P&C MEETING
The first P&C Meeting was well attended and much was discussed about the year ahead at Bowral Public School. Thank you to all of the wonderful parents who give their time freely to support our school. It is very much appreciated. It is going to be an exciting year with lots of plans to improve teaching, learning and play facilities in our school.
The AGM of the P&C will be held on 4 March, incorporating an ordinary P&C meeting on the night. The next School Council Meeting will be held on 11 March.

PARENT EMAIL CONTACT LISTS
This year we are continuing to use Class Contact Lists. This was initiated by the P&C as a quick and effective way to communicate with all parents in our school. Teachers also use the contact lists to easily communicate with parents.
The primary purpose of the list will be to strengthen a sense of community amongst our parent body. There are other positive spin offs.....
• You will have knowledge of who your child’s peers are
• You will be able to make contact easily with other parents
• There will be increased opportunities for better communication and involvement for working parents
• Electronic communication is often easier and quicker
• It will enable the P&C to utilise the talents and expertise that some members of our community may have.
Being involved in the list is completely optional. If you agree to be on the list, your contact details will be passed on to other parents who also wish to be a part of this initiative. The contact list cannot be used for business purposes, marketing/market research or any other purpose outlined by the Privacy Laws. We trust that privacy and rights of other parents is respected by adhering to this principle.

There will be two opportunities to add your email address to your child’s class list; either at our parent information sessions or by filling out the tear-off slip in this newsletter and returning it to your child’s class teacher.

MORNINGS AT BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
Parents, please note that there is NO supervision for children arriving at school before 8.40am. Many children are arriving at school at or before 8.30am. If your child does arrive a little before 8.40am they must sit and wait for the duty teacher to arrive. Ideally children should NOT arrive at school before this time. Thank you for your help with this.

NEWSLETTER
We hope to have Newsletter organisation finalised in the next few weeks. Thank you to the many families who have returned the survey and/or requested paper/electronic versions. Please do so, if you haven’t already.
Our newsletter is also available on our school website and is uploaded every week.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
Our teachers have been working hard to update class webpages on our school website. Please visit this very informative site to see what the latest happenings are at our school.

SCHOOL CANTENE (THE BEEHIVE)
I am constantly impressed with the high quality of fresh, wholesome food which our children are offered by The Beehive. Our dedicated workers; Justine, Deanne (and Sue as a back-up) are incredibly hard working and constantly exploring healthy options for our students. Our canteen committee are a committed group of parents and school staff who meet regularly and oversee the smooth running of The Beehive. Congratulations and thank you one and all….you are an amazing group!

HOE DOWN
Our Hoe Down is an annual event and is almost upon us. With dancing and food stalls it is always a great evening. All new families are invited to come along and join in the fun.
Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

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HELP WANTED
I’m still looking for volunteers to help with the painting of the museum fence. If you can help that would be great. Please contact me at school if you are able to help out. Thank you.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
While the weather wasn’t fantastic, our school swimming carnival was still a great success. Thank you to Mrs Jane Bell for her terrific organisation and to all of our teachers and parent helpers on the day. Congratulations to Jellore House on their win, ending Oxley House’s long run of wins.

HELP WANTED
I’m still looking for volunteers to help with the painting of the museum fence. If you can help that would be great. Please contact me at school if you are able to help out. Thank you.
Although it was not the perfect summer day we had hoped for our annual swimming carnival, it was held last Friday at Mittagong Pool. The carnival ran smoothly, despite the odd shower throughout the day and all students were given the opportunity to participate in either competitive or novelty events on the day.

A big thank you to all parents who helped on the day, without your assistance in timekeeping, organising children and setting up and packing up tents and equipment the carnival would be very difficult to run. We had so many offers of help that not all our volunteers were needed! It was great to see so many spectators supporting and encouraging their children throughout the day.

Congratulations also to all our students whose behaviour and school spirit were outstanding throughout the day.

All students who achieved a first, second or third place in an event were awarded ribbons on the day of the carnival.

Trophies and medallions were presented to the individual age champions and runners up at the school assembly on Monday.

They were:

Jnr Girls Champion: Giselle Townsend
Runner Up: Mia Gillis

Jnr Boys Champion: Hugo Fay
Runner Up: Max Davis Rice

11yr Girls Champion: Emily Bow

11yr Boys Champion: Dylan Hircock
Runner Up: Archie Kalde

Snr Girls Champion: Jade Gillis
Runner Up: Abbey Foley

Snr Boys Champion: Charlie Pinczi
Runner Up: Zac Wansey

The champion house on the day was Jellore who finally ended Oxley’s domination in swimming. The house shield was presented to the Jellore House Captains, Isabella Allen and Connor Brown.

Our senior girl champion, Jade Gillis was the most successful swimmer at the carnival winning every event on the program. She also broke the 50 metres backstroke record. She swam the backstroke in 41.09 seconds beating Tayla Croudson’s 2010 record of 41.14. Congratulations Jade!

A team has been selected to represent the school at the Wingecarribee District Swimming Carnival on Friday 22 February at Mittagong Pool.

They are:

Archie Kalde
Charlie Pinczi
Max Davis Rice
Oliver Bragg
Dylan Hircock
Arthur Halbert
Zac Wansey
Hugo Fay

Warwick Preston
Jack McWilliams
Tim O’Keefe
Henry Connell
Spencer Barnes
Jade Gillis
Madeleine White
Giselle Townsend

Jessica Tyrell
Bianca Reay
Taya Cussen
Isabella Allen
Hannah Hill
Emily Bow
Mackenzie Edwards
Abbey Foley

Hilary Swan
Freyjika Parker
Molly Knowles
Mia Gillis
Olivia Tumanow
Sophia Dummer

Congratulations to all swimmers on a great effort. Well Done!

Jane Bell

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EMAILING OF NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Student name ____________________________________________  Class ____________

☐ I was happy with an electronic newsletter  ☐ I would like a paper newsletter

New email address if changed from 2012 ____________________________________________

(Please return slip to your class teacher)
The Buzz from the Beehive . . . . .

Things have been buzzing along very smoothly in the Beehive this term. We are eagerly waiting to meet our latest additions to the school in kindergarten and have been welcoming some wonderful new volunteers. Thank you to everyone who is helping to fill the roster thus far. Long may it continue!

We had a very welcome visit from Lucy Nias last week, who offered us a bounty from her garden which was used to create a most delicious soup for the students. Many thanks to Lucy and all members of the Hall family who helped produce such delicious ingredients for our use. We love receiving such gifts from our families’ gardens, so if you have ingredients surplus to requirements, think of us. We are more than willing to accept your offerings and turn them into something delicious for the students.

New items to the canteen summer menu:

- Moove Milk 300ml Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana $1.30
- Frozen Fruit cups extra flavour Pineapple, Frozen Quelch fruit strips have been removed from our menu.

Vacancy on our canteen committee — Voluntary Book Keeper:

Duties include: Account payments, mainly monthly. Fortnightly wages and related paperwork. Maintain a hand written or electronic cash book. Please contact the school office for further details.

Justine and Deanne
Canteen Committee

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Hi everyone

We had a great turn out for our first P&C meeting of the year. Thank you to all the new families that attended, we hope to see you again.

The AGM will be held on Monday 4 March 2013 (in the library at 7.30pm) and we are always looking for dedicated and keen parents to join our P&C committees. All positions are declared vacant at the start of the meeting and all nominations are welcome. Even if you are not planning to take up a position on the executive committee please come along as many hands make light work for all involved. If you are interested in a position but would like some more information please feel free to e-mail myself sam131975@live.com.au or Kate Bow at kateandmatt1@bigpond.com.

The Hoe Down is well underway for Friday 8 March 2013 and we would like your help. Our theme is “Country and Western” so pull out all your cowboy hats and checked shirts for the night. We would like a coordinator from each Stage to help with the stalls.

Year 6 students will be in charge of chips, drinks etc from the canteen. Justine McKinlay will co-ordinate this.

School leaders will work with the Lions Club on the Fairy Floss stand and Meredith Wakeman will co-ordinate this.

Stage 3 parents (Year 5 and Year 6) – are needed on the BBQ
Stage 2 parents (Years 3 and Year 4) – are needed to help out on the cake stall which is run in conjunction with coffee by Rush Roasting
Stage 1 parents (Year 1 and Year 2) – are needed on the watermelon stall.

Kindy get a night off as they are new to school, but please come and see all the excitement of our annual school Hoe Down.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on, sam131975@live.com.au

Please fill out the form below if you are interested in attending our Hoe Down, as we need a bit of an indication on numbers for catering purposes.

Sarah Munro
P&C President

CLASS PARENT EMAIL CONTACT LIST

Our class list system has been a very successful tool not only for communication between teachers and their class families, but also for wider announcements from the P&C regarding school events and canteen information. We will again be utilising this system and kindly ask that parents who have not filled in their email address on the sheet provided at this week’s stage meetings, fill in the slip attached to this newsletter and return it to your class teacher. Alternatively, please send your email details, along with the name of your child/ren, teacher and class to either Patsy Bingham patsy@patsybingham.com or Elizabeth Fairleigh elizapat@bigpond.com

We hope to get these lists up and running as soon as possible.

Many Thanks,
P&C Committee