 20 Feb 6pm-7pm at Stephens Park, Derby St, Bowral

[www.bowralsoccer.org.au](http://www.bowralsoccer.org.au)

**SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS HAWKS JUNIOR AFL GALA DAY**

Sunday 17 February 2013, 1.00pm – 4.00pm

LOSEBY PARK

Register on the day for 2013

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**PLAYGROUP**

UnitingKids is a new play group that has started at Bowral Uniting Church, on the corner of Bendooley and Boolwey Sts. All children 0-5 and carers welcome, Tuesdays 9.30-11am. For more information contact Lucy Earl on 0412 857 146

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