In the coming weeks our teachers will be holding parent information meetings. I hope that many parents will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about your child's class routines.

It was wonderful to see so many new faces at our P&C meeting on Monday night. Thank you to those parents who attended and indicated a willingness to help our school in some way. One of the topics that was discussed at the meeting on Monday night was student leadership. As I indicated last year, the process was reviewed, our school community surveyed and the results have been analysed and some changes will be made to the process as a result of this rigorous evaluation. Thank you to Nicole Smith, President of the School Council for her objective presentation on Monday night and analysis of the survey results. The school leader survey results are available on our school website.

Our Hoedown will be held on Friday 18 March. This is a wonderful chance for our community to meet up in a friendly atmosphere where parents and children can have an evening of fun at school.

Our welcome to the school year for new parents will be held at the Bradman Museum on Thursday 3 March. Please buy tickets online at https://bpsbubbles2016.eventbrite.com.au

SCHOOL SAFETY
If you are visiting our school during the school day, you must sign in as a visitor. Should our school site ever need to be evacuated, or if there is a lockdown or some other emergency, it is important that we know who is on site. Please help us with this important matter. All visitors to our school should wear a visitor's badge and if you are volunteering in some capacity, you should have completed a Working With Children Check Declaration.

SESQUICENTENARY
Next year will be our 150th anniversary (sesquicentenary). Our sesquicentenary committee, which consists of teachers and parents has met and begun the planning process. September 2017 will be Back to Bowral month and we will soon begin to advertise dates and events so that you can save the dates in your calendars and diaries.

BICYCLE
Last Friday one of our students left their push bike at school. If your child rode their bike to school, but didn’t have it at the end of the day, we have it at school. There is a purple bike helmet attached to the bike. Brand Cell.

ASTHMA AND ANAPHYLAXIS
If your child has asthma or is anaphylactic, they must have a health care plan which is signed by a medical practitioner. This must be reviewed every year, in case your child’s medical condition changes. Please have these updated forms completed as soon as possible. Forms are available at our school office.

BACK TO SCHOOL ASTHMA SPIKE
Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers. Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

ASTHMA KIDS
Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! www.asthmakids.org.au

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL
REMINDER DIARY DATES

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Last week at Camp Australia several of the children and educators celebrated Lunar New Year – the Year of the Monkey, by dressing up in red. The children watched a video an educator had taken of Lion Dancing in the Chinese Garden of Friendship in Sydney. This enabled the children to develop their awareness and respect of different cultures and how diversity plays a beneficial role within their local community. Throughout the week we also held several emergency drills, raising the awareness of the children of how important these drills are, to know exactly what to do should a real emergency take place and that everyone can remain safe. If you have any questions about before or after school care, please come to see Ziena, Eloise or Tracey in Bowral Public School Hall, or give us a call on 0450259031. You can register and book online at www.campaustralia.com.au

Celebrating the Lunar New Year – the Year of the Monkey!

Bowral Public School

P&C

Last Friday our outdoor movie night was enjoyed by a large crowd who had a relaxed dinner and then settled down on the lush lawns to share the movie "Paper Planes". The beautiful weather and fun atmosphere made the evening a great success which was commented on by families as they headed home.

On Monday evening our first meeting for the year was well attended for a very full agenda. It was great to see lots of interested parents, both new and old, supporting their school. Planning towards a number of events will begin with our "Hoedown" which is planned for the evening of Friday 18 March. This is a family get together of dancing which the students will prepare for in stage groups. As this is a large, whole school event, we will be seeking the assistance of parents and family members to man the food stalls. Interested musicians are also invited to join our small, country style band who provide live music for the evening. Contact details will follow next week.

Meredith Wakeman
P&C PRESIDENT

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOWRAL BLACKS RUGBY CLUB
Register and information www.bowralrugby.com.au or in person 20 February 2016 Bowral Rugby Club Eridge Park, Burradoo 1—2.30pm

BOWRAL HOCKEY CLUB
Registration times: Friday 19 February 4.00pm – 7.00pm Scottish Arms, Bowral & Sunday 21 February 10.00am – 2.00pm, Welby Hockey Centre, Welby. For further information please go to www.bowralhockeyclub.com.au or secretary@bowralhockeyclub.com.au

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RELAY FOR LIFE
This years Relay for Life is 2—3 April at the Moss Vale Showground. Please consider joining the BPS team, or donating to us. The aim is to have someone from the team walking the track at all times for 24 hours. Apart from having fun and enjoying a community event, you can support a great cause that provides many services to many people throughout their cancer journey. Please contact Kay Paviour, 0413348093, for further details or register with our team at Relay for Life, Southern Highlands.

Support Road Safety Complete the <LOOK> Survey
Receive a FREE <LOOK> Tote Bag

KEEP AN EYE OUT
ON A STREET NEAR YOU
PEOPLE IN THE HIGHLANDS
HAVE AN EYE FOR SAFETY

Various high pedestrian activity areas in the Wingecarribee Shire have been stamped with the <LOOK> pedestrian safety message, including the Bendooley Street signals. This is a road safety initiative from Council’s Road Safety Officer supported by Roads and Maritime Service RMS.

To help with the RMS evaluation component of this campaign you’re invited to complete the <LOOK> survey at the following link.

Complete survey at: yoursaywingecarribee/road-safety
SKOOLBAG SCHOOL APP
Our school has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent community. We are asking families to install our Skoolbag School App.
To install it, just search for our school name "Bowral Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

Information for Parents
If you are a Parent and your school has Skoolbag, you can install the app on your phone or tablet device by following these instructions:

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.