This will be the penultimate newsletter of the year. It is hard to believe that the year has almost gone, with Christmas around the corner! It is an incredibly busy time of the year with staff and students preparing for end of year celebrations, excursions and presentation assemblies. Teachers are preparing to pack up classrooms to move, we are forming classes, cleaning up workspaces and engaging in professional learning in preparation for the new school year.....there is so much to do!

STUDENT REPORTS
This Thursday the Semester Two reports to parents on student progress will be sent home. All parents are welcome to make a time to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the report. Parents, please note that because reports are compiled before the end of the school year, the true number of absences that your child might have had at school may not be reflected on the report. You are welcome at any time to request a summary of absences for your son or daughter through the class teacher.

NEW BUILDING
This week we had our start-up meeting for our eight new classrooms. Patterson Constructions have been awarded our building contract and they will commence the building work this week. Our site manager has been most obliging and it is wonderful that we have maintained access to the Woolworths gate as well as some other key access points that we originally thought we would lose. Our crossing supervisor is in place and will ensure the safety of students and staff over the coming months. This is the start of an exciting journey!

LEAVERS
If you are leaving Bowral Public School in 2015, we would very much appreciate you letting us know. This is most helpful when planning classes for the new school year. Feel free to let your child's class teacher, or our office staff know if you're intending to move. Thank you for your help.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR
In public schools the end of our financial year is the 30 November. Our hard working School Administration Manager, Mrs Linda Rice successfully "rolled over" our school finances this week. Mrs Rice works tirelessly behind the scenes, monitoring and administering our school's budgets and ensuring that all of the school's administration tasks are kept up to date, supporting our many and varied programs. Mrs Rice is the consummate professional and I thank her for all of the work she does for our school. Mrs Rice is ably supported by our two Administration Support Officers, Ms Miettinen and Mrs Duryea.

Wendy Buckley, PRINCIPAL

STUDENT BANKING
Next week will be the last week for 2015. It will recommence Week 3 Term 1 Monday 8 February 2016

REMINDERS
Thursday 3 December  
- Semester Two reports go home today

Wednesday 9 December  
- Year 6 Dinner 6pm—9pm

Friday 11 December  
- Stage 2 Tenpin Bowling Day
- ES1 Movie Excursion

Monday 14 December  
- Stage 1 Movie Excursion

Wednesday 16 December  
- Students' Last Day

Monday 7 December  
- Stage 3 Presentation Assembly 7pm

Thursday 10 December  
- Presentation Assembly times:
  - St.1 (Years 1-2) 9:40am
  - E.St.1 (Kindergarten) 11:35am
  - St. 2 (Years 3-4) 1:45pm

Tuesday 15 December  
- Stage 3 Jamberoo Excursion
MEGA RAFFLE

Year Six students are running a mega raffle. The money raised will be used to buy a gift for the school. There are a huge range of prizes to be won!

Tickets can be purchased in the top and bottom playground at recess and lunchtime this week and next week, commencing on Thursday.

Tickets are
1 for $1
3 for $2
10 for $5

The mega prize draw will be on Monday 14 December 2015.

GIVING TREE

Thank you to all those generous families who have already donated goods to our Salvation Army Christmas Food Hamper appeal. We are a bit down on our usual response to date, so if any other families would like to contribute this week that would be wonderful! Major Longbottom, from the Salvation Army, will attend our short assembly next Monday. He will be presented with a sample hamper before loading lots of goodies into his van to be distributed to needy families in our local area. So, if you could send in any packaged, in-date, non-perishable food by Monday morning, that would be great! Also, we could do with some cheap plastic clothes baskets in which to package the hampers if anyone would like to donate one of those.

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THANK YOU BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR HELPING TO SAVE THE GORILLAS!

Last week, the Gorilla Girls from Burrawang Public School came to our school to say hello and to pick up the recycled phones and devices that our students had collected so far. They were amazed to find that we had over 80 devices! Well done to every single student who made the effort to drop a phone, MP3, charger, ipad or ipod into the mouth of our friendly Gorilla in the front office. It is not too late – keep those old devices coming. And remember, if you would like your name in the raffle, let your class SRC rep know when you drop in a device for recycling.

Let's recycle and help to protect the gorillas' habitat!

Your SRC

CANTEEN ROSTER

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BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all your staff, students and parents to attend Bowral High School's Term 4 Performing Arts Night. This night showcases some of the amazing talent at Bowral High with a variety of music, drama and dance.

When: 6pm-8:15pm, Tuesday 8 December
Where: Bowral High School Hall (entrance on Park Rd)
Cost: $5 student, $10 adult, $20 family

COMMUNITY NEWS

WOLLONDILLY AFL HOLIDAY CAMP 14 JANUARY 2016
Hannaford Oval, Broughton Street, Wilton.
Booking contact Deirdre 0417 249 877 or email dsfitzsimmons@bigpond.com

LEGO BRICK BUILDING WORKSHOP—Thursday 21 January 2016
East Bowral Community Centre Boys & Girls 5-10 years.
Online bookings: www.trybooking.com/juxi
kirsty@littlebuilders.com.au M: 0416 038 724

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