BUBBLES AT BRADMAN
We have left bookings open for those who have left it to the last minute to buy tickets. Please consider coming along to meet parents, new and old...it is a great chance to meet staff as well as the parents of your children’s friends.
All parents are welcome. https://bpsbubbles2016.eventbrite.com.au

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE
On Monday I had the privilege of taking our 8 school leaders to ACER ARENA in Homebush to hear a variety of speakers talk about leadership. Some accounts of the excursion are in this newsletter.

JOINT INITIATIVE WITH TANGARA SSP
This week some of our Year 6 students have had the honour of being selected to work as buddies to students at Tangara School. Congratulations to the Year 6 students who nominated for this worthwhile initiative. It is another example of the leadership opportunities that are given to our Year 6 students. Those students who are chosen will work alongside Tangara students once a week, assisting them with literacy, artwork and sport.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
The response to our interviews has been fantastic. We knew that parents wanted these interviews from our survey data. Bookings can be made online at http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code (once at the site you will be asked to enter the following code: fz827)

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY
Students in Years 4-6 will shortly be involved in a survey…please see the information contained in this newsletter.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

REMINDER DIARY DATES

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SCHOOL LEADERS WRITTEN ACCOUNTS OF NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY CONFERENCE

Addison

This week, the school leaders from Bowral Public School had the privilege of attending the National Young Leaders’ Day in Sydney.
We listened to speakers from all over Australia who had lots of different stories to tell about their amazing achievements. The focus of the day was to inspire future young leaders to “master the little”. To me, this means that every little step is important on the way to your big goal.
We were all very grateful to Mrs Buckley, who was on the bus with us at 6.30am to give us this amazing opportunity.

Hal

Three quotes inspired me from The Young Leaders Day speakers.
Learn from your mistakes. Find new levels within yourself and Be the best you.
We all make mistakes, it’s how you learn from them. Setting goals helps, sometimes things change but striving high keeps you on track. Being the best you makes you a nice person, treat people how you want to be treated.

Archie
A team of 25 students represented Bowral Public School at the Wingecarribee P.S.S.A District Swimming Carnival on Monday 22 February.

They were:
- Oliver Matthews
- James Kim
- Tim O'Keefe
- Luca Murray
- Larry Doyle
- Archie Hancock
- Kai Townsend
- Rohan Day
- Monty Hancock
- Ben Alexander
- Jacob O'Brien
- Xavier McLoughlin
- Hannah
- Charlotte Hampshire
- Sophie Hanrahan
- Ilana Sheezel
- Lily Hogan
- Madeleine Bragg
- Ava Gillis
- Gretel Wansey
- Sofia Bell
- Lara Fischer
- Isadorah Stevens
- Max Harney
- Oliver Hampshire

These students represented our school with pride; they showed outstanding support for each other and behaved impeccably. All our students gave their best and were cheered on by a large group of parents. It was a very successful day for Bowral swimmers, resulting in a win for our school with 159 points, 94 points clear of second place, Robertson. Bowral also finished second in the handicap trophy which is calculated by dividing the number of points scored by the enrolment. A fantastic achievement!

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

Many races featured a Bowral student in the top three and three of our students were named champions in their age championships.

They were:
- 11 Year Girl Champion: Lily Hogan
- 11 Year Boy Champion: Max Harmey
- Senior Girl Champion: Hannah

Four of our students were runners up to the champions in their age division.

- Junior Girl: Ava Gillis
- 11 Year Girl: Madeleine Bragg
- 11 Year Boy: James Kim
- Senior Girl: Charlotte Hampshire

Seventeen of our swimmers have been selected to represent the Wingecarribee District at the South Coast Regional Championships to be held at Dapto Pool, on Tuesday 8 March in individual events.

They are:
- Hannah
- Lily Hogan
- Charlotte Hampshire
- Isadorah Stevens
- Madeline Bragg
- Ilana Sheezel
- Ava Gillis
- Gretel Wansey
- Oliver Hampshire
- Tim O'Keefe
- Max Harney
- James Kim
- Oliver Matthews
- Larry Doyle
- Kai Townsend
- Archie Hancock
- Xavier McLoughlin

Our four relay teams all won their event and will represent Bowral Public School at the South Coast Championships. The relay teams are:

**JUNIOR BOYS**
- Oliver Hampshire
- Oliver Matthews
- Jacob O'Brien
- Monty Hancock

**JUNIOR GIRLS**
- Ilana Sheezel
- Ava Gillis
- Sophie Hanrahan
- Lara Fischer

**SENIOR BOYS**
- Tim O'Keefe
- Archie Hancock
- Larry Doyle
- Max Harney

**SENIOR GIRLS**
- Charlotte Hampshire
- Hannah
- Lily Hogan
- Madeleine Bragg

We wish them the best of luck as they face very tough competition at the South Coast.

Finally a HUGE thank you to all the parents who supported and assisted our team on the day, especially to Mrs Angela Hill who provided fantastic support to our swimmers as team manager and took some wonderful photos.

*Jane Bell (District Swimming Convenor)*

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**THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY – YEARS 4 - 6**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey 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-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **DO NOT** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 11 March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.
News from the Beehive . . . . .

Can you believe we are already in the middle of Term 1??
We have been very busy with lots happening over the past few weeks. We have to welcome Sue Cruickshank as our new Casual Canteen Assistant working on Thursday and Fridays. Most of you may already know Sue as she has been volunteering in the canteen for the past 4 years. Say hi if you happen to be passing by, or better still pop in and see her and put your name on the roster!
Now we have completed filling our vacant position it is now time to focus on getting some new members onto the Canteen Committee.
We have the P&C AGM on Monday 21 March at 6.30pm, so if you would like to be part of the Executive Committee start having a think about it. We are having a Canteen Committee meeting on Wednesday 9 March at 3.15pm in the library so if you would like to come along and see what it is all about please do so, everyone is welcome. We will be looking for a new Convenor and an Admin/Communications Officer. The Convenor basically oversees the committee and supports the canteen staff to ensure everything is running smoothly, the Admin/Communications Officer will do the minutes at meetings and assist the committee by putting together our newsletters and the occasional urgent message. It would also be great to have a few more members on the committee as we have lost a couple due to work and children moving onto high school. We will no longer require a Roster Coordinator after this AGM as Adriana will be taking on that role on as part of her responsibilities. On that note I would like to say a huge, huge thank you to our current Roster Coordinator Emma Bragg, who has done nothing short of performing miracles at times to get vacancies covered, filling in many times herself and nothing ever being a problem. Emma has been incredible to work with and I am sure anyone that has dealt with her has found her incredibly obliging and helpful. I am sure there would have been many days were the canteen would have had to close without your efforts.

In the coming months we will have Stock the Pantry. This will be on Self Help Day, Friday 1 April. (No this is not a joke!)
For the new parents, Stock the Pantry is where the Canteen Staff give me a list of ingredients that we use regularly in the canteen and we ask families to donate as little or as much as they like. In the past, Self Help Days would ask for a gold coin donation to raise money for the school. As the canteen puts their profits back into the school this effectively works the same way, we just save money on buying certain products for the canteen making more profit. Keep an eye out for a separate note about Self Help Day with the list of products on it.

We will also be developing a new menu for Winter. If you have any burning ideas for meal deals please send email mdr01@bigpond.com, or Adriana, our Canteen Manager, adriana.neillstevens@gmail.com, an email.

Last, however never least, we are always looking for new volunteers. Thank you to all of our regular volunteers who continue to step up and help us out and thank you to the new parents that have come in and put their name down on the roster. We can always do with more helpers as our regulars get worn thin after a while. If you can drop into the canteen to put your name on the roster that would be fantastic otherwise please send Emma an email on emmacjbragg@me.com

This will be my last newsletter as Canteen Convenor as I will be stepping down at the AGM. Thank you to everyone who has assisted me and the committee over the past 3 years. It has been a very rewarding, although sometimes challenging time. We have achieved so much in 3 years. The Canteen Policies and Procedures Manual, Changing the Infrastructure of the Canteen to have a Manager and a Canteen Assistant and of course ensuring our Canteen continues to provide our students with healthy fresh food options and putting our profits back into the school to benefit our whole school community. I have to say a big thank you to all of the committee members. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and a lot of fun. Thank you for all of the support you have offered over the past 3 years.

Shelly Davis-Rice, Canteen Convenor

Bowral Public School

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HOEDOWN
Friday 18 March 2016, 5:00pm—7:30pm
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.
There will be great food available on the night. 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
Stage 2 - BBQ
Stage 1 - Cake and watermelon
Early Stage 1 - Husking corn -this will be done between the end of lunch and 3:10pm

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 M: 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.

BULBS
Each year our P&C sells spring flowering bulbs as a fundraiser. Catalogues have been distributed via classrooms and additional ones will be available from the front office. Closing date is Friday 11 May.

AGM
Don’t forget our AGM will be held on Monday 21 March, starting at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

Meredith Wakeman, P&C PRESIDENT