Our Year 6 students visited Tangara school this week and it was wonderful to see the cooperation and kindness exhibited by our pupils. Harmony Day is fast approaching; held on the 21 March every year, on the same day as The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Our school will once again celebrate that day as a day of kindness where students will be encouraged to participate in acts of kindness over and above a usual day of friendliness and thoughtfulness which is normal for Bowral Public School students.

YEAR 6 CAMP
Our campers returned exhausted and feeling a little bit damp, but spirits were high, following last week’s Year 6 camp. A huge thank you to Mrs Bell, Mrs Oszurko, Mrs Williams and Mr Thompson for giving up their own time to allow this wonderful opportunity to occur. You can see some more photos from camp on the school website.

ITALIAN LESSONS
One of our talented mothers will be offering Italian lessons to students beginning Term 2. Lessons will be held outside of school hours. Marcherita Mauro will be doing some “taster” lessons in class with our students over the coming weeks, so that all children will have an understanding of what it means to learn another language and how much fun it is to learn Italian. More details of the Term 2 Italian lessons will be in upcoming newsletters.

ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CLASS
This week is the first week for the students in the Academically Gifted class to come together for their learning. Students from 7 of our local public schools will enjoy this fantastic opportunity for the next 26 weeks. The AG class teacher is Mrs Donna Reardon.

PAVING THE PAST
Have you ordered your paver yet? Don’t miss out! Order forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from our website.

BOWRAL BELLAS
Senior girls will have the chance to audition for a singing group. Information will be given to interested senior girls shortly. Thank you to Olivia Tumanow for her assistance and organisation with this.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

WANTED CRISP VOLUNTEERS.
CRISP stands for Community Reading Intensive Support Program our support program for students experiencing difficulties with literacy in Stage 2. A call is now going out for any of those volunteers who wish to return and to new volunteers. Thank you to those who have already contacted the school. These volunteers can be parents, grandparents and other community members. If you have an hour a week during which you could work one to one with two children consecutively on a literacy program, I would love to hear from you. You will be given adequate training and plenty of support. Please phone the school on 4861 1086 and leave a message with your number and I will contact you. The children and volunteers who have participated in this program previously have all found it enjoyable and beneficial. Thank you

Bev Hordern
Support Teacher.

Plastic bottle tops; especially milk bottle tops. All colours needed.

REMINDER DIARY DATES

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Bulbs
Yes, it's that time again!
The P&C are organising the annual spring bulb fundraiser.
Your 'bulbs direct' catalogue should have come home this week. You have 2 weeks in which to order your bulbs (and those of friends and family).
Simply return the completed form along with money to school by **Friday 14 March** and wait for your bulbs to be sent home 2/3 weeks later.
If you did not receive a bulb catalogue, or would like one for work or someone else, spares are available at the office.
Every year we ask for donations of daffodils to the school. They are planted around the grounds so that in spring we have a wave of yellow in our flower beds. Please mark on the order form if you would like to donate any of your packets to the school.
Happy choosing.
Any enquiries to Kate Bow 0411269954
Kay Paviour
P&C President

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Free Clinic at Bridges for Learning : 25 Thompson Street, Bowral NSW 2576

The Child Development Chat at Bridges for Learning provides parents with the opportunity to informally discuss issues and seek information and advice about their child's development (0-8 yrs old). It involves informal discussion and a short screening of skills. It is not a formal assessment.

Parents and their child are welcome to attend the clinic if they have concerns about their child’s general development or specific concerns in the areas of speech and language, delayed motor (movement) skills, sensory awareness, play, school readiness skills or social interactions with others. The Special Educator, Kathleen Hornery, will be running the clinic. Kathy has many years of experience assessing and screening children's skills and needs, including speech, motor, social and behaviour. To arrange an appointment, **Ph: 4861 4054 email: admin@bridgesforlearning.org.au**

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SURVEY

The Greater Southern Highlands is vulnerable to a range of natural hazards such as bushfire, severe storms and flood. As part of our ongoing work in improving the services, Council (in partnership with emergency services) is seeking feedback from the community about local needs in regards to natural hazard awareness, preparedness, planning, response and recovery in the Greater Southern Highlands.

You are invited to provide information which will assist us in establishing how we can assist the community to be more aware and better prepared in the event of an emergency such as bushfire, flood or severe storm.

We would appreciate your assistance in spreading the word to friends, family and neighbours.

We encourage you to take some time to complete the online survey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/) EmergencyResilience by Friday 4 April 2014.

Council assures complete confidentiality with regard to personal information and survey responses will remain anonymous.

If you have any questions about the survey please contact Belinda Rowe, Bushland Project Officer or email **wscmail@wsc.nsw.gov.au**.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SOUTHERN HIGHLAND JUNIOR AFL**
TRAINING TUESDAY AFTERNOONS, LOSEBY PARK, PARK ROAD, BOWRAL (BEHIND HOSPITAL)
AUSKICK AGE 5 – 7 YEARS AFL 7 – 16 YEARS 4.00PM – 5.30PM
CONTACT Warren Ph: 0409 270 999
EMAIL: highlandshawksafl@gmail.com Website: highlandhawksjafc.com

**COERVER SOCCER COACHING**
is running a holiday clinic during the first week of the April school holidays.
Enquires: Neil Mineeff, Technical Director, COERVER Coaching South Coast
m. +61 459 532 223

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MY CAMP RECOUNT

On Wednesday 26 February 4 teachers were sent to Narrabeen to look after 63 Year 6 students from Bowral Public School at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp. We had to arrive at school at 7:00am to 7:15am to go on a long bus ride until we arrived at Narrabeen. On our first day everyone had to split into 3 activity groups that were Red, Green or Blue. I was in Green group and our first activity was sailing. Sailing was awesome and lucky for me, I was in a well-structured sailing team that worked really well together despite there being 3 girls and 1 boy. The water was extremely muddy and so murky you couldn’t see through it! And yes parents we did swim in the water (which explains why you had to clean our dirty swimmers) but it was boiling hot. The next morning, we did rock climbing (which I found really hard) and archery. During archery the instructor, Chad, did some amazing card tricks that blew our minds. In the afternoon we did kayaking which was epic totes-amazeballs! A bonus was that we all got our own kayaks and we didn’t have to share. On the last day I did the high ropes course which was slightly terrifying at first but was really fun, especially because it finished with the flying fox. One thing I didn’t like was how everyone had to stand in the rain and wait for everyone to finish. I can now say that because of standing in the rain I now have a cold and I am in need of a tissue every two seconds.

The highlights from camp that I didn’t get to mention were night games, trivia night, hanging out in the cabins, waking up early watching the new TV (the only thing we really watched though was Sponge Bob Squarepants), Chad’s amazing card tricks and how good the food was. Thank you for reading about my 3 day adventure.

Julie Bourrigaud 6W

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

On Wednesday 26 February we went to camp at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation centre. I was with 62 other children and four teachers. It was a fun and scary experience. Some of the activities were archery, rock climbing, high rope and sailing. When it got dark we were still having fun because we had games night and a trivia night. It was a great experience and I wish I could do it again but I can’t. So I have to say to all to the Year 5’s have fun next year.

Jasmine Jessop 6W
MY CAMP RECOUNT
On Wednesday 26 March at 7:30am we left for the Sydney Sport and Recreation Camp. When we got to camp we split up into cabin groups. After that we had a walk around the park and we saw lots of birds and little animals scurrying and one of them was a bilby. When we finished, we went to our cabins and they were awesome. The bunks were a little bit damaged but they were OK. After we had an hour in our cabins we went out for lunch and we had a sausage sandwich with coleslaw. It was yummy. After lunch we went to the bunker to get ready for our activities which were archery and rock-climbing.

The highlights were: Sailing, Breakfast, Canoeing, Ropes course and Great food.

Aidan Walker 6W

CAMP RECOUNT
Last week on Wednesday, 63 Year 6 people went to camp. It was 2 and a half hours to get there. We were going to Narrabeen. When we got there we got off the bus and headed down stairs to a place called the bunker. Staff told us the rules. Then they split us into our cabins and our activity groups. After that we went to our cabins. We all unpacked and got ready to go to lunch. We went to have lunch at 12:30. Then all groups got ready for their first activity. My group's first activity was sailing. In my group we all fell off the boat. Then after our first activity we went to dinner we had pork and desert. Then we went and played games for a couple of hours. Then on the way back to our cabins we had supper. Supper was chocolate milk.

Then we went back to our cabins and went to sleep. We woke up early and had breakfast. It was delicious. My group went rock-climbing after breakfast. I made it to the top. We had lunch then my group went to Archery. I hit the yellow.

After Archery we got ready for dinner. It was delicious. Then we went and had a trivia night in the bunker. Then we went to our cabins and went to sleep. In the morning we had breakfast and then we went to do our last activity. My group activity was canoeing. It was my favourite. Then we had yummy burgers. They were really good. Then we packed and went home.

Jacob Tamehana 6W