NEW SCHOOL APP
I am pleased to announce that the school is trialling a new school app, called Skoolbag. It is a mobile app which will allow us to communicate directly with parents via mobile phones. At the moment, while we are trialling the app it is only available for smart phones. If we decide that it is a useful tool and we purchase the app, it will then be available for those parents who have android devices. Instructions for downloading the app are in this newsletter. We will begin pushing out alerts, newsletters and other school news over the coming weeks. Your feedback will be appreciated.

ART SHOW
We are excitedly awaiting the grand opening of our Art Show on Friday evening. Thanks to the hard work of the organising committee and many helping hands, it looks like it is going to be a huge success.

MARKETS AND KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
This Saturday the Bowral Public School markets will be held. Mrs Pridham and I will be there with enrolment forms for 2015 Kindergarten parents. We will be happy to have a chat with you about your son or daughter starting school next year. Feel free to drop in and visit us, we look forward to meeting as many of our Kindergarten parents as possible.

KISS AND DROP ZONE ON BENDOOLEY STREET
As you know, the No Standing Zone in front of the admin block is a Kiss and Drop Zone in the mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am. Please drop your children off and quickly move on, in order to maintain a smooth traffic flow in that area. Thank you for your cooperation in doing this as it ensures the safety of children and parents alike.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING
It has been a busy and successful year for our school in the area of public speaking and debating. We have entered two public speaking competitions as well as the Premier’s Debate Challenge. In a first for Bowral Public School we have a student from both Stage 2 (Hal Canute) and Stage 3 (Ava Lambie) proceed through to State level in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. They will participate in the State Finals to take place in Sydney later in the year. In another first, our school has entered the Greater Southern Sydney Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition for students from K-6. Each stage held a competition to select a student to represent our school at the Wollondilly Network Competition to be held at Oakdale Public School on Tuesday 16 September and Wednesday 17 September. The aim of this contest is to draw the best speakers from each stage from school, network and combined network finals to a grand final, thereby providing talented speakers with an opportunity to compete at an elite level. The standard of speakers at our school was extremely high. Every child who entered their stage contest had something important to say and new ideas to put forward. The results were:

Kindergarten:
Charlotte Lind (winner), Ava Buckley, Bradley Dawes and Taylah Allan (highly commended)

Stage 1
Mari Wilson (winner), Ava Gillis, Sebastian Ta-Me and Eden Ray (highly commended)

Stage 2
Nicholas Anderson (winner), Hannah Hill (runner-up) and Hal Canute, Millie Falshaw and Charlotte Florida (highly commended)

Stage 3
Michael Dowe (winner), Mia Gillis (runner-up) and Mia Sandilands (highly commended)
Congratulations to these talented speakers and good luck to Charlotte, Mari, Nicholas and Michael when they compete at Oakdale Public School.

DEBATING
Our school entered two debating teams in the Premier’s Challenge Debating Competition. Bowral Reds (Ava Lambie, Eleanor Swan, Ruby Zupp, Emma Williams and Jessica Tyrrell) were the zone winners, being successful in all four local debates. Bowral Blues (Michael Dowe, Julie Bourrigaud, Euan Barrett-Lennard and James Doughty) won two debates. Congratulations to both Michael and Ava on their invitation to join the Illawarra and Southeast squad. This group of children will train with the purpose of selection to the team to represent our region at State level. All of these students have worked hard to develop their self-confidence and skill in talking in front of a wider audience. They can be proud of their achievements and have maintained the strong tradition of public speaking at Bowral Public School.

Pictured are Nicholas, our Stage 2 representative in the Greater Southern Sydney Public Speaking Competition and Michael, the Stage 3 representative.

Charlotte will represent Kindergarten and Mari, will compete in the Stage 1 section.

Virginia Pridham

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

HOW TO INSTALL SKOOLBAG ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.
THANK YOU
Thank you to Lucy for organising the father's day stall last Thursday. The children love choosing a gift that they think suits their dad.

Many thanks to the dedicated mums that helped man the stall!

2014 ART SHOW
It's finally here! This weekend our biannual art show will be on. Julia and Harriette have been working tirelessly over the last few months to collate our children's artwork and that of professional artists. A 'sneak peek' today revealed an amazing variety of children's work. The children are getting excited so please support this fund raiser by pre purchasing your child's art work. Opening night is this Friday. Buy your ticket for a fun filled evening (over 18's only). Invite family and friends to come and see and buy artwork on both Saturday and Sunday and enjoy Sue's Devonshire tea that will be on sale at the canteen.

P&C MEETING
This Monday 15 September is our regular P&C meeting. We are in the library for a 6.30 pm start.
Hope to see you there.
Kay Paviour
P&C PRESIDENT

The Buzz from the Beehive Canteen ....

Self Help Day and Stock the Pantry

Please remember there are NO lunch orders on Self Help Day.
There are over the counter sales only.

It is that time again where the canteen pantry needs some restocking! Friday 19th Sept (last day of Term) is Self Help Day. Instead of bringing in a gold coin donation, we are asking families to donate goods to the canteen. These goods will be used in the canteen to make some of the yummy food we serve to our children at Bowral Public School. In turn making the canteen more profitable, enabling us to continue putting money back into the school for new resources.
Thank you!
The things we really need are:

- Brown sugar
- MILO (please!!!)
- Oats (not 'Quick Oats')
- Rice Bran Oil
- Vanilla
- Baking Powder
- Baking paper
- Popping Corn
- Multix CUPCAKE liners (from Woolworths and Coles)

If you could please ask your children to deliver your donation to the Beehive canteen on Self Help Day - Thank you!

TERM 3 AND TERM 4

Term 3 - Thursday 18 September will be last day of lunch orders for this term. Friday 19 September will be over the counter sales only.

Term 4 - First day back, Tuesday 7 October, will be over the counter sales only, no lunch orders. Wednesday 8 September will be the first day of lunch orders with our New Summer Menu starting. Please keep an eye out for the new menu being sent home next week.

Volunteers
Now is the time to let Emma Bragg, our wonderful Roster organiser, know when you will be available to volunteer some of your time for next terms roster. As you all know, we truly value our volunteers. The canteen could not run without them. If you have always wanted to try it out, please send Emma an email emmacjbragg@mac.com and she can add you to the roster when it suits you. Remember you get to enjoy some wonderful company, see your children at school in their daily environment and you get a free lunch!!
Thank you everyone
Shelly Davis-Rice
Canteen Convenor

THANK YOU
Thank you to Lucy for organising the father's day stall last Thursday. The children love choosing a gift that they think suits their dad.
Many thanks to the dedicated mums that helped man the stall!

2014 ART SHOW
It's finally here! This weekend our biannual art show will be on. Julia and Harriette have been working tirelessly over the last few months to collate our children's artwork and that of professional artists. A 'sneak peek' today revealed an amazing variety of children's work. The children are getting excited so please support this fund raiser by pre purchasing your child's art work. Opening night is this Friday. Buy your ticket for a fun filled evening (over 18's only). Invite family and friends to come and see and buy artwork on both Saturday and Sunday and enjoy Sue's Devonshire tea that will be on sale at the canteen.

P&C MEETING
This Monday 15 September is our regular P&C meeting. We are in the library for a 6.30 pm start.
Hope to see you there.
Kay Paviour
P&C PRESIDENT
COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS.
Camp 1 Mon 22 Sept to Thurs 25 Sept / Camp 2 Mon 29 Sept to Thurs 2 Oct
Bowral Tennis Centre, Park Rd, Bowral. Register ph Tristan 0409 150057 or

INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY CONCERT
Saturday 20 September, 2pm-4pm,
Bowral Memorial Hall, Bendooley St, Bowral. FREE entry, all ages, all welcome
RSVP Renica 0413 536 800 or renica@mdsi.org.au

AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT! National Bird Week 20-26 October
To take part in the count, you need to spend 20 minutes recording the birds you
see on the new Aussie Bird Count app or our website
www.aussiebirdcount.org.au

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Volunteer to host international students arriving in Australia in February 2015.
Information: email scceaust@scce.com.au or call toll free on 1800 500 501

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
Bowral Swimming Centre
We welcome teachers, family members and students who may be interested in
taking part in any of the following programmes: Swim 4 Fitness, Highlands Pool
Flippers, Grey Medallion. Enquiries ph 4861 2598. Laura Hill- Pools &
Facilities Team Leader, Wingecarribee Shire Council.

VOLUNTEER TO HOST A FAMILY
Enquiries ph 1300 884 733
Email info@wep.org.au
Website: www.wep.org.au

Information included in “Community Announcements” does not have official endorsement of NSWDET and may not be school activities. The announcements are a service to the community and should not be interpreted as a recommendation by
the school. The school accepts no responsibility for information published in this newsletter as “Community Announcements”.

Handwriting Helpers Holiday Program
Bridges for Learning is offering a “Handwriting Helpers” program in
September school holidays. This is an
intensive small group program over 6
sessions. This program may help if your
child has difficulty with:

- writing or spacing letters
- staying in between the lines
- writing on the line
- their writing is too big or small
- they tire easily.

Who: Kindergarten—Year 2
When: 23 - 26 September
Time: To be advised depending on numbers
Cost: $40 per session ($240 for the
program). Families may choose to use
their private health cover or FASICA
funding.

“Handwriting Helpers” is partially
funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and
Home Care. The “Handwriting Helpers”
program will only be run if there is sufficient
interest.

For further information contact Bridges for
Learning on 4861 4054 or
admin@bridgesforlearning.org.au

LOST PROPERTY
Our clothing bin is overflowing.
Moira will kindly sort and send to class
named items this week. If you are still missing
clothing, please check the bin as left overs
will go to clothing shop next week.

Bowral Percussion Sinfonia
Musical Director
Louise Bell
Spaces now available for children Years 3-6!
Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the Basement
Our Percussion Group has had another wonderful
term of musical fun and creativity. We will be
performing for the school very soon.
Please contact Louise 0421 252 881

Dear Families,
Bowral Public School will be hosting a visit from children's author Sue Whiting on Monday 15
September. She will be presenting three sessions and all stages will have the opportunity to
attend a session. The cost of these sessions is $4 per head and was included as part of the
Term 3 invoice.

Sue has written picture books, early chapter books and novels for children as well as many titles
for learning to read series. Sue is currently an editor at Walker Books after beginning her
working life as a primary school teacher.

Some of her books include A swim in the sea, The firefighters and Taming butterflies which
are all picture books for younger readers. The strange little
monster books are part of the Aussie Nibbles series for younger
readers. Novels such as Freaky, Battle of the rats and The Hairy Legs heist are ideal for middle primary readers while Get a grip
Cooper Jones is a good read for upper primary ages. Portraits of
Celina is pitched at early secondary school readers and is "seriously
creepy" however some of our more advanced Year 5 and 6 readers have enjoyed this
latest publication. Further information on Sue and her books can be found on her website at

BOOKS FOR SALE
As part of Sue Whiting's visit we will have some of her more recent books available for the
children to buy from Monday 8 September. Sue will be happy to sign copies on the day of her
visit. If you have one of her books already at home the children are welcome to bring that for
her to sign. A signed book is often a treasured keepsake.

Prices for new books will range from $12 to $30 depending on whether they are available in
hard or soft cover. Children may bring money to school in an envelope and see me in the library
or you are welcome to come and have a look before or after school. There is no obligation to
buy.

Kind Regards
Jenny Henderson (Teacher/Librarian)

Sue Whiting
Australian Children's Author
Monday 15 September 2014

“Handwriting Helpers” Holiday Program
Bridges for Learning is offering a “Handwriting Helpers” program in September school holidays. This is an intensive small group program over 6 sessions. This program may help if your child has difficulty with:

- writing or spacing letters
- staying in between the lines
- writing on the line
- their writing is too big or small
- they tire easily.

Who: Kindergarten—Year 2
When: 23 - 26 September
Time: To be advised depending on numbers
Cost: $40 per session ($240 for the program). Families may choose to use their private health cover or FASICA funding.

“Handwriting Helpers” is partially funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care. The “Handwriting Helpers” program will only be run if there is sufficient interest.

For further information contact Bridges for Learning on 4861 4054 or
admin@bridgesforlearning.org.au

LOST PROPERTY
Our clothing bin is overflowing.
Moira will kindly sort and send to class
named items this week. If you are still missing
clothing, please check the bin as left overs
will go to clothing shop next week.

Bowral Percussion Sinfonia
Musical Director
Louise Bell
Spaces now available for children Years 3-6!
Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the Basement
Our Percussion Group has had another wonderful
term of musical fun and creativity. We will be
performing for the school very soon.
Please contact Louise 0421 252 881

Dear Families,
Bowral Public School will be hosting a visit from children's author Sue Whiting on Monday 15
September. She will be presenting three sessions and all stages will have the opportunity to
attend a session. The cost of these sessions is $4 per head and was included as part of the
Term 3 invoice.

Sue has written picture books, early chapter books and novels for children as well as many titles
for learning to read series. Sue is currently an editor at Walker Books after beginning her
working life as a primary school teacher.

Some of her books include A swim in the sea, The firefighters and Taming butterflies which
are all picture books for younger readers. The strange little
monster books are part of the Aussie Nibbles series for younger
readers. Novels such as Freaky, Battle of the rats and The Hairy Legs heist are ideal for middle primary readers while Get a grip
Cooper Jones is a good read for upper primary ages. Portraits of
Celina is pitched at early secondary school readers and is "seriously
creepy" however some of our more advanced Year 5 and 6 readers have enjoyed this
latest publication. Further information on Sue and her books can be found on her website at

BOOKS FOR SALE
As part of Sue Whiting's visit we will have some of her more recent books available for the
children to buy from Monday 8 September. Sue will be happy to sign copies on the day of her
visit. If you have one of her books already at home the children are welcome to bring that for
her to sign. A signed book is often a treasured keepsake.

Prices for new books will range from $12 to $30 depending on whether they are available in
hard or soft cover. Children may bring money to school in an envelope and see me in the library
or you are welcome to come and have a look before or after school. There is no obligation to
buy.

Kind Regards
Jenny Henderson (Teacher/Librarian)