ONE DAY A WEEK ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CLASS
This is the last week for applications for our One Day a Week Academically Gifted class. If you have a son or daughter in Years 4 or 5, please talk to your child’s class teacher for more information.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2016
Applications for Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016 are now open. All applications are online…see link below: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

ETHICS CLASSES
Ethics classes are offered as an alternative to Religious Education where schools have appropriately trained volunteers. We would love to offer ethics classes and need volunteers to do so. If you are interested in training, our school ethics coordinator is Natalie Clough. Natalie can be contacted on 48616784 or 0431840312.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
This week we welcomed our new kindergarten students for 2015 to the first of our orientation sessions. Next Wednesday we will have a detailed parent information session while the new kindergarten students will participate in activities in our school basement.

ACMA PRESENTATION (Australian Communication and Media Authority)
We are very lucky to be hosting a cyber-safety/keeping students safe in the digital world presentation next week. To coincide with the presentation we will be holding a disco for students in Years 3-6. Parents are welcome to drop off your child/ren and then attend the presentation which will be held in the school library. Parents who attended a similar presentation a few years ago stated how much they learnt and how important they thought it was for parents to hear the information being presented to them.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent,

Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online
Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.
To help your children stay safe online, our school is hosting a **Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation**. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.
The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:
- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.
The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.
Bowral Public School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home.
The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on:
Tuesday 28 October at 6pm in our school library, while your children in Years 3-6 attend the school disco.
We look forward to seeing you there!
Regards,
Wendy Buckley, PRINCIPAL

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP …
On Wednesday 29 October, the Uniform Shop will be open from 9am-10am and then after the Kindergarten Parent Information session, approximately 1pm—2pm. Orientation packs will be available ($160 for both boys and girls) and all second hand uniforms on sale for 50 cents. The old style girls’ navy skirt will be sold off at $10 and there are also tracksuit jackets with an oversized emblem available at $10.
See you in the Uniform Shop.
Uniform Shop Committee.
The Rocks Excursion 2014

On Monday 13 October 2014, 3S, 3/4J and 4E went to The Rocks in Sydney. The Rocks are next to Circular Quay. We went there because we are learning about the British Colonisation of Australia and that’s where the First Fleet arrived in 1788.

We travelled by bus for two and a half hours. We drove over the Cook’s River which Captain James Cook named after himself. Cook’s River flows into Botany Bay next to Sydney Airport.

Once we arrived in Sydney, we got off the coach and had something to eat. We then met our guides from The Rocks Walking Tour who took us to get dressed into convict clothes, soldier clothes and Governor clothes. Most of us were convicts. Two boys were soldiers (Sam and Liam) and one boy was Governor Phillip (Kaileb). The rest of us were convicts. We wore laminated information cards around our necks that told us what our character was like and guilty for. Our guide’s name was Sally and she taught us a lot about history. She was confident and very nice.

In our costumes we walked around the historical places in the Rocks, learning a piece of information every time we stopped. We walked for about two hours. Our favourite things we saw were:
First:: Sydney Harbour Bridge
Second: Sydney Opera House, ‘Shells in the Wall’ sculpture and the three-sided statue of the First Fleeters
Third: Observatory Hill

We saw lots of sandstone buildings both when we were on the bus and when we were walking around. We could almost always see the beautiful Harbour Bridge from wherever we were. We could also see the harbour most of the time.

When we finished our walking tour, Hilary on behalf of Stage 2 said ‘thank you’ to Sally for her wonderful work and we took our costumes off. We then ate our lunch.

Next to where we ate lunch was The Rocks Discovery Museum. A lady came out and led us inside the museum, one class at a time. We looked at displays of the bits and pieces of artefacts that were left by the Aborigines and the First Fleeters in the Rocks area. We thought the museum was magnificently interesting!

Once we came out of the museum, we packed up and walked up the street to Observatory Hill through the amazing Argyle Cut. Then we turned left and climbed up some steep steps to the top of Observatory Hill. From there, we could see Luna Park, the Observatory and the Harbour Bridge. We had class photos.

All of a sudden, it started to rain!
After about one minute, it just as suddenly stopped!
We walked back from Observatory Hill, through the Argyle Cut again and down to Circular Quay on the edge of Sydney Harbour. We went to the toilets and got on the bus to drive back to Bowral.

On the way home, almost everyone fell asleep and some snored very loudly. It took about 2 hours to drive home.

In conclusion, we had an epically awesome day and we were very lucky about the weather. We learned lots about British Colonisation and the Rocks area.

Below are some facts that we learned on the day:
The convicts had to work very hard to impress Governor Phillip.
The green and yellow ferries on the Harbour are named after the eleven First Fleet ships, such as 'Lady Penryhn' and 'Friendship'.
The convicts used picks to carve their own marks into the sandstone blocks used to build buildings.
The convicts had arrow stamps going upwards on their clothes.
The youngest convict transported was 9 years old and the eldest was 68.
The Aboriginal word for the area is Talla-walla-dah.

Written by 3S
Wednesday 15 October 2014

The Buzz from the Beehive Canteen …

Our last “Stock the Canteen Pantry” was such a success the canteen has been able to offer an affordable alternative to pre-packed lunches for families AND make a profit, which is being returned to the school!
Thank you for your generosity.

Shelly Davis-Rice
Canteen Convenor
### Primary Ethics Classes

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:

- their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes and
- Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don’t attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

### What are ethics classes?

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age-appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our K-6 curriculum has 78 topics, starting with Questions and Puzzlement, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.

### Starting ethics classes at your school

If there are no ethics classes currently available at your child's school, you should:

- let your principal know that you would like ethics classes for your child,
- go to the Primary Ethics website [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) to find out more about our curriculum, information for parents and volunteering, and
- email Primary Ethics at info@primaryethics.com.au to let us know the name of your child’s school and the year he/she is in.

We will contact you and/or your principal to get things started at your school.

### No classes for your child's year?

If there are ethics classes at your school but none for your child's year, please contact your principal and the Primary Ethics Coordinator to let them know you would like ethics classes for your child. We will need to find a volunteer to start a class, so volunteer yourself or ask your friends/family if they are interested. See [www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html](http://www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html)

Natalie Clough, School Coordinator, Ph 4861 6784

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## MITTAGONG SWIMMING CLUB 2014-2015 AT BOWRAL POOL

www.facebook.com/pages/Mittagong-Swimming-Club

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY

Enquires contact World Education Program (WEP) ph: 1300 884 7.  
Email: info@wep.org.au  
Online: [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

## MOSS VALE OOSH DECEMBER/JANUARY VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Phone 0417 40 40 63  
Email: mvoosh@bigpond.com  
Web: [www.mossvaleoosh.com](http://www.mossvaleoosh.com)

## MITTAGONG BLUE LIGHT DISCO AT MITTAGONG RSL CLUB

**SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER**, 4pm to 6.30pm, Dress theme: Halloween  
Parents and children under 4 free

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GUITAR AND BASS GUITAR LESSONS AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOURS.  
Music enhances a child’s ability to extend and apply their experiences and knowledge in the performing arts.  
Any interested families may contact Michael direct on 4962 5625  
Mobile 0418 217 666

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[Image of the Primary Ethics cartoon character]

**Primary ETHICS**  
just think about it
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