I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a Happy and Safe Easter. We have had an incredibly positive start to the 2013 school year and we look forward to returning for a couple of weeks after Easter before the Term 1 holidays begin. Please note that there are 2 School Development Days at the beginning of Term 2 (an additional day has been granted to NSW public schools in order for staff to undertake additional professional learning for the new National Curriculum). Students return to school on Wednesday 1 May.

**DISCO**

We will be holding a school disco on Thursday 11 April. Entry will be a gold coin donation, to cover costs of equipment hire and a DJ for the evening.

All students are welcome; K-2 from 5-6.30pm, 3-6 from 7-8.30pm. We hope to see as many students as possible...don't forget to bring a water bottle with your name on it.

**HARMONY DAY**

“Many Stories, One Australia”. Last Friday we celebrated Harmony Day at school. Our school was awash with colour and the students who dressed up in either something orange or in the dress from another country, looked fabulous!

This year additional IT resources will be purchased (we have just bought a class set of responders; an interactive tool which can be used in all classrooms). We look forward to purchasing more equipment to motivate, engage and support student learning at our school.

**SIGNING IN AS A VISITOR**

If you visit school during the day, please ensure that you come to the front office, sign-in and wear a visitors badge. This is an essential WH&S issue. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**CAMP**

Last week 82 very tired Year 6 students (and 5 very, very tired teachers) returned from a week away at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp. I have heard that the food was good, the games and activities “fantastic” and our students’ behaviour, as always, exemplary. Thank you to Mr Cayzer, Mr Jut, Mr Tudor, Mrs K Bell and Mrs Oszurko who all gave up time away from their own families to allow this camp to go ahead.

**P&C TREASURER**

Thank you to Harriette Conway who has very generously offered to join the P&C as Treasurer for 2013.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

Our next School Council Meeting will be the AGM. It will be held at 6.35 pm on Monday 8 April in the school library.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

Last year, thanks to the generosity of our school and wider community our school was able to obtain many, many fantastic resources through the Woolworths “Earn and Learn” promotion. This promotion is starting again on Monday April 8 and continues until June 9. If you do shop in Woolworths, remember to get the stickers needed to contribute to our schools’ effort. Thank you for your help!

*Wendy Buckley, PRINCIPAL*

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**AECG**

This year we have a new Southern Highlands Aboriginal Education Consultative Group committee (AECG). Executive members are:

- President: Auntie Eleanor McIlwaine
- Vice President: Elizabeth Taylor (pictured)
- Secretary: Melanie Angwin
- Treasurer: Uncle Bob Simpson

All interested parents are welcome to attend these meetings...information about the next meeting is included in this newsletter.

**SELF-HELP**

This term Self Help will be held on the last day of school. For those who are new to the school Self Help is a school house organised activity where games, competitions and activities are completely organised and run by students of that particular house. This term Gibraltar will be running Self Help. Funds raised always go to purchasing something which directly benefits the students (last year colour printers were bought to be used by students across the school).

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**REMINDER DIARY DATES**

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School Netball

Twenty girls from Years Five and Six participated in trials for the school netball team held over the last two weeks. I was really impressed with the enthusiasm and skill shown by all the girls and would like to congratulate them on their fantastic effort, team work and fair play. After some very tough decisions the following girls were selected to represent Bowral Public School in netball this year: Eleni Connell, Abbey Foley, Adelaide Murton, Katherine Evans, Olivia Morley, Emily Bow, Mackenzie Edwards, Lucy Laughton, Madeleine White and reserves Isabella Allen and Lucie Drysdale.

The school netball team will compete in two competitions this year. The first is the Netball NSW Schools’ Cup which is a new initiative for all New South Wales primary school students in Year 5 and 6. The Netball NSW Schools’ Cup features teams competing in round robin carnivals at local Schools’ Cup days across the state. Teams will be divided into pools with the overall winners progressing to a regional final. The winner of the Susan Pratley Regional Shield will progress to the state final to be held in Sydney, with teams competing from all over NSW. The local round robin is to be held on Friday 5 April 2013 at Eridge Park. The team will also compete in the NSWPSSA knockout competition which will commence in Term Two. Our first game is against Berrima Public School. I am looking forward to a great year of netball at Bowral Public School.

Jane Bell

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE 2013

Students in Year Five and Six are given the opportunity to trial for a wide range of sports for selection in representative teams. Students who nominate for these trials must be of a high standard and play regular competition in their chosen sport, as the ultimate aim is to gain selection in a South Coast Regional Team, which is made up of students from across the huge South Coast PSSA, and earn the right to participate in the NSW State championships. In order to gain selection students participate in Wingecarribee District Trials and if successful in Tablelands Zone Trials and then in South Coast Regional Trials. Several of these trials have been completed.

Cricket

Ben Canute and Billy McGuinness were selected in the Wingecarribee district cricket team. This team travelled to Goulburn for the zone trials. The boys were tested in the nets against players from the Goulburn and Queanbeyan districts and were great representatives of their schools. Billy was successful in gaining selection in the Zone team which represented the Southern Tablelands at the Regional Trials in Batemans Bay last week. The standard of cricket at these trials was very high and all players were expected to bat, bowl and field at a high level. At the end of five hours of tough cricket the regional squad was named. Congratulations to Billy who was named in the regional squad. He will be striving to gain selection in the South Coast Regional Cricket team for the second time. This team will compete at the state championships at Bathurst in Term Four this year. We wish them every success.

Tennis

Jack Turkic and Brandon Munro represented Bowral Public School and the Wingecarribee District at the South Coast Regional Tennis Trials in Ulladulla. Both boys played some fabulous tennis, were excellent representatives of our school and acquitted themselves very well in the competition. We congratulate them on their achievement.

AFL

Ben Canute and Galih Van Kruyssen travelled many kilometres last week to compete in the AFL trials, having to leave the camp at Narrabeen in order to compete. The boys were part of a zone squad which competed at the South Coast Regional AFL trials. The boys had a great day in Nowra and were excellent representatives of our school and we congratulate them on their achievement. At the end of the day after some tough games of AFL, Ben was selected in the South Coast Regional AFL team. Congratulations Ben! This team will compete at the state championships at Bathurst in Term Four this year. We wish him every success.

Netball

Seven of our students, Abbey Foley, Adelaide Murton, Katherine Evans, Eleni Connell, Emily Bow, Mackenzie Edwards and Lucy Laughton were selected in the Wingecarribee District netball team. These girls form a large part of the team which will travel to Goulburn to represent the Wingecarribee District in the Tablelands Zone Netball trials. The girls will play against teams from Goulburn and Queanbeyan and will be hoping to gain selection in the Tablelands Zone team which will complete in the regional trials and carnival. Congratulations and good luck girls!!

Soccer

Selection trials for the Wingecarribee District Boys Soccer Team were held last week. Forty five students from the district public schools attended these trials which were held over two days. Fourteen students were selected in the district team, four of these from Bowral Public School. Congratulations to the following boys on their selection: Charlie Pinczzi, Sebastian Arancibia, Ben Canute and Spencer Barnes.

The Zone Trials for both girls and boys will be held in Goulburn this week. The students will compete against teams from Goulburn and Queanbeyan hoping to gain selection in the Tablelands Zone team to compete at the South Coast trials after Easter.

Two of our girls, Georgie Lewis and Eleni Connell will also be attending the trials in Goulburn. We wish our soccer players the best of luck.

Jane Bell
RUGBY LEAGUE CLINICS

Last week the country rugby league visited our school. All classes from Year Two to Five as well as KM and 1C, spent forty minutes with expert coaches participating in fun activities which taught them all about teamwork and ball skills.

5B students wrote this about the clinics:
It was packed with fun and athletic activities. Olivia Tumanow
It was good to get out of the classroom for a while! Ronan Koster
It was great that they included everyone in the games. Tessa Lefterys
The games were really physical and exciting. Arthur Halbert
We got some fresh air and had loads of fun. Spencer Barnes
It was awesome! Colby Bamber
We got some great advice about playing Rugby League. Mackenzie Edwards
Jane Bell

Thank you to Harriette Conway for taking on the role of P&C treasurer. As a complete committee, we look forward to leading the school community through a (financially) productive year.
Many thanks must go to Matt Bow and (his runner) Kate, who has been the care taker treasurer, we appreciate the time and effort he has given us over an extended period.
Thank you also to Fiona MacKintosh for filling the position of canteen bookkeeper.
This years bulb fund raiser has made $850 for the school. Thank you to all the families that supported this annual event.
Kay Paviour
P&C President

CANTEEN ROSTER      TERM 1, 2013

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COMMUNITY NEWS

WIZZ KID WORKSHOPS—Easter School Holidays

WINTER BASKETBALL COMPETITION—Moss Vale
Enquires Robert 0414 899 544 or Sandra 0439 665 074
Email: mwbball@bigpond.com.au

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE/JULY
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013
Info ph:1300 135 331 or visit our website www.studentexchange.org.au

FREE CHILD RERAINT CHECK
Highlands Marketplace, Mittagong
CHECKING DAY Saturday 13 April, IN STORE DISPLAY Thursday 4 April
Bookings are essential: Melanie Lausz 4868 0809

WINJECARRIBEE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
Me(n) and my Family, The art of being a good dad 8 week program (Start 1 May)
Enquires Harry 0408 402 946

NRL APRIL HOLIDAY CLINIC
Monday 22 April, Kirkham Park, Camden 10am-2pm
Enquires Scott Borg 0409 814 873, Email: Sborg@nrl.com.au

HIGHLANDS FOOTBALL CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS—APRIL 2013
Registration details on www.hsa.org.au. Enquires Nick D’Amore ph: 4883 7967 M: 0407 917 062 E: dir.coach@hsa.org.au

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NOTICE OF MEETING
TUESDAY 2 APRIL 4PM
BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
BENDOOLY STREET BOWRAL
ALLWELCOME
Come along and find out about Aboriginal education in the Southern Highlands
New memberships are most welcome Annual joining fee $2.00
Agenda
Welcome to Country
Election of regional delegates
Guest speaker: Jane Williams partnership broker Smith Family
Feed back from local schools about Aboriginal programmes running on their schools
“ABORIGINAL EDUCATION IS FOR EVERYONE”

First Meeting of Re-established Southern Highlands Local AECG 12 March 2012
Meeting open 4.05pm
Apologies:
Aunty Val, Joanna Hogan, Jacqueline Murphy-Cann, Grant Schaffer, Launa Decean, Georgina Hamilton, Mittagong Public School, Nic Morris Bowral High School, Kim Kelly, Bowral High School, Rochelle Koster Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Jenny Quist, Colo Vale Public School Principal, Janine Hopwood, Jenni Tillet, Joanne Albany
Present:
Aunty Eleanor (president), Bob Simpson (treasurer), Liz Taylor (vice president), Mel Angwin (secretary), Adam Taylor, Virginia Pridham, Peter Macbeth, Wayne Williams, Jane Williams, Garry Russell, Vickie Fair, Vivian Harrison, Wendy Buckley, Kim Paviour, Sarah Leicester, Shannon Egan, Linda Langton, Anne Donaldson, Nick Sims, Robert Morris.

Aunty Eleanor President – Welcome to country, Welcome to Peter Macbeth Moss Vale High’s new Principal. He gave a brief introduction of himself and the work he has done.
Aunty Eleanor shared her History of working with aboriginal Kids in Schools this is with the Norta Norta program. Funded by the department of education.
We had a guest speaker Mr Rob Morris from Dept. Fair Trading-Aboriginal Customer service in the Wollongong area, they have 14 programs running for aboriginal kids from year 9-upwards dealing with money issues, rent car licences, thank you for time.
Regional meeting delegates to be voted on at the next meeting.
Had a discussion on meeting times- decided on two meeting a term to become firmly established.
The Meeting places dates for the following year are as follows:
Term 1
2/4/13; 4pm at Bowral Public School
Term 2
7/5/13; 4pm at Robertson Public School
11/6/13; 4pm at Hill Top Public School
Term 3
23/7/13; 4pm at Mittagong Public School
27/8/13; 4pm at Colo Vale Public School
Term 4
15/10/13; 4pm at Moss Vale High School
19/11/13; 4pm at Avoca Public School

All in attendance introduced themselves to the group.
Open discussion on what different schools in our area are doing with aboriginal programs and it was suggested to Principals that the principals bring to the next meeting the programs they are running and also the programs they would like to run.
General discussions were then held on such things as cultural awareness days to get kids and parents involved, small school indigenous days, Indigenous awards night.
Mention of a Koori centre was tabled till next meeting
AECG Panel Training was bought up to members, if they were interested to contact a board member and apply for training.
Bowral High, and Moss Vale High both have Merit Selection Panels.
Any other requests that members have, need to be put in writing or an email to board members.
Thank you all for attending our first meeting this year.

Meeting closed 5.10pm
Melanie Angwin
Secretary