PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Our Parent Teacher interviews will be held over two evenings this week. Teachers are looking forward to having discussions with parents. If you have been unable to book a time that suits you, please contact your child’s class teacher to organise a mutually convenient time.

BUBBLES AT BRADMAN
Last Thursday night we welcomed new parents to our school in the wonderful location of The Bradman Museum. It was lovely to meet so many of our new parents in a social setting.

HOEDOWN
Students are busy learning their dances for The Hoedown which will be held on Friday 18 March, 5pm-7:30pm. Our active P&C are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that this will be a fun night for all involved.

SPORTING HOUSE ALLOCATION
When students are enrolled at Bowral Public School, they are allocated to a sporting house, whether they are in Kindergarten or in a higher grade. All siblings are allocated to the same house for the convenience of families. There is a carefully planned and monitored system for allocating sporting houses. Numbers of students across the range of age groups and total house members is constantly being monitored and balanced. The school can control house number equity to a large extent when placing students into houses on their enrolment. What we cannot control is where we lose numbers in houses when families leave. The student population is constant ebb and flow and from time to time one house will randomly lose more students than another. This cannot be made up by moving existing students between houses as most students identify quite strongly with their house colour and events and would not willingly change. We have to wait until new families arrive and allocate them into the vacancies. Discrepancies are closely monitored and as soon as possible rebalanced. This system is in place to promote equity and enjoyment for our students in their sporting house competitions and events.

Our sporting houses are:
Joadja……..Blue house….. ‘Great deeds’
Gibraltar…Yellow house…. ‘Great courage’
Oxley……..Red house…. ‘Great speed’
Jellore…..Green house…. ‘Great strength’

Points are collected in classrooms on a daily basis for good behaviour, kindness and cooperation. At each whole school assembly the winning house is announced and each semester there is a prize for students in the winning house.

Each term a house organises and runs Self Help, an opportunity for all students to design and implement an activity to raise money for their school.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS WEEK 8
We are looking forward to meeting with individual parents of students in Kindergarten on the 16th March in our school hall. Please use the link below to book your time slot with your child’s class teacher.
(If you Visit Link below, it will take you to the site, then once at the site you will be asked to enter the following code: 2b5pe)

Jan Christie
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
THE GIRLS’ CRICKET TEAM WINS FIRST MATCH
On Friday 26 February, the school girls’ cricket team went to Centennial Oval for their first game of cricket for 2016. Their opponent was Albion Park Public School. Once Albion Park arrived they tossed a coin to arrange who was batting and fielding first. Bowral was fielding first. Luckily it was a cool day, otherwise everyone would have been very hot and tired. Every member of the team participated, and tried their best. After 30 overs Albion Park was 7/59. Bowral batted next. They were all cheering as the first batters went out and got a few runs. After lots of running, hitting, bowling and catching, Bowral were fortunately successful. Bowral had defeated Albion Park. After 30 overs Bowral was 4/71. WE HAD WON!
The whole cricket team is now looking forward to their next match, which will hopefully be another victory.
Heidi Alexander 5Z and Isadorah Stevens 5H

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS…
Each year, in terms two and three, we run our CRISP tutor program. CRISP stands for Community Reading Intensive Support Program and it has been run successfully in our school for over ten years. CRISP relies on wonderful volunteers who give an hour of their time each week to work with two students individually. Tutors are trained and supported throughout the program and our past tutors report enjoying the program and their work with the students. If you would like to be involved, please contact me at the school by leaving a phone message and I will call you to arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the program more fully. If you are aware of someone not directly involved with the school, who might like to assist, please ask them to contact me as this is a Community Volunteer Program. Thank you for considering this request to provide valuable support to students who struggle with literacy.
Bev Hordern, SUPPORT TEACHER

HOEDOWN
Friday 18 March, 5pm - 7.30pm
It’s time to dig out those checked shirts, boots and hats! 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 contact Kay kay.paviour@bigpond.com
Stage 2 – BBQ contact Prue prue.wade@icloud.com
Stage 1 – Cake and watermelon contact Kirstine kirstylumb@yahoo.com
Early Stage 1 – Husking corn this will be done between the end of lunch and 3.10pm kay.paviour@bigpond.com
( Helpers from all stages welcome to join in here, as this is a mammoth task. Please sign in at the front office)
We will also be seeking donations of baked goods for our coffee and cake stall from across the whole school. These are sold as individual serves and can be brought to the stall on the evening or left at the canteen on Friday morning.

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 that our AGM will be held on Monday 21 March, starting at 6.30pm in the school library. At this meeting all positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken from members who are financial prior to the meeting starting. Roles include-
President- responsible for chairing and the successful functioning of the association meetings, communication, adherence to the constitution and fostering the participation of members and volunteers.
Vice-Presidents- (2) support the president and take over the chairing of meetings if required
Treasurer- ensures that the association maintains financial accountability while also receiving and depositing monies, maintaining records and presenting a report to monthly meetings.
Secretary- Prepares and distributes minutes and agendas and maintains official records of the P&C Association.
Executive members- (4) this group form the key decision making group and attend meetings on a regular basis.

In addition, there are opportunities to find out about joining our permanent canteen and uniform shop subcommittees or participate in P&C events at a regional level.
A short monthly meeting will be held following the conclusion of the AGM. New members are always welcome to participate in sharing information and ideas about our school.
Meredith Wakeman, P&C President
Last week at Camp Australia a number of children had a wonderful time making paper aeroplanes and then determining which one they would enter into the Camp Australia Paper Aeroplane Competition. There were several paper planes that were very aerodynamic and flew greater than 15m. Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to those that gained a place in the competition. Several children also enjoyed helping Educators do some cooking which included making a chocolate cake and apple pies. These culinary creations were then shared with everyone as a late afternoon tea snack and by all accounts were considered to be very yummy. It's wonderful to see children taking an interest in cooking at Camp Australia, as well as at home. If you have any questions about before or after school care, please come to see Zierna, Eloise or Tracey in Bowral Public School Hall, or give us a call on 0450259031.

You can register and book online at www.campaustalia.com.au

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**NETBALL 2016**

Netta Players needed. Girls aged 5-7 yrs.
No experience necessary. Fun team sport!
Contact: bowralbutterflies@gmail.com

**Highlands Hawks AFL Training started for 2016.** Boys and Girls aged between 5 and 15. Training on Tuesdays 4pm -5:30pm (Auskick 4: 30pm) at Loseby Park, Bowral. Match days are Sundays, starting 3 April.
Enquiries: Christine Fitzgerald on 0403 753 527.

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