Principal’s Message:

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Our first School Council Meeting for 2015 will be Monday 30 March. We are looking for some new positions for the school council this year. If you are interested in joining the school council, please let our school office know of your interest and leave your contact details. The school council meets once a term to discuss school governance issues, review school policies etc.

ETHICS
Today in our newsletter you will find information about ethics classes. At present we are unable to offer these classes due to a lack of ethics teachers. Please read the attached information...we would love to have some trained ethics teachers at Bowral Public School.

HOEDOWN
Last Friday night at our Hoedown we danced, ate, talked, laughed and had fun as a school community. It was wonderful to see so many families, new and old, come together in this relaxed, fun atmosphere. A big thank you to all of the parents who baked and/or helped out in some way on the night. Thank you, too to the teachers who taught their classes the dances for the evening and came along to enjoy the festivities.

ITALIAN LESSONS
Last year we were lucky enough to offer after school Italian lessons, run by one of our mums...Margherita Zagaria who is offering Beginners and Intermediate classes again this year, commencing in Term 2. The day/s the classes run will be dependent on demand. More information further in this newsletter.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES
If your child contracts an infectious disease such as chicken pox or slap face, please inform the school as soon as possible. Information about these diseases and the length of time your child is required to stay away from school can be found on the NSW Department of Health site http://www.health.nsw.gov.au.

SWIMMING CARNIVALS
Our students have participated in our school swimming carnival and our successful swimmers went on to the district carnival this week. Congratulations to all students who participated and/or went on to win their event. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time to help out.

Wendy Buckley, PRINCIPAL

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**REMINDER DIARY DATES**

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**TERM 1 , 2014**

**WEEK**  **Monday**  **Tuesday**  **Wednesday**  **Thursday**  **Friday**

6  2 March  3 March  4 March  5 March  6 March
   Margherita Zagaria  Sue Cruickshank  Lesley Staats  Jac Monk  Maria Mackintosh
   Justine Day        Shelly Davis-Rice  Prue Wade   Louise Jackson  Bob Mackintosh
   Shelley Gillis     Bee Biddle   

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**LOST PROPERTY**

Uniform items missing so early in the term? Please check our lost property bin, it may well be there.
BOWRAL HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT FOR YEAR SEVEN 2016

The 2016 Year 7 Information Night for Bowral High School is on March 4 at 6pm in the library. All are welcome to come along and meet the school executive, year adviser Mr Nathaniel Camarsh and learn about the unique learning opportunities offered to students in Stage 4 at Bowral High School.

Become an Ethics Teacher at Bowral Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We need volunteers to teach these classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

We’re looking for volunteers who

- have time to prepare for and teach a 30 min class each week of the school term
- enjoy engaging with children and have an interest in philosophy/ethics

We give our teachers training and ongoing support. For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to http://www.primaryethics.com.au or call me Natalie Clough (Ethics Coordinator) on 0431 840 312.

ITALIAN LESSONS at Bowral Public School

Classes consist of a beginner’s class or an intermediate class which run for 45 minutes at a cost of $12 per lesson. These will be held Monday to Friday from 3.15-4.00pm and 4.00-4.50pm, subject to availability and if there are sufficient students for this class.

Maximum students per class will be 12.
Payment in advance for Terms 2 and 3, paid by 31 March will receive a discount to $90 per student per term instead of $108.
Term 4 (Christmas play/carol) payment in advance will be $80 instead of $96.

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Direct payments can be made BSB 124-001 Account No. 20722753 or by cheque.
HoeDown

What a great evening Friday was. Another successful hoe down, due to the generosity of many parents (and older siblings).

The children had a great time performing their dances and spontaneously joining in on some good old favourites.

The parent (and sibling) band were greatly appreciated.

A big thankyou to the parents that worked tirelessly on the food stalls. Without all of these selfless volunteers the night would be less enjoyable.

Congratulations to our raffle winners, it would have been a hard choice to make if you had a winning ticket.

Thanks must go to the local businesses that generously donated prizes for our raffle.

These included:
* Bradman Foundation
* Anchors Fruit and Veg.
* Simons Butchery
* Oxley Butchery
* Lemon Zebra Kids
* Kidstuff
* Creative Kid
* Moss Vale Community Pharmacy
* Cookshop
* Avril Cutroni
* Rabbit Trap Timber

Thanks also to Bowral Lions Club for making the fairy floss.
Stepping Stone Finance for the efficient corn de husking team.
Another thanks to Bowral Co op for the loan of the hay bales that gave us a country feel.

Kay Paviour
P&C President

MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS VIA OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either, a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting **Make a payment**.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, sport and sales to students.

**There is also a category called Other; this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of our school invoice or miscellaneous payments which arise throughout the term.**

When you access the **Make a payment** you must enter:

- the student’s name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the student’s name and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. If making a family invoice payment please include each student name and class this covers. There are 5 payment lines available in Other to facilitate this request.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.
Our annual swimming carnival was held last Thursday at Bowral Pool in very pleasant conditions. The carnival ran smoothly and all students were given the opportunity to participate in either competitive or novelty events on the day. It was extremely pleasing to see the high level of participation in the main races and to see so many swimmers having a go and feeling proud of their efforts. The points earned for participation for each house contributed to the final result.

A big thank you to all parents who helped on the day, without your assistance in timekeeping, organising children and setting up and packing up tents and equipment the carnival would be very difficult to run. We had so many offers of help that not all our volunteers were needed! It was great to see so many spectators supporting and encouraging their children throughout the day.

Congratulations also to all our students whose behaviour and school spirit were outstanding throughout the day. All four houses made a fantastic effort to decorate their area and the sportsmanship shown by our students was a credit to them.

All students who achieved a first, second or third place in an event were awarded ribbons and trophies and medallions were presented to the individual age champions and runners up at the school assembly last Friday.

They were:
Jnr Girls Champion Isadora Stevens
Runner Up Lily Hogan

Jnr Boys Champion Max Harmey
Runner Up Oliver Hampshire

11yr Girls Champion Hannah Hill
Runner Up Charlotte Hampshire

11yr Boys Champion Tim O’Keefe
Runners Up Oscar Murton /Jack Harris

Snr Girls Champion Gisele Townsend
Runner Up Lily Harmey

Snr Boys Champion Max Davis-Rice
Runners Up Hugo Fay /Oliver Bragg

The champion house on the day was Jellore who narrowly defeated Oxley. The house shield was presented to the Jellore House Captains, Ruby Zupp and Max Davis-Rice at the assembly.

There were no records broken on the day. A list of the current swimming records is below.

A team of 26 students represented the school at the Wingecarribee District Swimming Carnival on Monday. A full report of the district carnival will be in next week’s newsletter.

Congratulations to all swimmers on a great effort. Well Done!

Jane Bell
### BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING RECORDS GIRLS

#### 200m Individual Medley
- **Open**
  - Tayla Croudson, Oxley, 3:03.00, 2010
- **Jnr**
  - Tayla Croudson, Oxley, 3:44.96, 2008

#### 100m Freestyle
- **Open**
  - Talissa Robins, Jellore, 1:17.05, 2007

#### 50m Freestyle
- **8yrs**
  - Charlotte Blake, Oxley, 46.52, 2002
- **9yrs**
  - Charlotte Blake, Oxley, 39.57, 2003
- **10yrs**
  - Charlotte Blake, Oxley, 38.16, 2004
- **11yrs**
  - Justine Wheeler, Jellore, 36.09, 2000
- **12yrs**
  - Talissa Robins, Jellore, 34.50, 2007

#### 50m Breaststroke
- **Jnr**
  - Stephanie Allman, Oxley, 49.84, 2004
- **11yrs**
  - Stephanie Allman, Oxley, 45.21, 2005
- **Snr**
  - Justine Wheeler, Jellore, 44.08, 2001

#### 50m Backstroke
- **Jnr**
  - Charlotte Blake, Oxley, 48.04, 2004
- **11yrs**
  - Kate Allman, Oxley, 45.38, 2003
- **Snr**
  - Jade Gillis, Jellore, 41.09, 2013

#### 50m Butterfly
- **Jnr**
  - Kate Allman, Oxley, 47.62, 2002
- **11yrs**
  - Kate Allman, Oxley, 39.84, 2003
- **Snr**
  - Tayla Croudson, Oxley, 38.57, 2010

### BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING RECORDS BOYS

#### 200m Individual Medley
- **Open**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 3:15.31, 2011
- **Jnr**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 3:21.16, 2010

#### 100m Freestyle
- **Open**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 1:15.69, 2011

#### 50m Freestyle
- **8yrs**
  - Darcy Barnes, Oxley, 44.06, 2008
- **9yrs**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 41.82, 2009
- **10yrs**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 35.85, 2010
- **11yrs**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 34.25, 2011
- **12yrs**
  - Andrew Eastaway, Jellore, 34.00, 1992

#### 50m Breaststroke
- **Jnr**
  - Paul Brown, Gibraltar, 52.31, 1983
- **11yrs**
  - Jordan Berta, Oxley, 50.06, 2003
- **Snr**
  - Bryce Clark, Oxley, 48.16, 2008

#### 50m Backstroke
- **Jnr**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 42.29, 2010
- **11yrs**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 41.10, 2011
- **Snr**
  - Richard McBeath, Jellore, 41.80, 1996

#### 50m Butterfly
- **Jnr**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 38.30, 2010
- **11yrs**
  - Toby Croudson, Oxley, 37.97, 2011
- **Snr**
  - Matthew Hircock, Gibraltar, 38.84, 2007