BOWRAL PERCUSSION SINFINOIA (BPS)
Our percussion lessons began after school this week. Thirteen students from Year 3—6 are now working towards performance opportunities as part of the Bowral Percussion Sinfonia. There is still an opportunity for some more students to join this group. Please ring Louise Bell on 0421252881 if you are interested in your child being involved in this group.

MOTHER’S DAY
Thank you to the mums who helped out on the Mother’s Day stall last week. A big thank you to Lucy Tumanow who purchased the gifts on behalf of the P&C. Thank you all!

NAPLAN
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy) has been held this week at school. Results will be sent to schools and parents at the end of Term 3.

ITALIAN AT BOWRAL PS
Italian for Beginners lessons commenced last week. There has been a wonderful response and we look forward to our students speaking Italian at school!

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
With just two weeks to go, primary school aged children across Australia are gearing up to take those important steps towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 23 May 2014.

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LOOPLINE MASTERMINDS
Bowral Public School hosted our Community of Schools’ Loopline Challenge. Students from Bowral, Mittagong, Colo Vale and Hill Top worked in teams to solve challenges based on the movie ‘Night in the Museum’. Hannah, Angus, Kemsley, Camille, Hal and Chris presented a news bulletin, complete with a plane crash in the newsroom to add to the excitement. Hal, the weather presenter highlighted just how hot and cold Australia can be – up to 700 degrees in some parts of the country!! Sam, Eliza, Ruby, Alex, Lily and Mia solved a range of problems including designing a great tower for the guest of honour at the museum. They also designed a very unusual rope for moving one of the treasures – a golden chicken – using straws, string, labels and an envelope. Our students did a fantastic job and represented our school very well on the day. Special thanks to Mrs Pridham for her help, especially when working on the public speaking aspects of the performances with each team on the day.

Jan Christie
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

CANTINE ROSTER
TERM 2, 2014

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REMINDER DIARY DATES

Monday 19 May
- ICAS ‘University Testing’ Computer Skills
- P&C meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 22 May
- School Photographs

Friday 23 May
- National Walk Safely to School Day

Monday 26 May
- School Council meeting 5:30pm

Thursday 29 May
- Walkathon

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Eva Canute
**NETBALL**

Six of our students, Mackenzie Edwards, Olivia Tumanow, Teagan Mattick, Anneliese Wansey, Emily Bow and Jessica Tyrrell travelled to Albion Park last Friday to represent the Tablelands Zone at the South Coast Netball trials. The girls played alongside some great players from Goulburn and Queanbeyan and bonded well as a team. They had a fantastic day and played some fabulous netball, finishing third in the gala day competition with comprehensive wins against Eurobodalla and Far South Coast. They were beaten by the strong Northern Illawarra and Southern Illawarra teams but were very competitive in both these games and should be very proud of their efforts. They were a delightful group of girls who were polite, committed and enthusiastic and a pleasure to spend the day with.

As a result of their great netball Emily and Mackenzie were named in the possibles/probables squad. The standard was extremely high and the selectors had a very tough time making their final decisions. Unfortunately, they did not make the final cut but should be very proud of their efforts in making it to this high level.

Congratulations to all our netball players on their achievements so far this year. We now look forward to competing in the NSW PSSA Knockout competition and the regional finals of the Netball Schools Cup.

*Jane Bell*

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**Nella's Wings**

On Wednesday 7 May we were very lucky to host a puppet show by Sue Wallace and Steve Coupe from Sydney Puppet Theatre called Nella’s Wings. Kindergarten, Years 3, 4 & 5 were invited to attend and enjoy the story and look at the puppetry techniques used to bring that story to life.

*Nella's Wings* is a beautiful and gentle exploration of a child’s dream to fly. More than anything else Nella wants to fly. But how can she do that without wings? All day she draws and imagines different wings and flying contraptions. In her imagination she visits creatures and places that may help her find the right wings. Will she find what she is looking for in the desert or the garden or the snow?

Using table top puppets and beautiful shadow theatre Nella (with the help of her audience) found a way to fly. We would like to thank Sue and Steve for sharing your wonderful skills to tell Nella’s story to some of the children at Bowral Public School.

*Samantha Swan*

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**TRAIN WORKS EXCURSION**

On 7 May Stage 1 went to Train Works in Thirlmere. We went on a bus. When we arrived we got off the bus and walked to the front of Train Works and then we had morning tea. After morning tea the Year One students got to go on the tour first. The Year Two students got to do the activities first. We got lots of activities to do I can’t name them all but I can name the find-a-word. After the activities it was time for lunch. After lunch the Year Two students got to go on the tour. We saw the Queen’s train. We looked in the windows it looked very nice but we couldn’t go in there. Next to the Queen’s train is the train where they keep the robbers and the guys who murder other guys. Then the tour was over. We walked to the bus to go back to school.

Stage 1 had a great day!

*By Sebastian 2T*

On Wednesday Year 1 and Year 2 travelled by bus to Train Works at Thirlmere. First we ate morning tea. Then we went on a tour of the train museum. My favourite was the goal train. Then we had lunch. Then we did some colouring in. Then we went home on the bus. It was awesome.

*By Georgina 1C*

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**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Thursday 22 May**

Full winter uniform is required.

Please return photo envelope to your child’s class teacher.

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**WALKATHON at BRADMAN OVAL on 29 MAY 2014.**

Only 2 weeks to go until our WALKATHON! Remember that every child who returns their Sponsorship Form will receive a small surprise. Students who have collected sponsors and bring their money in will be entered in a Lucky Prize Draw for a chance to win one of many prizes. First name drawn out has first pick from the prize table. Thank you to all those families who have asked friends, relatives and work colleagues to support our school through this Walkathon. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! Additional forms are available at the school if needed.

*Walkathon Committee*