BOWRAL’S SEQUICENTENARY
This year the towns of Bowral and Moss Vale are celebrating 150 years since they were both established. Students will receive a celebratory sticker with today’s newsletter.

Our school was established as a government school in 1867. This year we will form a committee to start planning for our sesquicentenary celebrations to be held in 2017.

HEALTHY EATING
Last week I thanked our Beehive workers for providing our students with healthy food choices at school. Our teachers will be talking to their classes in the coming weeks about healthy eating and discussing with them what is needed for a balanced diet. I would love to think that our parents will send only healthy options to school and leave the treats for special occasions.

THANK YOU
Thank you to those fabulous mums who have volunteered to help out with painting projects in the school. Many hands make light work. Please contact me if you, too would like to join in the fun!

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SCHOOL
Parents, our mobile phone and electronic devices’ policy is currently being updated and will be reloaded on our website shortly. One aspect of it will remain the same…..if students bring mobile phones or electronic devices to school they do so at their own risk and they must remain in school bags and turned off during lunch time and recess. From time to time teachers may allow these devices to be used in the classroom but they are not permitted outside the classroom at any time. Thank you for your help with this.

LEADERSHIP DAY
Congratulations to our School Leaders, consisting of our SRC representatives, House Captains and School Leaders who attended a team building and leadership day at Wombaroo yesterday with other students from our Community of Schools. It sounds like it was a fantastic day! Thank you to Mrs Karen Bell, who accompanied these students and will be leading the SRC at Bowral Public School.

HOE DOWN
Next Friday our annual Hoe Down will be held at school. I know that parents are busily working organising stalls and teachers and classes are practising dances. We look forward to welcoming new families and having a fun evening of friendship and music. I hope that as many families as possible can come. See you there!

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you? If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July. The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions. Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

LOST PROPERTY bin is due to be sorted, please claim any lost items as soon as possible.

REMINDER DIARY DATES

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DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

A team of thirty students represented Bowral Public School at the Wingecarribee P.S.S.A District Swimming Carnival last Friday. They were:

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These students represented our school with pride; they showed outstanding support for each other and behaved impeccably.

All our students gave their best and were cheered on by a large group of parents, despite the sometimes miserable conditions. Congratulations to all swimmers on a great effort. Well Done!

A full list of the results of all events is available on the school website.

Many races featured a Bowral Public School student in the top six and two of our students were runner up in the age championships.

They were:

Junior Girl Runner Up Gisele Townsend equal with Ivy Keat of Robertson
Senior Girl Runner Up Jade Gillis

The senior girl age group was extremely competitive this year and at the end of the day there was only one point separating Jade and the eventual winner Lauren Balla of Colo Vale.

For the first time in many years Bowral Public School did not win the carnival, finishing third in the overall point score. The carnival this year was dominated by swimmers from Colo Vale, Robertson and Hill Top, with Robertson Public School taking out both the overall and handicap trophies.

Six of our swimmers have been selected to represent the Wingecarribee District at the South Coast Regional championships to be held at Dapto Pool, on Tuesday 5 March in individual events. They are:

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All of our relay teams will represent Bowral Public School at the South Coast Championships. The relay teams are:

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We wish them the best of luck as they face very tough competition at the South Coast.

Finally a HUGE thank you to all the parents who supported our team on the day, especially to Mrs Shelley Gillis who managed our team and to everyone who assisted in erecting, dismantling and transporting the school tents.

Jane Bell
District Swimming Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOWRL HOCKEY CLUB—REGISTRATION DAYS
Friday 1 March 5pm-7pm—Scottish Arms East Bowral
Saturday 2 March 1pm—1pm—Mittagong McDonalds
Enquires: www.bowralhockeyclub.com.au

MOSS VALE BUSKERS COMPETITION
The Bush Week celebrations run from 4—9 March 2013. Saturday 9 March Street parade in Argyle Street Moss Vale. Buskers Competition on 9 March 10am—2pm, entry forms essential - email: secretary@mossvalechamber.org.au

CLOSURE OF ALL SPORTS FIELDS
Due to the inclement weather conditions and heavy rain the shire has received over the last few days, they have had to make the decision to close all sports fields in our shire for all events. This also includes training. Some of our grounds are currently water logged with large puddles of water, and very damp surfaces. Under no circumstances are the ovals to be used prior to the re-assessment. The grounds are going to be closed until Friday where the grounds crew will re-assess the situation. All enquires Natasha Woods, Customer Services Officer, Wingecarribee Shire Council, ph: 02 4868 0888

PARKS WEEK 2013 is coming up next week, with this year’s theme “Get Healthy by Nature”. To celebrate, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is hosting more than 30 activities across the state, with some commencing Saturday March 2, including a family cycling event at Bungonia National Park.
For more information about this and other Park Week 2013 activities, visit http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/Whats-On/parksweek

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Hi everyone

Just a reminder 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 vacated 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 email 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.

Each stall has a co-ordinator, and we would love to have your assistance with these stalls. If you are available for shifts of 30 minutes, please contact your stall co-ordinator.

Year’s 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. Meredith Wakeman will co-ordinate this.
Stage 3 parents (year 5 and year 6) – are on the BBQ and I am the co-ordinator for this stall. (please contact me on sam131975@live.com.au)
Stage 2 parents (years 3 and year 4) – are on the cake stall which is run in conjunction with coffee by Rush with Sally Terry on sally@rushroasting.com.au, and Elizabeth Fairleigh on elizapat@bigpond.com.
For the cake stall we would appreciate donations of baked goods.
Stage 1 parents (year 1 and year 2) – are in charge of watermelon stall with Elizabeth Fairleigh on elizapat@bigpond.com.

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

P&C BULB FUNDRAISER CATALOGUES GOING HOME THIS FRIDAY.

HOE DOWN BUSH BAND
“The Parent Bush Band has become an annual fixture at the Bowral Public School Hoe Down. We are looking for anybody who may be interested in getting involved. We could use another Fiddle, but if you play any instrument which you think may be suitable, now is the time to get involved!! Please call Phil on 0403206063 if you are interested.”
Our annual BPS Hoe Down is to be held next Friday, 8 March. Have your dancing shoes on and a hungry stomach for Friday’s Hoe Down.

On offer:
- Barbeque
- Hot Corn on the Cob (seriously good, believe me)
- Soft drink / bottled water
- Coffee (the real Mcoy) / Cake
- Also available will be fairy floss, watermelon, and potato chips (crisps) (those honey soy the kids adore)

Moo Poo will be on again.

Helpers and donations are sought, please see over for more details.

Many thanks, P & C Association

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY
On the 26 February the new SRC (Student Representative Council) students from Bowral Public School went to Wombaroo Camp to experience a leadership day so we can enhance and make us better leaders. We took the bus down to Wombaroo and picked up twelve Bowral High School students on the way. We arrived at the camp and went off into groups to start our first activity. We did a number of activities that all involved leadership, responsibility and an understanding of each other. All of the SRC really enjoyed the day and we can’t wait to get started. Also a special thank you to Mrs Bell, for her efforts yesterday.

By Isabella Allen 6Z

The Effective & Trendy replacement to the brown paper lunch order bag.

The Lunch Wallet are a re-usable Canteen Bag made of non-woven polypropylene. They are durable and easily wiped clean with a damp cloth. The bags are compact, funky, and fit easily within school bags. Paper bags are generally used once and thrown away; contributing a substantial amount of paper waste into the environment. Paper bags have no provision for money, are unstable when standing and are prone to tearing when wet. If you are a parent looking for a practical alternative to the paper bag or a teacher aiming to reduce paper waste in your school then a Lunch Wallet is a perfect choice!

Lunch Wallet Product Features:
1) Holds more food than paper bags.
2) Collapsible sides.
3) Sturdy flat base makes them easy to pack and stack
4) Folds conveniently to fit in every child’s bag.
5) Extremely easy to wipe clean with a damp cloth.
6) Reduces paper waste.
7) Hygienic zipper pocket to separate money from contact with food
8) Clear pocket with zipper for money & written lunch order.
9) Transparent pocket displays name & class.

NO MORE WET, TORN PAPER BAGS WITH CHANGE TAPE TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BAG, FINALLY A HYGIENIC POCKET THAT KEEPS MONEY SEPARATE FROM CONTACT WITH FOOD!

Available to purchase at the Hoe Down and then from the school canteen.