Principal’s Message:
2015 Parents & Citizens Association (P&C)
I am pleased to announce our new P&C executive for 2015. All positions were filled, which is fantastic. Thank you to the members who attended the AGM and were prepared to nominate for our executive positions.

Thank you to:
- President, Meredith Wakeman
- Vice Presidents, Averil Cutroni and Kate Bow
- Secretary, Chrissy Toll
- Treasurer, Harriette Conway
- Executive members, Prue Wade, Libby Peisley, Kirstine McKay and Kay Paviour

A huge thank you to Kay Paviour for her leadership of the P&C over the last two years. Kay has worked tirelessly for our school and I have appreciated her willingness to help, support and lead at so many levels.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CLEARANCE
If you are a volunteer at our school and you have been volunteering in some capacity since before June 2013 then each year you need to complete a Working with Children Check-Declaration for volunteers. Forms are available from our office and MUST be completed for any volunteer activity you participate in at our school. You must provide us with 100 point check, involving proof of identity.

If you are a new parent to our school and you wish to volunteer in some capacity then you should apply for a Working with Children Check clearance. There is no cost involved for this and the process can begin with an online application form. There will be a need to visit a NSW motor registry to receive a WWCC Clearance number. This check is then valid for 5 years. Information forms on how to apply for this clearance are also available from our school office.

Any parent, even if you have been volunteering for some years at our school can apply for a WWCC clearance. In fact, this may be easier for you as the check lasts for 5 years and the current declarations will not be able to be used after 2017.

While the process may seem cumbersome, we do this with the best interests of our children in mind.

Please talk to our friendly office staff if you need clarification about this. Thank you for your help in ensuring all students at Bowral Public School are safe.

BIRTHDAYS
We all love birthdays and we all love being invited to and attending birthday parties. Of course not all children can be invited to all parties, nor should they be...as adults we understand that. Children, however often don’t understand why they weren’t invited to a particular party and can become confused and upset. Parents, please consider the feelings of others and if you are holding a party for your child ensure that invitations are given out by the adults organising the party or alternatively outside of school time.

STRANGER DANGER
There have been stories in the media recently of children being approached by strangers who have invited them to get into their cars. Teachers will be reinforcing the stranger danger message at school and I ask that parents also follow up with this important message at home.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT (ASR)
Our 2014 Annual School Report is now available on our school website for families and members of the community to read. Please take the time to have a look at the report; it is a good summary of our school, all that it offers for our students and an overview of 2014 at Bowral Public School.


NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 will be carried out on May 12, 13 and 14 in 2015.

Wendy Buckley  
PRINCIPAL

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| Thursday 26 March     | ● Gibraltar Self Help  
                        | ● Stock the Pantry |
| Monday 30 March       | ● School Council Meeting, 5:30pm |
| Thursday 2 April      | ● Easter Hat Parade K-Yr 2  
                        | ● Last day Term 1 |
| Tuesday 21 April      | ● Students return—Term 2 |
CRISP 2015 .... VOLUNTEER TUTORS WANTED

What is CRISP?
COMMUNITY READING INTENSIVE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Each year in Terms 2 and 3 we run a Reading Tutor Program for students requiring some additional support in reading. If you have an hour per week to come to the school to assist two students we would love to hear from you. You will be trained and supported. The program is valuable as it provides essential one to one support to students working on an individualised program. If you are interested or know of a friend or relative who might like to be involved, please contact me at the school by email or phone.

Bev Hordern
Support Teacher, 48611208, Beverley.Hordern@det.nsw.edu.au

This Friday we are celebrating Harmony Day at school. All students are encouraged to wear the national dress of another country, or something that symbolises for them, another country’s culture or traditions. Because of the terrible destruction in Vanuatu by Cyclone Pam we will be asking students to donate a gold coin which we will then give to one of the organisations supporting the massive task of repairing the infrastructure, including schools, in Vanuatu.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS): 'University Testing' for Years 2 to 6

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
ENTRY FORM AND PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child_________________________________ of class________ to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools: 'University Testing' for Years 2 to 6.

This entry form and money must be returned to Mrs Oszurko in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class clearly marked on the front by Friday 27 March 2015.

*** Please tick the subject you are paying for your child to enter ***

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I am paying a total of $ ______________________ by * Cash  * Cheque (made out to BPS)

Signed _______________________________________________________________ Date ________________________________
Thank you to the interested and enthusiastic group of parents who attended the Annual General Meeting of the BPS P&C Association on Monday evening. Reports were read by each sub committee, a review of finances presented, and a wrap up of the past year's events by Kay. In addition, Wendy Buckley outlined aspects of the Annual School Report, highlighting what a busy and productive place our school is. This is available to all parents to read on the school website and limited copies are available from the front office. Following this, all positions on the executive were filled for the coming year as below-

President: Meredith Wakeman
Vice Presidents: Kate Bow and Averil Cutroni
Treasurer: Harriette Conway
Secretary: Chrissy Toll
Executive Members: Kirstine McKay, Libby Peisley, Kay Paviour, Prue Wade

Our highly valued sub-committees are also up and running for the year as follows-

Uniform Shop Sub Committee
Siobhan Barrett-Lennard (Stock Controller)
Kirsty Connell (Co-ordinator)

Canteen Sub Committee
Shelley Davis-Rice (Convenor)
Emma Bragg (Roster Coordinator)
Sue Cruickshank (Canteen Administrator)
Fiona MacIntosh

Following the AGM, a general meeting was held involving planning for the coming year. The next event on the P&C calendar is a BBQ and Cake Stall to be held on election day, 28th March at the BPS Hall which will be used as a voting venue this year. We will be seeking donations of home baked cakes, slices and biscuits for sale, and the assistance of volunteers for an hour or so on each of the stalls.

To help on the cake stall, contact Kirstine McKay on kirstylumb@yahoo.com. To help out on the BBQ, contact Prue Wade on pruewade@bigpond.com.

My sincere thanks go to members of the outgoing executive and especially to Kay Paviour for her dedication and great leadership in the role of President over the past 2 years.

Meredith Wakeman
P&C PRESIDENT

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Message from the Beehive Canteen ....

Self Help Day and "Stock the Pantry" Thursday 26 March

Please remember there are NO lunch orders on Self Help Day.
There are over the counter sales only.

It is that time again where the canteen pantry needs some restocking! Thursday 26 March is Self Help Day. Instead of bringing in a gold coin donation, we are asking families to donate goods to the canteen. These goods will be used in the canteen to make some of the yummy food we serve to our children at Bowral Public School. In turn making the canteen more profitable, enabling us to continue putting money back into the school for new resources.

Thank you!

The things we really need are

- Brown sugar
- Oats (not 'Quick Oats')
- Vanilla
- Baking Powder
- Aluminium Foil
- Rice Bran Oil
- Baking paper
- Popping Corn
- Multix CUPCAKE liners (from Woolworths and Coles)

If you could please give your children your donations to bring in on Self Help Day we would be most grateful.

Thank you!

Shelly Davis-Rice
Canteen Convenor

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## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1, 2014

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National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2015

LETTER TO PARENT

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program _ Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 15 May** – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:
- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent Carer support/index.html.

Handbook for Principals NAPLAN 2015