DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Monday 22 February 25 students represented Bowral Public School at the District Swimming Carnival. A huge thank you to Mrs Bell who was the district organiser and team manager. Bowral Public School was announced as district champions on the day, thanks to the high level of participation and excellent results from all of our students who swam at the carnival. A full report will be in next weeks newsletter.

LEADERSHIP DAY
Congratulations to our school leaders, consisting of our SRC representatives, House Captains and School Leaders who attended a team building and leadership day at Wombaroo yesterday with other students from our Community of Schools. It sounds like it was a fantastic day! Thank you to Mrs Davidson, who accompanied these students and will be leading the SRC at Bowral Public School.

HOEDOWN
Our annual Hoedown will be held at school on 18 March. I know that parents are busily working organising stalls and teachers and classes are practising dances. We look forward to welcoming new families and having a fun evening of friendship and music. I hope that as many families as possible can come. Further information in P&C news. See you there!

BBUBBLES AT BRADMAN
Before we have our family evening of fun at the Hoedown we will be hosting Bubbles at Bradman to welcome new parents to our school. I hope that many parents can join us next Thursday 3 March at 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased online through Eventbrite: https://bpsbubbles2016.eventbrite.com.au
The purchase price of $20 includes a glass of sparkling wine and finger food.

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE
Next Monday I will be taking our 8 student school leaders to the Young Leaders Day in Sydney. These boys and girls have started their year as elected school leaders by showing integrity and excellent leadership. Last week they very capably led our first whole school assembly. I am looking forward to working with them in the year ahead.
Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS WEEK 7
We are looking forward to meeting with individual parents of students in Years 1 to 6 in Week 7 on the 9 and 10 March in our school hall. Please use the link below to book your time slot with your child’s class teacher. Some support staff will also be available to meet with you.
(once at the site you will be asked to enter the following code: fz827)
Kindergarten parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher in Week 8 to discuss the Best Start reports.

SKOOLBAG APP INVOICE PAYMENT
Invoices can now be paid by the Skoolbag App. “Make a Payment”
Jan Christie

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OUR FRIENDSHIP TREES ARE BACK!

On Wednesday this week, the children will have noticed that our Friendship Trees have had a ‘makeover’ with new bunting decorating their branches. For the sake of new students and their families, and to refresh the memories of all our families, here is a brief overview of their purpose and function.

The trees provide a strategy for children who may find themselves alone during recess or lunch breaks. There are students for whom the less structured playground environment can be quite overwhelming at times. We have identified with them, a tree in each of our playground areas – upper and lower – both of which have seats under them. These trees provide a place for students to go and sit if they are alone. They may meet someone else there and then both decide to go off to play together. We will encourage all students to look under the trees and if they see someone there alone, perhaps invite them to join a game or just spend time with them.

The trees will always be there and available of course but on Wednesdays, there will be some wonderful volunteers from the Uniting Church meeting with the students who visit. On other days, at lunchtime, we hope to have the SRC and school leaders there to engage with the children. On these days, there will be some quiet activities provided such as books, drawing materials and some colouring in.

So, now you know what your child is talking about when they mention the Friendship Trees! You might like to reinforce the following points with your children:

- the trees provide a place for you to go to at recess and lunch if you are on your own.
- you might go there to find a friend or to meet a new one!
- you can sit under the tree and read if you’d like some quiet time.
- if you notice someone on their own at the tree, you might like to invite them to join in a game with you and your friends, or just spend some time with them.
- on certain days, there will be senior students and some adults at the trees with quiet activities for you to do.

Bev Hordern
Learning and Support Team Coordinator.

Just a reminder that all orders for Book Club Issue 1 need to be finalised by this Friday 26 February. We have had many orders from this issue with Goosebumps being very popular. I am sure your child will enjoy reading all these wonderful books when they arrive at the school in the next few weeks.

Pamela Bates

Dance!!

Years 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to attend a Junior Dance Workshop (intensive 3 day) or a Boys Only Junior Dance Workshop (intensive 2 day). Applications are now open, refer to the links below for

- “BOYS ONLY” in Years 5-6 [https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/boys-only-junior-dance-workshop-years-5-6](https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/boys-only-junior-dance-workshop-years-5-6)

More information is available from myself or Mrs Hardy.

Thank you, Pamela Bates
HOEDOWN  
Friday 18 March 2016, 5:00pm—7:30pm

Planning is underway for our annual "Hoedown" which will be held in the upper playground. This is a family get together of dancing and boot scootin' with the opportunity to meet other families and share in the atmosphere. Each stage group of students will also show off their dancing skills by preparing a dance for the evening. There will be great food with a BBQ operating, corn on the cob, watermelon, home baked treats, real coffee and fairy floss.

As this is a large, whole school event, we will be seeking the assistance of parents and family members to help with preparations and man the food stalls. Each stage has been allocated a role, but help is welcome anywhere! Contact details are below-

- **Stage 3** - Corn on the cob
  - Kay [kay.paviour@bigpond.com](mailto:kay.paviour@bigpond.com)
- **Stage 2** - BBQ
  - Prue [prue.wade@icloud.com](mailto:prue.wade@icloud.com)
- **Stage 1** - Cake and watermelon
  - Kirstine [kirstylumb@yahoo.com](mailto:kirstylumb@yahoo.com)
- **Early Stage 1** - Husking corn - this will be done between the end of lunch and 3:10pm
  - Kay [kay.paviour@bigpond.com](mailto:kay.paviour@bigpond.com)

We will be seeking donations of baked goods for our cake stall from across the whole school.

Interested musicians are also invited to join our small, country style band who provide live music for the evening. Please contact Danielle Koek (0417079274).

**BPS Art Show 2016**

Later this year we will be holding our biannual Art Show which will be the major fundraiser for the year. We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in being a part of a small subcommittee who will plan towards and run this event. The date proposed for the art show is the weekend 9, 10, 11 September. Please contact me if you would like to know more.

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