SCHOOL LEADER PROCESS
The process of selecting school leaders has begun and we are looking forward to listening to speeches which will be held next week at school. Good luck to all students who have been successful in progressing to the next stage of the process.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
At our final School Council Meeting of the year we discussed our anti-bullying plan and Student Welfare policies. These policies can be found on our school website under the Our School tab and then down the left hand side under Rules and Policies.
I would like to thank all of the members of our school council who give up their time to support our school by making positive contributions and sharing their knowledge and expertise each term.

THE SCHOOLHOUSE YEARBOOK
Orders for our 2015 Yearbook have now closed. I would like to thank Steven and Owen Foster who have done a HUGE job in collating the stories and photos which have in turn been compiled by Mrs Molly Ayling. We are looking forward to seeing the final product.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

SCARLET FEVER ALERT
This week we received notification that one of our students has this infection. For further information visit the NSW Health website http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/childhood.aspx

THE GIVING TREE
It is the time of year when Mrs Henderson puts up her lovely Christmas Tree in the Library and we ask families to contribute to The Giving Tree if they are able. We will be supporting The Salvation Army who will deliver Christmas Hampers to families in need within our local area. We would like to receive items of food suitable for this purpose, non-perishable and in date please.
If you could send such items to the school from next week that would be wonderful. Thank you for your support as always.

Bev Hordern

REMINDER DIARY DATES

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The Links to Learning project is proceeding in fine style. Thanks to the efforts of many (including the boys involved in the project) a neglected area of the school playground is being transformed into a wonderful play space for our junior students. The boys have worked so hard to create an imaginative car track for younger children to run their toy cars on. It includes tunnels, bridges and even ‘Mount Panorama’! The boys have had a lot of help from parents, staff and community members to realise their dream of a realistic road network. Hannah Hannan and Kyle Jones from Access Community Group have been of tremendous practical help.

Access Community Group offered a special opportunity to selected Year 6 students across a number of schools in the Southern Highlands with the aim of supporting these students in their transition from Year 6 to Year 7. One of the components of the program is titled ‘Connection to Place’. The students are encouraged to leave something of lasting and positive significance in their ‘old’ primary school before moving on to their ‘new’ school. The boys came up with the idea of a dedicated spot designed for toy cars. Huge thanks must be extended to Lucy Nias and Kirsteen McKay for their creative design that helped to realise this idea. Kirsteen and Lucy are also responsible for the wonderful artwork on one side of the panels used to create an enclosed space.

There have also been generous donations of time and resources from the community. Kenneth Haggett from Fitzmoore Plumbing used his excavator to move rocks from the back of the school where the demountable buildings were removed to the front of the school (site of the car track). Marcus Hall also used his own equipment to prepare the site before the boys started their work. Damian Woodward designed and built a fabulous bridge to provide authenticity, while Mick Pfahl lent his landscaping talents to the project to ensure a visually pleasing effect. Ms Irons from the school encouraged and guided the creative artwork on the school side of the enclosing panels.

It is not quite completed yet but by the end of the year there will be a wonderful new opportunity for our students to engage in imaginative play. Kindergarten 2016 students will be so fortunate to have such an exciting space. A very big thank you to all who helped with this very worthwhile project.

Virginia Pridham
SURVEY DATA

Overview:
At Bowral Public School we pride ourselves on constantly working to improve all aspects of school life. As part of this, in 2014, we conducted our first detailed parent sentiment survey. The results were so insightful, that we agreed to make this an annual research survey.

The purpose of the survey is to better understand what parents are happy with, what they would like to see improved, and to understand what aspects of the school are most important to our school community.

Each week I will highlight an area of the survey sent to all parents earlier this year. The results of the 2015 parent sentiment survey were overwhelmingly positive and provide great feedback and affirmation to the hardworking staff and parent community at Bowral Public School.

I thank Nicole Smith, president of our School Council for her collation of the parent survey, her hard work is very much appreciated.

As a public school, it is unsurprising that 70% of parents chose to send their children to BPS because it is their local school, however it is to be noted that this is down slightly on 2014 results (75%).

Parents were given the opportunity to provide more than one answer to this question, and what is most interesting is the change in results from the previous year:

School reputation: In 2014, 49% of parents chose BPS because of the school reputation, in 2015 this increased to 66%.

Academic performance: In 2014, 8% of parents chose BPS for academic performance. This increased to 24% of parents in 2015.

Calibre of teachers: In 2014, 19% of parents chose BPS for the calibre of teachers, this increased to 30% in 2015.

This year we also added two other categories, which included school community/families (30%) and recommendation (19%).

These results are significant for a number of reasons. Firstly, this shows that the profile of the school, and the perceived performance of the school has improved significantly over the last year. It is not simply, ‘the local school’, it would appear that Bowral has now become the school of choice, which is a fantastic result. This is particularly significant given the number of private schools within the area.

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**STUDENT SCHOOL TERM DATES**

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**LOST PROPERTY**

All unclaimed

LOST PROPERTY will be given to Uniform Shop next week.
P&C News

It was with much disappointment that our Outdoor Movie Night was cancelled due to wet weather last week. We are now planning towards holding this in February 2016. The good news is that for all the paper plane flying enthusiasts, the competition will now be held at school, hopefully next week. Also, for those students not away on excursions this Friday 20 November, there will be Movie Night Choc Tops for sale through the canteen at lunchtime. These will be priced at $2.50 and with 350 available, there should be enough for everyone!

Sadly, next week we will farewell our Canteen Manager Justine McKinlay. Justine was instrumental in P&C planning towards our new and improved canteen and has worked there since its inception. Although she will be missed, Justine intends to remain involved in a voluntary capacity and has been working with our new canteen manager to ensure a smooth transition at the beginning of next year. Our new manager, Adriana Neill-Stevens comes to us from Dural Public School and has already spent some time working in The Beehive canteen and getting to know people. In the meantime it will be business as usual in The Beehive until 11 December which will be over the counter sales only.

Finally, on Monday evening we held our last P&C meeting for the year. I would like to thank all those parents and family members who have been involved with our uniform shop, canteen, fundraising and social events throughout 2015. It is only with the support of many volunteers that the P&C is able to contribute significantly to our school resources and be such an important part of the school community.

Meredith Wakeman
P&C President

CHOC TOPS FOR SALE
Lunchtime - Friday 20 November
The Beehive Canteen
$2.50 each

This week at Camp Australia, leaders set the task of putting pencil to paper for our latest self-portrait competition. Throughout the week, leaders prompted all children to opt for rubbers as opposed to starting with a new piece of paper. Each entry demonstrated a part of their personality and reflected a version of their own. First place goes to Andie Fennell and second place Lucy Rouse for outstanding detail and comparison. Come collect your prize girls!

Contrary to the emphasis we placed on paper wastage, leaders were happy to hand out paper squares to anyone who wanted to show off their paper plane making skills. It was great to see Birthday boy Alex Jurgs manage to put his Lego aside to join in the fun. To carry out his birthday wish, Camp Australia will all participate in a paper plane race, regardless of the paper wastage, Camp Australia leaders were so pleased with how well the children interacted that we will plan to have many more paper plane competitions in future.

If you have any questions come and see our friendly staff during before and after school care.