PUBLIC SPEAKING
Congratulations to the four students who will be representing our school in The Greater Southern Sydney Speaking Competition. They are: Charlotte Lind from Early Stage 1, Mari Wilson from Stage 1, Nick Anderson from Stage 2 and Michael Dowe from Stage 3. The local area finals will be held at Oakdale Public School on 17 and 18 September.

SOUTHERN STARS
If you were lucky enough to attend one of the performances of Southern Stars at WIN Stadium last week, then I know you will agree how spectacular the event was.

Our 30 students were fantastic and by the end of the final performance on Saturday night were also completely exhausted.

The depth of talent on show was extraordinary and the massed dance groups were enthralling to watch.

Once again, my sincere thanks to all involved….to the students for their dedication and commitment, to the teachers for giving up so much of their own time and offering our students this opportunity and to the parents for allowing your children to participate. Mrs Hardy and Mrs Bates (aka dance teachers extraordinaire) are still recovering from the long days (and nights).

Thanks, too to Mrs Swan for all of the help she gave our teachers and students.

BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL HELPING HAND PROJECT
I mentioned last week about the Kindness Project at Bowral High School where students are involved in making prosthetic hands which will be donated to victims of land mines. This week at our Whole School Assembly Mr John Staats, Deputy Principal of Bowral High School will be talking to our students about the project. Over the next couple of weeks we will discuss how as a school we may be able to support Bowral High School in this wonderful initiative.

ART SHOW
Next week is Art Show week and it is going to be a very exciting time at our school. I have seen some of the framed student works and they are amazing. I know many parents have already pre-purchased their child’s work, it will be a fantastic keepsake as well as a quality piece of artwork to have on display. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our Opening Night, next Friday 12 September.

NETBALL
Well done to our school netball team who were the most successful school sporting team this year, reaching Round 5 of the NSW PSSA Knockout Competition. A big thank you to Mrs Bell for all of the hard work that she has put into coaching this team.

Do you have expertise with paving? We would love some help and/or advice with our project of paving the surrounds of the Schoolhouse Museum.

Also, we have some more “bottle-top” projects on the go and we would love you to send in your bottle tops once more. Many thanks to those families who haven’t stopped sending them in. Milk bottle tops are particularly needed…in any colour! Thank you.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

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On Tuesday 2 September our netball team competed in their fifth round match of the PSSA Knockout Competition. The game was played against Gerringong in a fantastic indoor sporting complex at Kiama. Unfortunately the recent weather conditions had stopped the team from training but they were keen to take on the strong Gerringong team who play together every weekend in the tough Kiama competition. We knew we would have our work cut out for us, as we had previously played Gerringong in the Schools Cup in Queanbeyan and were beaten. We were also mindful of the fact that Gerringong were the eventual winners of the regional final and had several representative players.

The girls approached the game with a positive mindset but the first quarter started at a very fast pace and the Gerringong girls quickly took control and quickly piled on six goals to our one. After the initial onslaught the girls settled into some steady play. Great defensive work from Emily and Olivia managed to stem the flow of opposition goals and we fought back valiantly to narrow the score to 11-7 at the first break with some great shots from Mackenzie and Lucy.

After a positive comeback in the latter part of the first quarter the girls returned to the court determined to continue their solid effort but struggled to match it with the opposition. Fantastic shooting from the Gerringong girls enabled them to increase their lead. Jessica, Teagan and Jasmine tried hard to get the ball through the centre court to our shooters, Mackenzie and Bianca but found it very difficult to penetrate the solid defensive line of the Gerringong team. At half time Gerringong had established a resounding lead of 19 goals to 9. Bowral came out firing in the second half. Gabby, Jess and Anneliese combined well in the centre to force some turnovers from the opposition. Great play by Mackenzie at goal attack, who kept her cool under the intense pressure, opened up the circle and she and Lucy were able to score a few quick goals. Emily and Olivia were outstanding in defence, taking some great intercepts. As a result this quarter was fairly even, the score at the final break 24 to 13.

Despite the unassailable lead Gerringong had established, the last quarter was a tightly fought contest. The whole team worked well together and limited the scoring opportunities of the opposition, managing to outscore them by one goal in the last quarter. The final result was 27 to 18. It was a great match played in good spirit and all the Bowral players tried their best and played well. Special mention must be made of Mackenzie and Emily, the captain and vice-captain. They led the team by example in all of their matches and played with great skill, determination and spirit.

As the PSSA competition is a knockout this loss was the end of the road for the Bowral netball team. I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the team this year, Mackenzie Edwards, Emily Bow, Olivia Tumanow, Jessica Tyrrell, Anneliese Wansey, Lucy Phillips, Jasmine Jessop, Gabby Marsden, Teagan Mattick and Bianca Reay. They represented their school with pride, always gave their best, supported each other, trained hard, developed their skills and had lots of fun. They have been a delightful group to coach and made me very proud. I am sure they have many years of success in their chosen sport and look forward to hearing of their achievements.

I would also like to thank all the parents who provided transport, scored, time kept, umpired, and who gave great support to the team throughout the season. What a great year of netball!

Jane Bell
INVITATION...
Do you have a child on the Autism Spectrum? Would you like to meet other parents and share experiences, strategies, resources, support services and so on? If this sounds like something you could be interested in, please come to a casual Afternoon Tea in the Old Principal’s Residence on Tuesday 9 September, at 2:15pm. There will be no formal meeting, just a welcome and the opportunity for you to meet one another over a coffee. Our School Learning and Support Team has identified the need for something like this and are facilitating this first meeting. Our School Counsellor, Mrs Samantha Swan, will also come along. For more information or to let me know if you are coming, please contact me at the school, either by phone or email.

Thank you, Bev Hordern, Support Teacher.
Last week, the following Bowral Public School students travelled to the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong to perform in 3 spectacular dance ensembles as part of the Southern Stars:


Each of the four shows were a huge success and all of the dancers are to be commended for their tireless effort, behaviour and enthusiasm. Mrs Hardy, Mrs Bates and Mrs Swan are extremely proud of these students and feel truly grateful for being a part of it.

A big thank you to all of the wonderful parents for their amazing support, encouragement and patience. Southern Stars will be an event we all remember fondly!

Rachel Hardy      Pamela Bates     Samantha Swan
Father's Day Stall

This Thursday, 4 September is the P&C organised Father's Day Stall. Children have the opportunity to choose a gift for dad, or a significant male, for $3. If you would like to assist on the stall on Thursday, please contact Lucy at lucytw.is.here@gmail.com.

Remember $3 Thursday 4 September.

Art Show 2014

Next weekend, 12-14 September, is the P&C’s biannual Art Show. Over the last few months, Harriette and Julia have been tirelessly seeking artists to exhibit their work at our Art Show and assisting the teachers with both individual student and class artwork. Every child has created their own piece of art and then contributed to their class artwork. The individual pieces of art are available for sale, both before the opening of the Art Show and over the weekend. If you would like to pre-purchase your child’s artwork, please complete the attached form and return it to school, or use the parent on line payment option found on the home page of our school website. The class artwork will be auctioned at Friday evenings gala opening (over 18 only). The show will be open over the weekend, so please drop in for a look (and buy!) and encourage family and friends to come and view the variety of works that will be on display.

Any student’s artwork that is not pre-purchased before the Art Show opens, is available for sale to the general public over the weekend. If you would like to assist in setting up, or pulling down, for the art show, please contact juliaibels@bigpond.com or harrietteconway@hotmail.com.

Please support this wonderful fund raising event by coming to the Art Show opening night (over 18 only) and by purchasing your child’s artwork that they have enjoyed creating for you.

See you there!

Kay Paviour
P&C President

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Four Seasons Haikus

Summer
Slap on the sunscreen
Sun glaring on top of me
Let the heat soak through

Autumn
Leaves falling off trees
Parachuting to the ground
Let the wind glide them

Winter
Ice is seeping through
Snow is falling from the sky
A white wonderland

Spring
Tulips blossoming
The sight is a spectacle
Rainbow of colours

By Alex Biggs
Hello everyone

This message is well and truly overdue, so I am going with the old saying “better late, than never!”

We had an overwhelming response to Education Week’s Open Day in July, with lots of yummy baking being donated and lots of lovely volunteers coming in to help out. It is one of the biggest days of the year for the canteen so all of the extra help and baking is essential to it being a successful day. An enormously HUGE thankyou to everyone that participated whether it was on the day or leading up to it.

We also included a Dad’s Day in Education week this year. We were lucky enough to have 3 dads and 2 granddads turn up. They popped on their aprons and surprised us all with their handy kitchen skills! Dads, come in more often! It was a great fun day and the kids loved it! Thanks Dads and Granddads. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our other dads that come in and volunteer on a regular basis. Doug Sandilands, Tim Davis-Rice, Steve Kelly and Marc Andrea Beatson are in the photo. Bob McIntosh left before this photo was taken on the day, which was a shame as Bob is one of our regular volunteers.

As everyone knows we can only have such a successful canteen with the help of wonderful people as mentioned above, families who make donations where they can, our devoted volunteers, dedicated supervisors and a committed committee! No contribution goes unnoticed. Luckily for Bowral Public School our volunteer base keeps on coming back for more. They love whipping up a few batches of cookies, making up a pot of soup, counting money in the lunch orders and the list goes on and on. These volunteers are the centre of the Beehive and without them we would not have the ability to have a canteen open 5 days a week and we would definitely not have the ability to contribute so much back to the school. You will all be happy to know that last week the Canteen handed $10,000 to the P&C to spend on more resources for our wonderful school. Thank you so much to every single person that has helped out the Canteen in some way. Every single student in the school will reap the rewards.

Huge Congratulations to one of Beehive Canteens most valued volunteers and committee member

Our beloved Nicole Smith-Bertram had a beautiful baby boy a week ago. Nic worked in the canteen until the week before the little man was born. We are missing her already. Don’t feel any pressure to hurry back Nic! Congratulations to you and all of your family. Enjoy this wonderful time.

A Special Thank You to one of our Dedicated Volunteers

We are a fortunate school to have several volunteers at the Beehive that are dedicated weekly workers. They have their specific day every week and when we are short on other days, they put their hand up regularly. One of these volunteers was Nicki Caton. Nicki has been an incredible volunteer from the moment her family moved to Bowral Public School. Nicki has taken a full time job, which means we don’t get to see her smiling face on a regular basis anymore. Thank you Nicki for all of your valuable time and hard work. We wish you all the best with your new job and we miss you too!

Stock the Pantry Day - Friday 19 September

As we have done in the past, this terms Self Help Day will be a Stock the Pantry Day. Instead of bringing in a gold coin donation for the day, the canteen will be requesting certain items to be donated to the pantry. This has been a great way to increase our profits and as mentioned above it all contributes back to the school. A detailed list of items will be supplied closer to the day.

End of Term 3 /Start of Term 4

The last day of Term 3, Friday 19 September, will be over the counter sales only - as it is a Self Help day there will be plenty to spend money on. We return to school on Tuesday 7 October, this will be an Over the Counter Sales day only with Meal Deals commencing on Wednesday 8 October. Keep an eye out for our new Term 4 Summer menu.

Thank you everyone

Shelly Davis-Rice
Canteen Convenor

Regional Athletics

On Friday 22 August Bowral had 20 students go to the Australian Institute of Sport track in the ACT representing the Wingecarribee District at the Regional Athletics Carnival. Our participants who were selected in a range of track and field events were; Sophia Taufel, Patrick Tyrrell, James Murray, Phoebe Rykers, Max Harmey, Molly Knowles, Tim O’Keefe, Sam Maurice, Olivia Tumanow, Mia Patino, Spencer Reed, Jessica Tyrrell, Anneliese Wansey, Harry Pinczi, Grace Ayling, Lily Parker, Talitha Ward, Aidan Walker, Ava Jones and Mackenzie Edwards.

It was great to hear that everyone represented Bowral Public School and our District with pride and great sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mrs Pietrucha from Moss Vale Public School who was our Regional Team Manager and all the parents and friends who drove our students down to be a part of the carnival. A special congratulations to all the students for their fantastic athletic abilities and great effort on the day!

Paul Mathews

Absent from the photo: Sam Maurice, Mia Patino and Ava Jones.
BPS ART SHOW
FRIDAY 12 - SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

PURCHASING STUDENT WORKS

Dear Parents,

The P&C together with class teachers and students at Bowral Public School have been working towards our biggest fundraiser this year!

Over the last term all students have been working on their individual works to be hung at the school art show over the weekend of the 12 - 14 September. You will have first option to pre-purchase your child’s work before the opening night at which time they will go on sale to the public.

Artworks cost: $20 for one, $35 for two, $50 for three or $65 for four.

To purchase your child’s/children’s artwork, please complete the form below and return to school by Friday 5 September along with payment. If you use the Parent Online Payment option through the school website, please return this form to school for our records.

Tickets for the opening night can still be purchased at: www.bpsart.eventbrite.com.au

I would like to pre-purchase my child(ren’s) art work. Please place a sold dot next to the work of:

Name(s) ___________________________ class: _________

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1 @ $20  2 @ $35  3 @ $50  4 @ $65

Amount enclosed $ _____ Payment by ______ (please circle)
Cash Cheque Credit Card POP (school website)

PAYMENT BY
(Please tick appropriate box) □ Mastercard □ Visa Card

Card Number _______ _______ _______ _______ _______

Card Holder Name (in block letters) __________________________

Card Holder Address _______________________________________

Date of expiry __________ Amount of payment $ ___________

Cardholder’s Signature __________________________