BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS
Each year, the State’s top 240 HSC Visual Arts students are represented in the annual Artexpress Exhibition. This exhibition showcases the students’ Bodies of Work and is viewed at the Art Gallery of NSW and in regional and city galleries throughout the year.

This year, five Bowral High School students will have their work displayed in the Artexpress exhibition.

In 2015, the Bowral High School Visual Arts Faculty has been awarded the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation award for excellence in teaching, promoting and engaging young people in Visual Arts education.

The Faculty has been recognised as the state’s best for their outstanding work with Higher School Certificate students’ over a number of years and in last year’s HSC Visual Arts exam in particular.

Caitlin Neil being presented with the Wilkins Collection award for her work, “Gastropodia” by Stephanie Jann from Artexpress. Caitlin's work will be purchased by the State Government and will be housed as part of the permanent Wilkins collection. Bowral High school now has three past students work being housed in this collection.

Visual Arts staff (Michelle Young, Timm O'Regan and Lynn Cohn) at the Gallery Of NSW Artexpress opening with Ashleigh Millward’s work “Still life Inception” which was also awarded the Dobell foundation art award.

We are very proud of Bowral High’s success!

CONGRATULATIONS
I would like to pass on my congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Spargo, who is expecting a baby later this year. This is very exciting news for Mrs and Mr Spargo and we look forward to seeing the baby bump grow and welcoming baby Spargo in July.

BANDEMONIUM
Our new band program is moving along most successfully with more than 40 students applying to join the program. Lessons should begin in the next couple of weeks.

ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CLASS
This week we held the parent information evening for the One Day a Week Academically Gifted class. Class teacher Mrs Griffith introduced herself and outlined the course program. The One Day a Week Academically Gifted class begins on Monday 2nd March for its first week.

WELCOME PARENTS
This week we welcomed in a new year with our first P&C Meeting. It was lovely to see some new faces and of course, many familiar faces. Parents, you are all welcome to attend our meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month at 6.30pm.

Last week we welcomed new and 'old' parents to our 2015 school year by getting together in a relaxed and informal environment at The Bradman Museum. It was wonderful to see staff and parents mingling in this fabulous venue.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL
We have new speed cameras in place around our school for the next two weeks. The associated signs will hopefully educate motorists about the speeds they are doing around our school. Did you know that the difference between 50km and 40 km an hour can mean the difference between life and death in an accident?

ROAD SAFETY SURVEY
Attached to today’s newsletter is an information sheet regarding road safety. There is also a link to a survey which will help inform road safety around our school. We hope that you will take the time to complete the online survey.

Wendy Buckley, PRINCIPAL

REMINDER DIARY DATES

Thursday 19 February
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Swimming Carnival

Friday 20 February
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P&C Hoedown

Monday 23 February
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District Swimming Carnival

25-27 February
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Stage 3 Camp

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Bowral Public School Boys Cricket Team

It is with great pleasure that I announce that our PSSA Boys cricket team for 2015 has been selected. The team consists of the following students.

Max Harmey, Christopher Nedavaska, Tim O'Keefe, Oscar Murton, Sam Maurice, Alex Ta-me, Noah Powell, Max Davis Rice, Harry Pinzi, Austin Cribbin-Blencowe, Warwick Preston, Hugo Fay and Luca Murray. Congratulations boys!

Many thanks Tim Maurice, Tim Barrett-Lennard and Tim Davis Rice who assisted me in selecting our team for this year.

The boys will play in the NSW knockout competition against other Primary schools in our region. We will play our first game in the coming weeks.

Mrs Halbert
Boys Cricket Team Manager

Bowral Public School Girls Cricket Team

Thank you to all of the girls who tried out for the 2015 Girls Cricket Team. A special thank you to Mrs Halbert and the Dads who came along to help run activities in the nets and on the field.

All of the girls were really good and tried very hard. With some coaching, and time, any one of them could have made the team.

The team was very hard to pick as some girls had skills in catching, some bowling, some fielding and some batting and some showed skills in several areas.

We chose 12 students to be part of the team and 1 reserve in case we have someone sick or injured. The “12th man” will be selected from this group during training sessions.

Congratulations to the team for 2015 of:

Jennifer Allan 5H
Aiofe Barrett-Lennard 5Z
Olivia Bow 5M
Camille Falshaw 5H
Mia Gillis 6B
Lily Harmey 6G
Molly Knowles 5H
Ava Lambie 6B
Eleanor Swan 6B
Jessica Tyrrell 6B
Anneliese Wansey 6B
Jemima Wansey 5H
Jendaya Annetts 5M is our reserve player.

Our first game will be on Thursday 19 March in Goulburn and notes will be given out soon regarding training.

Samantha Swan

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY (TTFM SURVEY)

What do students think about school and their learning?

I am delighted that our school has been selected to participate once again in the Department of Education and Communities student survey ‘Tell Them From Me’. The survey is completed on-line and will be run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

The survey, for students in Years 4 to 6, aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW project is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

Last year we obtained valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Our students have always given us feedback on what works and does not work as part of our Annual School Evaluation process.

The survey is anonymous and students cannot be identified by their responses. The survey is conducted online and will take around 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours, with class teachers. The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 9 March and Thursday 2 April 2015. (Weeks 7-10 of Term 1)

An information sheet about the survey and a separate consent form will be sent home with Year 4 to 6 students. Please note that this is an ‘opt out’ survey and only if parents do not want their children to participate will there be a need to return the form to school.

Jan Christie
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
This Friday evening is our annual ‘Welcome (back) to BPS Hoedown’. Between 5pm-7.30pm, in the top playground, we will have a parent band providing some good ‘ole boot scootin’ music for our children to dance along to. A sausage sizzle will be available as will corn on the cob. A few sweet treats plus tea & coffee will be available to buy.

Donations of cakes for the cake stall are greatly appreciated from the whole school community, either deliver them to the stall on the night, or drop them to the office Friday morning. Volunteers are still required for our stalls, so that all parents get an opportunity to wander ‘round and have a bit of a chat. Please contact the stall organisers if you can give some time.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) to de husk corn cobs on Friday afternoon 1.30pm (at back of canteen)
Stage 1 (Years 1-2) sell corn Prue Wade M: 0413 446 442
Stage 2 (Years 3-4) BBQ Harriette Conway M: 0407 499 701
Stage 3 (Years 5-6) cake stall Shelley Gillis M: 0402 242 884 or Kate Bow M: 0411 269 954

Raffle tickets will be sold during the evening for some great prizes generously donated to us by local businesses. This event will go ahead rain, hail or (hopefully) shine. Throw on a checked shirt, toss on a cowboy hat and come along for a great fun filled evening.

See you there
Kay Paviour
P&C President

SOUTHERN STARS PRIMARY DANCE COMPANY AUDITIONS 2015
The Southern Stars Primary Dance Company comprises of talented students from Year 2 to 6. They participate in the South Coast Dance festival, Southern Stars and the School Spectacular. Applications for selection into the company are now open and information can be found at the following links:
www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au/southern-stars
southernstarsseo.wordpress.com/auditions
Applications close on 2 March 2015 and auditions are held on Sunday 8 March 2015. Students who are selected into this company are representing our school at a regional level and are highly accomplished dancers.

Auditions to be part of our school dance group who also take part in Southern Stars will be held later in the year.

BOOK CLUB 2015
Book Club 2015 is well under way. Orders for issue 1 have now closed. Just a reminder that we only accept online payments please. You may make orders from multiple brochures in the same issue and make just one payment as long as the orders are sent in together. Thank you for your assistance with this. All stages have now received extra resources as a result of rewards from your purchases and we are looking forward to another successful year.

Pamela Bates
COMMUNITY NEWS

BOWRAL JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB ‘KOOKABURAS’
NRL come and try day on Wednesday 25 February.
Registration each Wednesday in February—4.30pm-5.30pm,
Loseby Park, Bowral
FLYERS AVAILABLE FROM MRS BELL OR MISS MONTANARI

COFFEE & CHAT NIGHT
Are you the Mum of a child with a disability? Gloria Jean’s in Bowral will be
opening its doors for a coffee and chat night on Thursday 5 March, 7pm-10pm.
Come and relax with a hot drink and enjoy the company of other Mums who
share a similar journey.

FOOTBALL NSW SOUTHERN BRANCH FOOTBALL CLUB
Boys for its U11 Skills Acquisition Program (SAP) and an U12 goalie and girls
for the U9, U10 & U11 SAP teams. Contact Matthew Shepherd on 0419 925
006 for information before 23 February 2015.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO – SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY
MITTAGONG RSL CLUB, 4PM – 6:30PM
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 3 free.

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