All of our student leader candidates have now presented their speeches to the whole school. The standard of speeches and the calibre of the candidates was outstanding. Congratulations to all students who nominated for the privilege of leading our school. All candidates should be incredibly proud of themselves.

This week we held our final P&C meeting for the year. Capably led by our president Kay Paviour and supported by the P&C executive, Kate Bow, Meredith Wakeman, Lucy Tumanow, Sally Terry and Harriette Conway. Our P&C do an amazing job of raising money for our school and working closely with our parent community to improve facilities and resources for all of our students. Thank you to all members of our P&C for all that you do for our children.

ONLINE PARENT SENTIMENT SURVEY

We were very pleased with the response to this question. We agree that the quality of teachers at BPS is fantastic. Our staff are committed professionals who are constantly striving to improve their classroom practice in order to make a difference in the lives of our students. We know what a fantastic school community we have and again, this was highlighted in this question.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Next Wednesday evening Camp Australia will hold an information evening telling parents about their before and after school care program. Click on the link below to find more information about Camp Australia's Out of School Hours Care which will begin at Bowral Public School in 2015. The information session will begin at 6.00pm in our school hall.


STAGE 2 EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

Last week we had the privilege of watching the students in Years 3 and 4 perform in our school hall. The talent on show was amazing; the massed choir beautiful, the Boys' Choir stunning, the percussion group wonderful. What a talented group of boys and girls!

LOCKDOWN DRILL

This week we held a practice of a lockdown during the school lunchtime. I'm pleased to report that almost all students responded calmly and sensibly and the process was a smooth one.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

BOWRAL REACHES FOR THE TOP!

Congratulations must be extended to three of our students, Ava Lambie 5H, Hal Canute 3/4J and Charlotte Lind KP on their representation of Bowral Public School at the highest level of public speaking. Ava competed in the Stage 3 section of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition at state level, while Hal was the Stage 2 representative in the same contest. Charlotte represented Kindergarten on behalf of the Wollondilly region in the Greater Southern Sydney Public Speaking Competition. These students can be very proud of their achievements. Competition is fierce and the standard extremely high in the state finals. The children very much enjoyed the challenge of competing at an elite level and reported that they had learned a lot about public speaking. They each have gained a lot of knowledge to share with their classmates. What a wonderful effort from these students!

Virginia Pridham

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GRASSHOPPERS
Grasshoppers never eat other insects. They are called herbivores because they eat plants, grasses, leaves and cereal crops. Grasshoppers antennas are not that long, they only grow up to 20-24 segments. Grasshoppers live in gardens, fields and forests in almost every climate worldwide.
Grasshoppers come in many different sizes and up to 5 inches in length. Grasshoppers can hop at great speed and distance and grasshoppers can even fly. They have five eyes and no ears. They can still hear with a special organ on their abdomen called a tympanum organ. Their large back legs are used for hopping and making music, their smaller front legs are used for eating and walking.
Grasshoppers go through three stages of development egg, nymph and adult. Their egg is laid in Autumn and will hatch during the spring. They hatch into a nymph which looks like an adult grasshopper but without wings. They shed the skin many times to grow. When they become an adult they have developed wings, they only live about one year. They can jump 20 times the length of their body. That would be like a 6 foot man jumping 120 feet. There are over 1,800 different species worldwide.

By Harry Mattick

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY.
The Giving Tree will soon be in the Library and we welcome donations of goods which will be made up into hampers for needy families in our local area. We have been asked for non-perishable food items which are still within their ‘use-by’ period. It is always wonderful to see our students thinking of others at this time of year. So if you have a contribution to make, please send it in to the Library.
Thank you
Mrs Jenny Henderson and Mrs Bev Hordern

Movie Night
Bowral Public School P&C invite all families to attend our annual movie night. On Friday 5 December ‘Polar Express’ will burst across the giant inflatable outdoor movie screen. Come along and have a sausage sizzle from 6.30pm. Popcorn and Choc top ice creams will also be on sale. The stalls will be organised by the different stages. If you can give some time on the night, please contact the co-ordinators listed below
Early Stage 1 Popcorn Kirstine McKay
Stage 1 Sausage sizzle Prue Wade
Stage 2 Drinks/crisps Justine McKinlay
Stage 3 Choc top ice cream Kate Bow
Gates open 6.30pm, movie commences at 8pm (ish) (when dark enough).
Hope to see you there.
Kay Paviour, P&C President

LOST PROPERTY
THANK YOU
Moira for sorting the lost property bin.

COMMUNITY NEWS
MITTAGONG BLUE LIGHT DISCO at Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 29 November
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.

BOYS YOUTH LEAGUE FOOTBALL TRIALS
Southern Branch Football Club is holding trials for boys/youth for its 2015 competition teams. To register for the trials complete the online forms at www.southernnswfootball.com.au

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This Christmas, get your kids eating strawberry Santas – they’re cute to look at, and delicious to eat!

Follow these instructions to keep your Christmas fun and healthy:
1. Wash your strawberries, dry, then slice off the tip
2. Spoonpipe reduced-fat ricotta or cream cheese on the larger half, then put the ‘hat’ on top
3. Top hat with a little more of the cheese to make a pom pom
4. Cut a small amount of sultanas up for the eyes and place on gently.
Merry Christmas from all of us at Eat It To Beat It!