PARENT-TEACHER SOCIAL FUNCTION... BUBBLES AT BRADMAN

We would like to welcome new families to Bowral Public School and meet with existing families at a social function to be held at The International Cricket Hall of Fame on Thursday 3 April. This will be a chance to meet other parents and enjoy a social evening with the wonderful Bowral Public School community. The Bradman Foundation has kindly allowed us to have this beautiful venue to come together in a social setting.

We hope you will join us for the Bowral Public School “Bubbles at Bradman”.

Cost: $25 per person (includes drinks and canapes)
Time: 6pm - 9pm
Venue: Bradman Museum, St Jude St, Bowral
Dress: Smart casual
RSVP: Friday 28 March

Tickets: to be purchased through Eventbrite http://bpsbubbles.eventbrite.com.au, or at the BPS office. Note: This is an adults-only event as alcohol will be served.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT (ASR)

Our 2013 Annual School Report is now available on our school website for families and members of the community to read. Please take the time to have a look at the report; it is a good summary of our school and all that it offers for our students.

ITALIAN LESSONS

Margherita Mauro will be offering Italian lessons after school for interested students. These lessons will begin in Term 2. Most classes will be “taste testing” Italian lessons with Margherita over the coming weeks.

CRICKET

Last week our cricket team defeated Moss Vale Public School in Round 1 of the PSSA Knockout Competition. As a result of our resounding win our team now plays at Goulburn, against Wollondilly Public School in Round 2. We congratulate the team and wish them well in their upcoming match. Thank you to Mrs Halbert and Mr Barrett-Lennard for their help with this team.

HELP WITH MURAL

One of our wonderful mums (Lucy) is painting a mural which, when finished will be placed on the Eastern wall of Block 5, where our Year 4 classrooms are currently located. Lucy would appreciate some help with the mural, see photographs on back page. If you have any time to spare, Lucy would love to hear from you. Please ring 4878 5367 (between 10am-2.45pm, or evenings). Thank you.

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.

CHESS

This year we are lucky to have one of our wonderful parents, Mr Rykers continue to encourage, tutor and support chess at Bowral Public School. We thank Mr Rykers for giving up his time and we are looking forward to more of our students learning this challenging game.

TREES AT BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

You may have read in the media that all DEC schools have been directed to have a qualified arborist inspect all trees on the school site to identify those trees that pose a risk to the safety of students, staff and visitors to the school. Upon assessment of the report, it may be necessary to remove some trees from our school grounds. While we will be sorry to lose any trees at school, the safety of students and staff MUST remain my highest priority.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 will be carried out on May 13, 14 and 15 in 2014. In 2013 Bowral Public School outperformed the local private schools in many areas of testing in both Years 3 and 5. At Bowral Public School we welcome all students, regardless of their ability to pay for an education or their socio demographic status. Students from all cultures, religions and backgrounds are welcome at our school. Our results then, are something we should be extremely proud of.

REMINDER DIARY DATES

| Monday 17 March | School Council 6:30pm  
P&C AGM 7:30pm in the library |
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Margherita Zagaria  
Sarah McMahon  
Elizabeth Fairleigh | 18 March  
Nic Smith-Bertram  
Sue Cruikshank  
Prue Wade | 19 March  
Fiona Mackintosh  
Alicia Dodds-Mah  
VACANCY | 20 March  
Jac Monk  
Shelley Gillis  
Niki Caton | 21 March  
Maria Mackintosh  
Bob Mackintosh  
VACANCY |
INTERNSATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
ICAS are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students. The assessments comprise Computer Skills, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing tests.
Many of our students participate in these university competitions. I would encourage all parents to consider nominating your children who are in Years 3-6 to participate. If you would like your child to participate but cannot afford to do so, please feel free to talk to us at school as financial assistance may be available. The information parents and the school receives can be used to better support students at school.

HARMONY DAY
Will be held at school on Friday 21 March. Students are encouraged to wear the colour orange on that day. The day coincides with the National Day Against Bullying and Violence and at Bowral Public School we will declare the day “Kindness Day”. I would encourage you to discuss with your child acts of kindness that they might participate in on Friday 21 March.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Regional Swimming Carnival was held last Friday at Dapto. Our students were eager to do their best for their school and the district. Several swimmers recorded personal best times and were thrilled to compete at this much higher level. Our relay teams also swam well, all recording faster times.
Bowral’s team members will be presented with a district representative ribbon at the whole school assembly next week, recognising their achievements. Congratulations to the following students on their successful swimming season.

Max Harmey  Gisele Townsend
Max Davis-Rice  Tim O’Keefe
Archie Kalde  Archie Hancock
Hunter Gillies  Henry Connell
Hannah Hill  Alice Gilbert
Charlotte Hampshire  Spencer Barnes
Lily Hogan  Hugo Fay
Lily Harmey

Thank you to all the parents who assisted in many different ways to ensure our swimmers had the opportunity to compete in swimming in 2014

Jane Bell

Dear Parents,
The annual Kindergarten and Year 1 Fun Run at Bradman Oval will be held on Thursday 27 March, 2014 at 11.30 am. Students will walk to the oval with their class and participate in a fun run with their grade. Upon completion students will return to school with their class in time for lunch. Please ensure that your child is dressed in their sports clothes, has their hat, drink bottle and a plastic bag to sit on in case the ground is damp. You are invited to join us for this exciting event and help cheer on our future cross country athletes. Don’t forget to bring your camera along!

ES1 and Year 1 Teachers
The line-up for the Bowral Public School Representative cricket team in 2014 is; Zac De Hosson (Captain), Euan Barrett-Lennard (Vice Captain), Spencer Barnes, Alex Biggs, Austin Cribbin-Blencowe, Max Davis-Rice, Michael Dowe, Arthur Halbert, Archie Kalde, Sam Maurice, Liam O’Keefe and Warwick Preston. This team is participating in the NSW PSSA Knockout competition during 2014.

Last Thursday our team played their first round match at Stephens Park in Bowral and were successful against Moss Vale Public School with Bowral 3 for 208 runs at the end of the game. We were fortunate that the rain stayed away to enable the game to go ahead.

Bowral won the toss and elected to bat first. We had a very strong top order with Euan and Zac retiring on 40 runs. Other strong batting performances came from Michael on 28, (bowled), Spencer on 16 (run out) and Liam on 23, not out at the end of the 25 overs.

Zac opened the bowling and with great accuracy took his first wicket with his first ball. Spencer, Warwick, Archie and Alex all did a great job bowling to the Moss Vale team taking many wickets as they went. The rest of the team supported the bowlers with first-rate fielding skills.

Thank you very much to Tim Barrett-Lennard who is the coach of our team and who stepped in on game day to umpire at square leg and to Charles Dowe who scored the entire match for us. We are very grateful for their support.

The official umpire for the match was Mr Norman Stanton who said that our team deserved congratulations on the excellent manner in which the boys conducted themselves during the game and wished the team good luck in the second round. Our second round game will be played in Goulburn against Wollondilly Public School.

Congratulations boys and thank you for a great day. I am looking forward to our game in Goulburn.

Mrs Halbert

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**SRC LEADERSHIP DAY**

On Monday 10 March the SRC went to Camp Wombaroo. We had to get to school at 8.15am. When I got there I tried to look for my SRC partner Angus but I couldn’t find him anywhere. On the bus everyone thought that we were going down the windy part of Wombeyan Caves Rd. When we got there the first thing we did was play a couple of small games. Then we had to find tags on trees which was really hard because the tags were all around the park. Secondly, we did an obstacle course which was really hard. Last of all we made catapults. We even had to build them. After that we went home. I enjoyed my day at Wombaroo.

**Will Dowe, Year 4**

The SRC excursion was so much fun. It was exciting and brain teasing. In order to solve the puzzles and problems we had to demonstrate and learn leadership skills. Some of the activities included building a catapult, crossing a lava lake and so much more. All in all we had a great day and would go again anytime.

**Teagan Mattick, Year 6.**

The SRC excursion was amazing. Nothing compares to it. We made catapults and our team’s were the best - they fired so far. We did two competitions for the catapults, distance and accuracy. We had so much fun learning leadership skills.

**Alexander Ta-me, Year 5**

Thank you to Mrs Canute who is mentoring our future leaders at weekly SRC meetings.
COMMUNITY NEWS

THE HIGHLANDS PIPES AND DRUMS.
We are currently seeking new members to join our steadily growing Ranks of Pipers and Drummers. Age is no barrier - we take students from 8yrs to 80yrs! Enquiries ph Chris Tabram – Piping Tutor & Pipe Major - 0402343046 re Piping or ph Karen Webb - Drum & Pipe Sergeant - 0403862327 re Drumming.

BOWRAL UNITED SOCCER CLUB
still has a few vacancies in some of their junior age groups. We have 5 places in the U11's, 4 in the U10's and 3 in the Year 6 girl's team. Please contact Justine at registrar@bowralsoccer.org.au

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Our first School Council Meeting for 2014 will be held next Monday 17 March at 6.30pm in the school library. At that meeting we will discuss the Annual School Report and school performance in relation to our ongoing priorities, amongst other things. The term of office for elected members on the School Council is for 2 years. Elected members may hold office for two consecutive terms. I look forward to meeting with our School Council members next Monday.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
On Tuesday afternoon the Stage 2 and Stage 3 group of students who have been working on cricket skills were honoured to have Tina MacPherson, a right arm fast bowler in the 1972 Australian Women’s cricket test team and the 1973 World Cup team, help them with their bowling. The students at both the Tuesday and Thursday sport programs have been exceptionally well behaved, love the afternoon tea supplied by our school canteen and are enjoying this wonderful opportunity. Thanks go to Mrs Hardy, Mrs Baguley, Miss Montanari and Mr Matthews for volunteering their time after school to supervise.

Jan Christie

P & C AGM
Next Monday night, 17 March the AGM for P&C with be held at 7.30pm in the school library. A general P&C meeting will follow. All positions of the P&C committee and the sub committees will be declared vacant and an election process will occur to fill these positions. Anyone can be nominated, or nominate themselves for these positions. Only financial members (those who have paid $1 before the AGM commences, can stand and vote). Only members present at the meeting can vote, although nominations may be received from people who are financial, but cannot attend on the night. All are welcome to attend this important meeting.

Bulbs
All orders for bulbs must be in by Friday 14 March. This will ensure that orders are returned by the school holidays so that planting will be in time for a splendid spring display. Anyone wanting to donate some daffodil bulbs to the school for planting, please mark this clearly on the order form.

Kay Paviour
P&C President

Lucy’s Mural work in progress….