STUDENT SUCCESS
Last week Lulu Sandilands was presented with a NAIDOC Week medal for her prizewinning story, written for a NAIDOC Week writing competition. Lulu's story was chosen from 58000 entries and judged by Jessica Mauboy. Dylan Williams, Executive Director NAIDOC Week 2015 School Initiatives, presented Lulu with her medal, on behalf of the Prime Minister of Australia. Lulu also received a DVD player, presented to her by Melissa Wiya, Wingecaribee Council’s Aboriginal Community Development Officer on behalf of the mayor of the Wingecaribee Shire Council, Councillor Whipper. To say that we are all incredibly proud of Lulu is an understatement. Lulu’s success shows that anything is possible and that it is always worthwhile “having a go”.

Anneliese Wansey competed in the Australian Interschools Championships in the recent school holidays. There were over 350 students riding at various different levels in dressage, showjumping, eventing and combined training. There were large teams from QLD, NSW, VIC, SA and WA. There were even small teams from NT and TAS. Many had travelled very long distances WITH their horses. Anneliese competed in a week of fun, camaraderie and new found friends; as well as tough competition. She rode extremely well and we are very proud of her sportsmanship and achievements. On her horse Spartacus she placed overall 3rd in the 90 cm show jumping. Her team of 4 riders were the Reserve Champion Team. On her horse Toby she placed overall 5th and her team came 3rd. Congratulations to Anneliese for her dedication to her sport.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK
Thanks to an amazing effort by Mrs Ayling and one of our fabulous parents we are offering ‘The Schoolhouse’, our inaugural Bowral Public School Yearbook, this year. The Yearbook will be a snapshot of the year’s events at our school and will include every class' photo. Sporting highlights as well as excursions and student achievements will be featured. The Yearbook will cost $20 and must be pre-paid and ordered in advance. The order form can be found in this week’s newsletter.

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL
I would like to remind parents and students that the school’s mobile phone policy is very clear. It states that:
Where students bring a mobile telephone, portable computer game, MP3 player/iPod, camera and similar devices to school:
Student Responsibilities
- The student must take full responsibility for these devices. The school or staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft or damage. Students who bring them to school do so at their own risk.
- Students will use their mobile phone in a way which reflects the core values being taught in schools, including the values of respect, responsibility, care and fairness.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to threaten, bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system (including social media) available on the device or for any illegal activity. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- Under no circumstances will inappropriate use of mobile telephones with cameras be tolerated. Students found to be using any camera contrary to this acceptable use policy will be dealt with under the school discipline policy. Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases.
Improper use of mobile telephones or other electronic devices may result in:
- Time out or other appropriate disciplinary measure as determined by the school’s disciplinary policy.
- The student being required to hand in their mobile telephone or other electronic device at the beginning of the school day for collection when the student goes home.
REMINDER DIARY DATES

Friday 23 October  ● Stage 2 Cricket Gala Day  
Wednesday 28 October  ● NRMA Science and Road Safety visit  
Friday 30 October  ● Stage 3 Choral Concert, Opera House  
      Tuesday 3 November  ● Pink Day  

Emergency Contact

- If a parent or caregiver needs to contact a student at school as a result of an emergency, they are required to call the school’s main office and a message will be sent immediately to the student.
- If a student needs to make emergency contact with anyone they can do so through the school’s main office.

To read the policy in full, please refer to the school website under the tab OUR SCHOOL and then go to the rules and policies section.

PINK DAY AT BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Unfortunately we have a number of members of our school community who are dealing with cancer at the moment. Because of this, we would like to hold a fundraiser this term. On Tuesday 3 November we are encouraging all students (and staff) to wear something pink to school and donate a gold coin (or even better...a “pink” banknote...$5). We will be selling strawberry milkshakes, watermelon and even Fairy Floss as a special pink treat. (Parents if you don't want your child to indulge in the Fairy Floss...then there will be healthy, yummy alternatives).

All money raised on the day will be donated to the McGrath Foundation. We look forward to your support on this day.

BUILDING UPDATE

This week the “old” demountable buildings have been removed in preparation for the new building work to begin. We will shortly be able to announce which builder has won the tender and we look forward to the start date, which is getting closer.

CLASSES IN 2016

It is the time of the year when we are beginning the process of forming classes for 2016. If you will be leaving Bowral Public School at the end of this year we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible so that we have as accurate a picture as possible of enrolment numbers for 2016.

This year I am once again asking parents to trust the professional judgement of our teachers with regards information of your children, their friendships and who they should and shouldn’t be placed with.

Our teachers will spend a considerable amount of time discussing placements and when parents make special requests that process can be compromised, confused and made complicated.

If you have information about your child that is new information or any concerns or issues that you haven’t raised with us before, then you are welcome to let us know.

Please do not request specific teachers as those requests are almost always impossible to accommodate.

Thank you for your help with this incredibly complex process.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

Thank you to everyone who attended Monday’s informative P&C Meeting.

At this stage we have been unable to fill the position of P&C Secretary and the role will be filled by existing members on a rotational basis for the remainder of the year. If you are interested in joining our team, please let me know.

We would like to welcome Alina Fischer who has taken on the position of Canteen Accounts Manager following the resignation of Fiona McIntosh. Thank you Alina for volunteering your time to be a part of this very important subcommittee.

The key function of our meeting was to begin planning towards our Annual Outdoor Movie Night to be held on Friday 13 November

We are looking forward to a balmy summer’s evening after being rained out last year. This night is provided free to our school community as a way of saying thank you for all the support of our events, fundraisers, canteen and uniform shop have received throughout the year.

The evening will begin from 5.30pm with sausage sandwiches, drinks, popcorn and choc tops available for purchase. Alternatively a picnic dinner may be brought from home. Families are encouraged to bring along a rug, pillows, blankets or chairs and set up a picnic on the grassed area at the front of the school where the outdoor screen will be set up. The movie is expected to begin at approximately 7.30pm. This is an alcohol free event and all children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be more exciting details to follow next week.

Meredith Wakeman, P&C PRESIDENT
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WATER POLO**
Under 12’s players needed. Registration and information www.southernhighlandswaterpolo.com.au

Wingecarribee Reconciliation Group (WRG) is having a Family Picnic Day at Robertson Common. This is the site of the Railway Heritage Museum, the Fettlers’ Hut, the Sculptures and the Waratah Garden. This is a free event. Transport may be arranged. Email reconciliation.wingecarrie@gmail.com if you have any questions.

**MITTAGONG SWIM CLUB**
Registration and information: masc.acenet.com.au

**MITTAGONG BLUE LIGHT DISCO**
Mittagong RSL - Saturday 31 October 4pm-6pm, 4-14 years

**SHYAC PERFORMANCE ‘CONUNDRUM’** a hilarious musical production. Mittagong Playhouse, 24 & 25 October Information ph 4871 2888
Book tickets: http://www.trybooking.com/15971

**NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—FREE workshop**
9 Station St, Mittagong, 4 November 6:30pm
Information ph 8091 7123 www.anala.com.au

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**
**TERM 4, 2015**

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**Reaching 4 Korina**
Charity Launch Cocktail Night

Mother to Hayden (3 ½ years) & Amelia (10 months)
Wife to Daniel Valentine
Daughter to Chris & Sandra Roberson
Sister to Crystal Roberson

A week before her 28th birthday, as a result of a terrible bacterial infection, Korina Valentine was faced with her biggest challenge yet – the fight for her life. Through her pure drive and determination, the love of family and friends and great medical staff, Korina made it. However, the severity of her condition resulted in quadruple amputations, losing both arms from just below the elbow, her left leg near her hip and right leg below her knee, and also facial and skin damage. We hope this night will gather support for Korina, to raise much needed funds so she can access prosthetics and medical equipment, create awareness, and share what is already a truly inspirational story – please help us in “Reaching 4 Korina”.

**Date:** 6:30pm Saturday 7 November 2015

**Venue:** Mittagong RSL, Cnr Bessemer and OLD Hume Highway Mittagong, NSW

**Cost:** $80.00

**Dress Code:** Cocktail

Tickets are now on sale, please phone the RSL on (02) 4872 6700 or go on line http://mittagongrsl.com.au/event/reaching-4-korina/

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**2015 STUDENT SCHOOL TERM DATES**

Term 4  Tuesday 6 October 2015 to Wednesday 16 December

**2016**

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Is your child starting school next year?
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local Saver Plus Worker: (02) 4254 4505 / 0427 439 234
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21 October 2015

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We hope you will join us in celebrating the launch of ‘The Schoolhouse’ by preordering your copy. Orders will be available for collection towards the end of this term.

The cost of ‘The Schoolhouse’ is $20. If you would like to purchase one for your child as a memory of their year at Bowral Public School in 2015 orders need to be finalised by Friday 6 November 2015. Please complete the order form below along with payment. Payment is also available through the school website. Only a limited number of copies will be available to be purchased after this date... so pre-order now!

We are looking forward to an even bigger and better ‘Schoolhouse’ in 2016.

Regards,

Mrs Molly Aylng
Rel. Stage 2 Leader

Mrs Wendy Buckley
Principal

‘The Schoolhouse’ Pre-order form:

I ______________________ (child’s name) of class __________ wish to purchase ________ (no. of copies)

@ $20 each. Total amount payable $ ________________.

Payment made by cash / cheque / credit card / POP via school website (Please circle one)

Return this slip along with payment to your child’s class teacher no later than Friday 6 November 2015

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

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