WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
This Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents to walk to school (or at least part of the way) with your children. If this beautiful autumn weather continues, it's yet another reason to enjoy a morning walk.

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
You may have read in the media lately about changes that are being made to the NSW Federation of P&C Associations. These changes in no way affect our school’s P&C which is capably led by Kay Paviour as President. This week’s meeting was another positive meeting where all of the good things that are happening at our school were discussed. All parents are welcome to attend. More information is below:

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/az involvemen.php.

PEANUT PRODUCTS AT SCHOOL
At our school we have some children who have severe allergies to peanuts. As such, we ask that all families leave these foods at home and not bring peanut butter sandwiches or foods containing peanuts to school. Thank you for helping to keep all of our students safe.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick children need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E.

MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

WALKATHON
There is just one week to go until our WALKATHON and we hope for a beautiful day. We will be going to Bradman Oval after an early recess where students will have fun walking with their buddies in lots of creative ways!

Students should wear their sports uniform and bring a hat, warm top and drink bottle. We will return to school for normal lunch – watch out for the Beehive’s Meal Deal to help make this day even more memorable.

Thank you to all those families who have obtained sponsors. Forms and money can be brought in to school any time now if they have been finalized. We hope for a happy, successful fundraising event next week.

Thanks for your support.

The Walkathon Committee

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Bowral Public School Drama Group

You may have heard some whisperings, this year's BPS Drama Group production is set to be bigger and better than ever. There is music and dancing, sword fights and princesses; it is set to be nothing short of an extravaganza!

To help us achieve this the Drama Group is hoping to raise some money. On Friday 30 May we will be selling cupcakes. Please support us in any way you can - send your child along with some money or if you have a spare moment and can bake, any donations would be very much appreciated. Please leave them at the office Friday morning. We are looking for normal size cupcakes and don’t be scared of being creative. The theme is exploration of royalty. Cupcakes will be $1.00 each.

On another note we are still short some formal dresses - child size for our ladies of the court. If you have anything appropriate at home that you can donate or loan we would really appreciate it. Please drop anything you have in to Dr Cotter’s classroom.

Many thanks

Dr Michael Cotter (Co-ordinator BPS Drama Group)

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group is breaking new ground in yet another field. This week, three of the Stage 3 members of the group attended a Drama Camp at the Seymour Centre in Sydney, having been selected by the organisers to attend. The three — Emily, Mia and Eleanor — are the first students from ‘the country’ to have participated in the Camp.

Reports from the Camp indicate that students have found the experience a brilliant opportunity for learning and a fantastic chance to extend their own personal development in a socially and educationally stimulating environment. Some of the activities involved were puppetry and puppet-making, theatre sports and improvisation. Besides being great fun, these activities also provide the students with elementary performance skills, which in turn make significant contribution to the students’ levels of self-knowledge and consequent self-respect.

Congratulations to all three of our successful representatives and thanks to their families for the support they have given to this venture.

Dr Michael Cotter (Co-ordinator BPS Drama Group)

The Buzz from the Beehive . . . . .

Walkathon Meal Deal

Hi Everyone

To add to the fun of the Bowral Public School Walkathon on Thursday 29 May, the Beehive Canteen will be offering a Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal instead of the normal meal deal.

The Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal will still cost $5 and include a BBQ sausage in a bread roll, a fizzy flavoured water and a piece of fruit.

If you would like your child to have the Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal we need your order before Wednesday the 28 May.

Could you please fill out the slip below and send it in with a paper lunch bag labelled with your child’s name and class and your $5.

Two lucky students who order the meal deal will win a Beehive Watch!

Thank you

Canteen Committee

SAUSAGE SIZZLE MEAL DEAL Thursday 29 May 2014

Student Name ____________________________________________ of class ______________ would like

__________ Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal/s on Thursday 29 May.

Please remember to send in a labelled paper lunch bag with your slip and $5.