STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE EARLY TO SCHOOL
Children should NOT be arriving at school before 8.40am. There is NO teacher supervision at school before this time. Parents, please do not drop your children at school before this time. For those parents who need to have children cared for before school we have After School Care run by Camp Australia. For more information please visit the Camp Australia website www.campaustralia.com.au.

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS DANCE ENSEMBLE APPLICATIONS
If your child is interested in auditioning for this prestigious dance ensemble, application forms and more information can be found on the link below http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/dance/weekly-ensembles

The closing date for all application is 18 December 2015. Please read all information carefully before submitting any applications.

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 EXCURSIONS
Last week our children were given the opportunity to visit Canberra on an overnight excursion (Year 6) and Sydney (Year 5). Thank you to the teachers who gave up their own family time to allow this to happen. Teachers do not get paid overtime and our children enjoy these wonderful extracurricular opportunities because of their goodwill. It is with sadness that I report that some of our students did not show the good behaviour and citizenship which we pride ourselves on and expect from all of our students. Parents, please note that the end of year celebratory excursions are a privilege to attend and students who cannot demonstrate that their behaviour is satisfactory may not be permitted to participate.

EVACUATION DRILL
This week we held a practice of an evacuation during class time. I’m pleased to report that all students responded calmly and sensibly and the process was a smooth one.

FACEBOOK
Have you visited our school Facebook site? It is a wonderful way to see a snapshot of daily activities at our school. https://www.facebook.com/bowralpublic/?ref=bookmarks

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

OXLEY SELF HELP THIS FRIDAY
SUMMER FUN
BEHIVE CANTEEN — NO lunch orders

REMEMBER DIARY DATES

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Canberra Excursion – Parliament and Civic Education Rebate

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate will be paid directly to the school.

Jane Bell

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

Bowral Percussion Sinfonia

Musical Director
Louise Bell

Continuing in 2016!
Open to children from Years 3 - 6

Students need to demonstrate ~
* passion for music
* good feel for rhythm
* listening & concentration skills

Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the Basement
Supervision from 3:10 $10 per session
Bookings are by the term. I offer flexible payment options.
Please contact Louise on 0421 252 881

Thanks you for sorting and distributing students lost property. It is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MITTAGONG BLUE LIGHT DISCO - SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER
Venue: Mittagong RSL Time: 4pm to 6.30 pm
$5.00 per child 4 – 14 years. Parents and children under 4 free.
Last one for this year. Special guest ‘Santa is coming for an early visit’ – come dressed in your favorite Christmas Hat or costume.

WALK THROUGH THE BETHELEHM OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS...
A free interactive Christmas experience for all ages.
Friday 18 & Saturday 19 December 4-7pm
St Stephen’s Anglican Church, Main Street, Mittagong.
Information www.mittelang.com.au or 4871 1947

MARULAN CHRISTMAS FUN DAY—SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER FROM 3PM
Entertainment, rides, market stalls, carols, fireworks. Marulan Soccer Fields, Goulburn Street, Marulan. All Proceeds go to the Marulan Volunteer Fire Brigade.

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News from the Beehive . . . . . . .

Can you believe we are at the end of yet another year? There are a few things to report with the most important and saddest being that this week is the last week that Justine McKinlay will be our Canteen Manager. Justine has been instrumental in developing our Beehive Canteen, starting from day one when it opened approximately 5 years ago. She has always put the interests of the students and school first to make this one of the most successful canteens in all of the Public Schools in NSW. She has worked tirelessly with endless enthusiasm and made everyone around her enjoy the experience. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. Enjoy your next venture, we will miss you and look forward to seeing you as a volunteer next year!

On the upside we have employed a new mum to the school, Adriana Neill-Stevens, to be our new Canteen Manager. Adriana's eldest daughter will be starting with Bowral Public School next year in Year 2 and she has another daughter aged 2. Adriana comes with extensive experience in the retail food industry, she is the current Convenor of Dural Public School Canteen and the instigator of turning that canteen from a normal canteen to a healthy canteen. Welcome Adriana, we look forward to working with you.

An enormous thank you to another of our Committee Members that had to resign due to work commitments, Fiona MacKintosh. Fiona was looking after accounts and took on a lot of other tasks during her time (approximately 3 years) with the committee. Fiona played a large part in putting together the Canteen Policies and Procedures and of course volunteering her time whenever it was required. Thank you Fi.

Matt Bow has been doing our financial reports and paying our canteen employees for a number of years also. Although Matt is never seen, we know he is also working hard for us and he has been greatly appreciated for everything he has done. Thank you Matt.

Alina Fischer has taken over Fiona's role and will take over Matt's role at the end of the year. Alina is a Bowral Public mum and we are very grateful for her commitment to these two roles. Thank you Alina.

We would love to have some more parents involved in the Canteen Committee. It is a rewarding way to be involved with the school and ensure we continue to have a successful healthy food canteen. The AGM in the new year sees all executive positions become available to vote in new people. If you think you would like to put up your hand for any of the positions, keep an eye out for the newsletters early next year with all the details.

In the meantime we still have a couple of weeks of the canteen being open and we need volunteers to get to the end of the year. Please call Emma Bragg 0425 219 149 or Deanne Tiramai 0430 777 117 if you think you can spare some time.

Some important dates to remember

2015
- Friday 27 November = NO LUNCH ORDERS (Self Help)
- Friday 11 December will be over the counter sales only = NO LUNCH ORDERS
- Monday 14 December - CLOSED
- Tuesday 15 December - CLOSED
- Wednesday 16 December - CLOSED

2016
- Thursday 28 January 2016 - CLOSED
- Friday 29 January 2016 - Over the counter sales only = NO LUNCH ORDERS
- Monday 1 February 2016 - Back to regular meal deals etc

Have a safe and wonderful holiday and we will see you in the New Year.
Merry Christmas
Shelly Davis-Rice, Convenor Canteen Committee

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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We have had a lot of fun this past week at Camp Australia. Last Wednesday and Thursday afternoon the children worked on their construction and team work skills to create a huge cubby house from left over boxes from the school. At Camp Australia we incorporate engaging play for children with a wide range of activities and resources from sports equipment to painting and craft. We have recently added a “Dream Land” area. In this area children can find sensory things to play with, lavender spray and potpourri, as well as colouring book and an emotions book in which they can write all their feelings. This gives children the opportunity to express what they are feeling, have a time out just to relax. It has been a great success in the service this week with many children utilising the area.

If you have any questions please come see our friendly staff for more information.
MORE SURVEY DATA

The best things about Bowral Public School:

In 2015, we again asked parents what they liked most about Bowral Public School, and this year we added the options of sports program and arts program. The results in 2015 were strikingly similar to 2014, with the top three elements being quality of teachers, school community and academic approach.

Most notable is that only one respondent out of 126 stated that there is nothing that they like. This is an excellent result.

Following is a representation of some of the positive commentary:

‘Strong sense of pride and respect in the student and wider community.’

‘I like the children. They are by and large friendly, open, curious, confident, responsible and really impressive. I like the buddy system and the friendship tree. I like the very strong sense of direction given by the principal. The school feels in good hands. The staff seem happy and incredibly generous with their time and effort. The contact I have had with my children’s teachers has been positive and encouraging. I am absolutely thrilled by the introduction of ethics into the school curriculum as a real option alongside religion. I’d like to think that at some stage I will be able to put myself forward as one of the teachers.’

‘I also like the way the children are empowered to develop leadership skills from Kindy, through public speaking, running assemblies, school performances etc. The school has a very inclusive culture which I like. Also I like the enrichment opportunities.’

‘We love the school’s engagement on every level with our children. They are very well known and the school tries in every way to encourage and help them.’

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