Welcome back to all of our families, old and new. Eleven new students started at our school this week; I know that they have been warmly welcomed by their new classmates and will soon feel a part of this wonderful school community. We welcome Mrs Sarah Leicester who is relieving as Stage 1 Assistant Principal and Mrs Teri Swanbury as relieving School Admin Manager while Mr Thompson and Mrs Rice enjoy some long service leave.

ANZAC MARCH AND SERVICE
On Anzac Day 75 students and 7 teachers proudly marched behind the Bowral Public School banner to participate in the town service. Our students looked fabulous and made us all feel very proud as they marched through the streets of Bowral and then listened and participated solemnly with the service. Thank you to those students and to the parents who enabled your children to be involved. A big thank you to Miss Christie, Miss Montanari, Mrs Williams, Mrs Canute and Mr Cayzer. A special thank you to Mrs Munro for her help again this year.

PLASTIC BOTTLETOPS
The project that I have been working on, involving reusing plastic bottle tops requires more bottle tops. In particular I need black, red, orange, light blue, pink, brown, white and light green. Any size plastic top is able to be used.
Photos of the partially finished mosaic are included in this newsletter.
I hope the finished mosaic will brighten up another corner of our school and thank you for your help in sending all of your washed, clean plastic bottle tops to school.

TREES
Following two very detailed arborist reports, it has been considered necessary to remove 7 trees from our school grounds in the coming weeks. These trees have been deemed to be an unacceptable risk to our students and broader school community and as such must be removed.

Several other trees will be pruned and remediation work done to them over the coming months. There will be some disruption to our school with fences and barricades temporarily in place.

SANDSTONE FAÇADE RESTORATION
You may have noticed the restoration activity which occurred at school over the holiday break. The sandstone façade at the front of the admin. block was in sad need of repair and now looks fabulous after careful restoration.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Following a lengthy process, tenders have now been issued for a before and after school service at Bowral Public School. I will keep the school community informed of progress throughout the coming weeks. I hope that we can begin offering care next term.

ITALIAN AT BOWRAL PS
Italian for Beginners lessons will commence this term after school hours.
When: Lessons will be held on a Wednesday at either 3.30pm—4.20pm or 4.30pm—5.20pm….parents can choose which session best suits their child.
Where: The Old Woodwork Room
Who: Any student K-6
Cost: Our Italian tutor (Margherita) normally charges $25 per hour for private lessons. At school, students will initially be charged $8 per week; this will be reduced to $5 per week the following term.

REMINDER DIARY DATES

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Lessons will begin on Wednesday 7 May and continue until Wednesday 25 June (the last Wednesday of Term 2). Please use the tear off slip in the newsletter and return to your child’s teacher before Friday 2 May. The Italian for Beginners classes will have a limit of 12 students per class.

BOWRAL PERCUSSION SINFONIA (BPS)
Last term we advertised this wonderful new opportunity for the first time. If your child would like to audition, please return the completed Expression of Interest this week. It is important to note that involvement in this after school activity will involve an audition process and successful students will be required to attend weekly rehearsal sessions and pay for each session. Also note more information about our percussion program at the end of the newsletter.

MOTHERS DAY
Can you help out with the Mother’s Day stall? Volunteers are needed to help on the Mother’s Day gift stall on Friday 9 May. If you can help please contact Lucy Tumanow-West on lucytw.is.here@gmail.com so a roster can be prepared.

STEWART HOUSE
Stewart House School is a co-educational, residential school located on the beachfront at Curl Curl on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. The school’s goal is to develop children’s social and emotional skills and promote a healthy and active lifestyle. While at Stewart House students are provided with health services including optometric, audiometric, dental and medical screening and initial treatment and referral as required. Children also participate in educational programs that provide activities to promote social and emotional competence and develop independence in self-care skills and resilience.

Every year selected students from our school are given an opportunity to travel to Stewart House for a well-deserved holiday. Following is a report from Eden, who attended this year:

Over the last two weeks I was lucky enough to go on a holiday to Stewart House, Sydney. When I arrived I thought it was amazing, it was right across the road from South Curl Curl beach. First we went in and we got to talk about the place and then we went to our dorms. I meet some amazing new friends. The food was really good too. Over the two weeks we got to watch a movie every night after dinner. Some of the great things we got to do were going to the Zoo, the Sydney Aquatic Centre, over to have a look at Sydney Harbour Bridge and my favourite the Power House Museum. We also took a bus and went to watch the cast of Home and Away while they filmed on the beach. We went to Manik Mountain which is a military base. Altogether I had an amazing two weeks. Eden 4C

Bowral Public School supports Stewart House by raising money from time to time.

Term 2, like all terms at Bowral Public School will be jam-packed with exciting teaching and learning opportunities.

ANZAC Service
Our school ANZAC service was held on Tuesday 29 April. We were fortunate to have Mr John Gilmour, Mr David Farthing and Mrs Barbara Grey as our special guests from Bowral RSL in attendance. Mr Gilmour spoke on the importance of remembering our servicemen and women as well as ensuring their efforts are not in vain and that we strive to live in peace and harmony with each other. Mrs Grey and Mr Farthing also looked at the wonderful library display set up by Mrs Jenny Henderson—a focus for lessons with each class. Special thanks go to our student leaders who did a marvellous job on the day, and to Hamish and Hannah from 4/5E who wrote and presented the introduction to the beautiful singing of ‘From Today’ by Stage 2. Our special guests were very impressed with our service and left knowing that Bowral Public School students value the efforts of all those who have served or are currently serving our country.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT (AASC)
The program for Term 2 commences next week. Years 3-6 – soccer of a Tuesday afternoon; and K-2 will complete a tabloid sports program on a Thursday afternoon. Notes were sent home late in Term 1 for selected students K-6. Please ensure these are returned by Friday 2 May so that details can be finalised with the coaches employed through the AASC and afternoon tea can be arranged for the students. This should be a fun and interesting 7 week program for the students.

WALKATHON
We hope that many families have been able to obtain sponsors for our WALKATHON to be held in just four weeks! Our classes are walking as part of their daily fitness programs and we are looking forward to a great day as a means of raising funds to support our wonderful school. Congratulations to those families who have sponsors already. Please let your child’s class teacher know if you require additional forms. Thank you for your support.

The Walkathon Committee – Karen Baguley, Emily Montanari, Barbara Clark and Bev Hordern.
Bowral Public School
2014 Cross Country

“Squelch!!!,” went the mud as runners from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in the much anticipated annual cross country on the 8th of April. This event took place at Hampden Park, Robertson, and after a long, noisy bus trip we finally arrived, ready to race. Stage 3 walked the course first, a 3 kilometre distance. Our shoes had pools of water and mud in them before we even started the race! It was real cross country, with mud obstacles to avoid (some slipped, some survived,) well-worn paths, super slippery from rain and drizzle (some could not go on) and lots of cheering from each house. Luckily our parents have shares in Napisan because we got REALLY muddy. Everyone who participated had great sportsmanship, and everyone had a great time. It was the best (and muddiest) cross country ever!!! Thanks to Mrs Hardy and all the teachers and parent volunteers involved. We couldn’t have done it without you.

By Mia Gillis and Ava Lambie 5H

“Run like the wind Bullseye!” was our motto this year for our Annual School Cross Country at Robertson. A great day was had by all who participated. I would like to thank all of the students, teachers and most of all the fantastic parents and volunteers who gave up their time to help on the course and in the canteen. The following students will represent Bowral Public School tomorrow at the District Cross Country and we wish them all the very best.

Rachel Hardy (Cross Country Coordinator)

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STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE
Stewart House, the charity sponsored by the Department of Education and Communities, regularly conducts a donation drive. Going home today, please find an envelope that can be filled with $2 for a chance to win a $4000 family holiday. Envelopes and their contents can be returned to the school no later than Friday 9 May. Many thanks for your kind and generous support.

Emily Montanari

ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS LESSONS
I would like my child………………………………………………………………..………...…of class……………………………
to participate in Italian for Beginners lessons commencing Wednesday 7 May and continuing for 8 weeks in Term 2.
My preferred time is: 3.30pm—4.20pm   4.30pm—5.20pm (please circle)
I understand lessons will be $8 per child per lesson ($64 for the term).
Parent signature ……………………………………………………………Date ……………………………………………...

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Thursday 22 May
Full winter uniform is required.
Order envelopes sent home this week.
COMMUNITY NEWS

MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC Colouring competition.
All children from K—Year 2 will receive an entry form to the colouring competition, entries close 11 May 2014.
Enquiries: mothersdayclassic.com.au

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 4862 5625
Mobile 0418 217 666

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Volunteer to host an international student, arriving in Australia in July 2014 Contact Southern Cross Cultural Exchange www.scce.com.au
email scceaust@scce.com.au or phone 1800 500 501

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BOWRAL PERSUSSION SINFINIA

Musical Director
Louise Bell

BPS is seeking expressions of interest from children in Years 3 - 6 for our new percussion performance group!

Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the Basement
$10 per session

Term 2: Auditions 5th & 12th May
Sessions: May 19, 26, June 2, 16, 23
Public Holiday 9th June

Students need to demonstrate:
* passion for music
* good feel for rhythm
* listening & concentration skills
* singing ability

Please note, this is a specialised performance group, in addition to the classes run in school time, to make the most of our fabulous new percussion instruments. Spaces are limited!

Name ___________________________ Class ________________

“I would like to play in Bowral Percussion Sinfonia because:

______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________

__________________________ ________________________________
Parent’s Signature Phone __________________

School Zones
Help keep ALL
our children safe in School Zones
Fines & Demerit Points Include:

Speeding
Minimum Fines of $177
+ 2 Demerit Points

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Buses Only or $304 Fine
+ 2 Demerit Points

No Parking
Fine $169 + 2 Demerit Points

No Stopping
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