Dear Parents
Welcome back to school this week.
Semester One was exceptionally busy for our students and I would like to once again thank you for your ongoing support of all our endeavours. We are very fortunate that each and every one of you helps the students of our wonderful school – in classrooms, the Beehive, transport, sport, making costumes, moving mulch – the list goes on. Semester Two promises to be equally as busy and productive. We begin the term with debating, rehearsals for Southern Stars, the drama group and the Choral Concert.
Next week students will be working with discovery rangers from the National Parks and Wildlife Service to further their understandings of Aboriginal culture as part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations. The rangers will present information on bush tucker and medicine, music and dance and have a tool and weapons display. Other activities will include weaving, face painting and boomerang throwing. The sessions promise to be most informative and aim to help us all to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, past and present.

EDUCATION WEEK
2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress.

The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: "Lighting the way to a better world".

For this anniversary celebration the slogan and the artwork from the 1954 poster is the focus for schools across NSW this year.

At Bowral Public School I encourage all to claim the date: Thursday 31 July when we will be holding our Open/Grandparents day, assembly and Book Fair. A separate note will go home with times of stage performances next week. We look forward to welcoming many Grandparents and visitors on this occasion, where we can showcase the talents of our students and celebrate their learning.

Kind regards
Jan Christie
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL – SOUNDSCAPE PROJECT

Late last term I was honoured to take ten students from year 5 to ABC Illawarra to participate in a Centenary of Anzac project. Caleb, Jye, Jack, Alexander, Tristan, Zoe, Grace, Jacinta, Ebony and Bella (pictured here with Mr Peter Riley, station manager ABC Illawarra) were required to read and have recorded the names of Australian service personnel who gave their lives in World War One. Along with the recordings of other students across Australia this Roll of Honour will be played in the cloisters of the Australian War Memorial during the life of the Centenary of Anzac commemorations. Thank you to the parents who transported the students to Wollongong and special thanks to the students for their respectful and thoughtful manner and behaviour during the recording session.

Jan Christie

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MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

In the last week of Term 2 our school was proud to host the local finals of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. This is the first time that Bowral Public School has hosted this competition which aims to heighten awareness of multicultural issues. Competitors had the opportunity to further develop their interest and confidence in public speaking. Eight local schools attended, with fifteen students participating in the Stage 2 section and thirteen in the Stage 3. Each student delivered two speeches. The first was prepared, with a mandatory multicultural theme while the second speech was an impromptu. In the impromptu section the children only had five minutes to prepare... extremely nerve-wracking! The adjudicator, Maclean Cowan, was impressed with the standard of all contestants. He made special comment on the confidence and maturity displayed by the children.

Special thanks must be extended to a great number of people for making this event possible. All students in the school were careful to be quiet around the hall and displayed exemplary manners to visitors. The teachers and office staff had to manage the school day with no bells to inform of time. A bell sounding in the middle of a speech would be disruptive and unfair to the speaker. Our student leaders; Julie Bourrighaud, Emily Bow, Teagan Mattick, Mackenzie Edwards, Liam O’Keefe, Jonah Elias, James Doughty and Michael Dowse were gracious and welcoming in the role of escorting visitors to the hall. They also performed the important task of escorting contestants from the Old Woodwork Room to the hall during the impromptu section. The Years 3 & 4 section was ably chaired by Angus Braiden while Jack Ayling was a competent time-keeper. Eleanor Swan was a gracious chairperson for the Years 5 & 6 section aided by Euan Barrett-Lennard and his trusty ipod (used as a time-keeping device).

It was a most successful day for Bowral. Hal Canute won the Stage 2 section with Nicholas Anderson awarded a Highly Commended and Ava Lambie won the Stage 3 section. Ava and Hal will be off to attend the Regional Final to be held on August 26 at Balarang Public School. We wish them good luck. Once again many thanks to the whole school community for supporting our first attempt at hosting this competition and warmest thanks to Miss Christie for her organisation and support on the day.

*Virginia Pridham*
Public Speaking Coordinator

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MITTAGONG BLUE LIGHT DISCO - MITTAGONG RSL CLUB**

Date: **Saturday 26 July**

Times: **4pm to 6.30 pm**

4 – 14 years. Parents and children under 4 free.

LET’S dress to impress in our favorite **ONESIE** outfit for the Blue Light …. 

**BUSH FIRE READY WINGECARRIBEE**

**PROTECT YOUR FAMILY, PROTECT YOUR LIFE**

You are invited to a Community Bush Fire Ready Workshop

Bookings Essential call 4868 0819 or email Belinda.rowe@wsc.nsw.edu.au

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY**

Enquiries contact WEP ph: 1300 884 733

Email: info@wep.org.au Online: www.wep.org.au

**FOOTBALL NSW SOUTHERN BRANCH**

Age divisions U12’S, U14, U16’S female players interested to trial for Country Southern teams for the upcoming State Soccer Trails.

Enquiries Mark Johnston 0488 034 500 or Phil McColl 0418 255 209

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**Bowral Public School**

**Thanks**

Thanks to Mick and his team who moved the remainder of the mulch for us. With the right tools and man power a fabulous result was achieved.

Thanks again for helping us out, it is greatly appreciated.

**New time…**

The next P&C meeting is next Monday 21 July, at **6.30 pm**, in the library. We hope this earlier time may make it easier for more people to attend.

Everyone is welcome to come along and participate in a relaxed and supportive environment.

*Kay Paviour*

P&C PRESIDENT