As 2014 draws to a close I can reflect on another wonderful year at Bowral Public School.
To all of those parents who have helped at our school in some way, I thank you.
Thank you to those parents and grandparents who worked in The Beehive or the Uniform shop, who helped with reading in classrooms, worked as volunteers at sport or swimming carnivals, covered books, attended P&C or School Council Meetings, transported children to sporting or other school events, paid their voluntary contribution or simply sent your child to school every day ready to learn in their full school uniform and with a smile on their face.
To all of you, thank you!
Our partnership with our parents remains robust and I know I can speak on behalf of all of my staff to say that we appreciate the commitment that our parents have to our wonderful school.
On behalf of all of the staff at Bowral Public School I would like to wish all families a safe and happy festive season.

CLASSES IN 2015
As you know, we have been busy forming classes for 2015. Many, many thanks to all of the parents who are trusting us to use our professional judgement when placing students in classes for their next year of learning. Thank you, too to those parents who have informed us of special circumstances concerning your child.
At this stage I am forming 22 classes to begin the school year. Can I once again ask, that if you are leaving Bowral Public School next year, if you could let us know as soon as possible?
Thank you

THE BOWRAL BUZZ - SRC MAGAZINE LAUNCHED!
A team of SRC editors, writers and reporters extraordinaire have been working hard under the guidance of Mrs Canute, often giving up their lunchtimes, to create our very own magazine. So finally, we present to you…The Bowral Buzz! It contains a selection of student writing, interviews with students and teachers, reviews and a fond look back over the year that was. The SRC are pretty proud of the result, so have a look for yourself. You can find The Bowral Buzz by following the link on our school website.

AG CLASS 2015
Offers have now been sent to successful students for entry into the 2015 Southern Highlands Academically Gifted Class. Successful candidates from Bowral Public School are: Ruby Zupp, Emma Williams, Jessica Tyrrell, Eleanor Swan, Zoe Phillips, Ava Lambie, Felix Konstas-Stone, Eliza Holloway, Connor Gill, Thomas Cayzer, Hal Canute and Olivia Bow and we welcome Jennifer Allan to our school into Year 5 in 2015 from Shanghai and into the AG class. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy the exciting year ahead.
Mrs Erin Griffith will be the class teacher for 2015. Mrs Griffith taught the class when it was first established in 2011 and we are thrilled she is available to continue her excellent work with this group. The AG class will continue to be held on Tuesdays at Bowral Public School.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

REMINDER DIARY DATES

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Please check LOST PROPERTY for your child’s clothing before the end of Term 4.
All unclaimed items will go to the Uniform Shop.

Merry Christmas and
A Happy and Safe Holiday
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We were proud to welcome Majors Christine and Graham Longbottom from the Salvation Army to our assembly on Monday where they were presented with a ‘token’ hamper by our school captains Emily Bow and Michael Dowe. Christine and Graham were overwhelmed with the generosity of our families. We were able to load up their bus with eight tightly packed laundry baskets and boxes of high quality items for distribution to those in need. Major Graham told the assembly that the one word the Salvation Army use in their endeavours is ‘others’ and thanked the students for thinking of others at this time of year. What a wonderful school community we have! Thanks for supporting this great cause!

Mrs Jenny Henderson and Mrs Bev Hordern.

KIDS ON SHOW at BDAS Art Gallery

On Wednesday 3 December 2014, 3S and their 1B buddies walked to the Berrima District Art Society’s art gallery to look at the ‘Kids On Show’ exhibition. First we met up with our buddies and walked down to the art show and talked about the rules. Some of them were ‘no touching’, ‘no talking out loudly’ and ‘no running’. When we entered the room, the walls were filled with art work including some from people in our class which were Lara, Alicia, Phoebe and me. Some of the art works included clay models of shops that had food and ingredients made out of clay! There was a butcher, a garden, a café, another café and a bakery. We also saw these papier mache-made cupcakes that were very colourful and pretty. Finally, I want to talk about my favourite picture – a red, orange, yellow and black painting. It was like a sunset and then had black rings overlaying it with some blackness.

Lastly on the day, we walked back to school through the heat.

We had a great day.

Written by Isadorah Stevens, Class 3S

MOVIE NIGHT CANCELLED....

Due to persistent wet and restrictive weather it has been decided to cancel the outdoor movie night. Our wet weather plan, the hall, would not provide the atmosphere we hoped for, nor when it is raining and hailing, could a movie be heard.

The P&C is disappointed but we can't seem to organise the weather.

We will endeavour to bring an out door movie to the school community towards the end of Term 1 2015, perhaps with an Easter theme.

Once again, apologies, but hopefully many will join us next year, when we hope it's drier!

THANKS

On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank the many people that have volunteered at our events over the year. With the help and support of volunteers our fund raising events have been very successful. This has allowed our children to gain access to further resources.

After the "behind the scenes" organising, the parents and family members that have assisted us have been an invaluable support.

MORE THANKS...

I would personally like to thank the members of the P&C and in particular the executive members, for their ongoing support and enthusiasm this year. To lead such a dynamic group of dedicated people is an honour and a pleasure. Thank's must also go to Mrs Rice and her team that adapt and accommodate us frequently.

Merry Christmas to all and enjoy the holidays, as 2015 is not too far away!

Kay Paviour

P&C President

COMMUNITY NEWS

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Once again the community is celebrating with a Christmas Eve dinner this year at the Southern Highlands Christian School hall from 5.30pm – 8.30pm. It is open to everyone who may not have family, friends or finances this year to celebrate with all the trimmings. If you are interested or know of someone who may like to be a part of this celebration please call Jade on 0402 033-254 or Carol on 0414 361 571. RSVP is a must by 20 December.

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