HOEDOWN
Our Hoedown is on this Friday evening, commencing at 5.00pm. We look forward to welcoming all of our families along for an evening of friendship, music and dance.
Dances will be performed in the following order:
Kindergarten: 5:15pm
Stage 1: 5:30pm
Stage 2: 5:45pm
Stage 3: 6:00pm

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. If for some reason, you were unable to meet with your child’s class teacher, please feel free to contact them to make an appointment.
Dr Cotter and Mr Jut will be in touch with parents over the coming weeks to reschedule their interviews.

LOCKDOWN AND EVACUATION DRILLS
It is a Workplace Health and Safety requirement that schools hold Lockdown and/or Evacuation drills at least once every six months. This week our students were familiarised with our bell system and we will have a drill in the coming months.

NEW CLASSROOMS
Thank you to the parents and students who were most understanding this week when the Boolwey Street gate was closed due to the concrete pour. The building site is a hive of activity and we are amazed at the speed that it is progressing.

MUSIC AT BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
Teachers from our school along with 162 teachers from primary schools across NSW, recently completed a professional learning workshop with The Arts Unit to prepare for the 2016 Festival of Choral Music. Teachers learnt the choral repertoire and explored rehearsal techniques in preparation for introducing the materials to their students. Students from our school will be performing the repertoire later this year at the Sydney Opera House.

KINDERGARTEN FEATURE IN SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS NEWS
Next Monday 21 March, our Kindergarten students along with all other Kindergarten students in The Southern Highlands primary schools will be featured in the Southern Highlands News.

P&C AGM
The P&C AGM will be held this coming Monday at 6.30pm. This meeting will be followed by a general P&C meeting. We look forward to seeing many parents at the meeting. Come along and support our school!

\textit{Wendy Buckley}
\textit{PRINCIPAL}

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\textbf{REMINDER DIARY DATES} & & & \\
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Friday 18 March & Hoedown 5pm—7.30pm & Monday 21 March & P&C AGM meeting 6:30pm \\
Monday 21 March & P&C & AGM meeting 6:30pm & Thursday 24 March & K, Yr 1, Yr 2 Easter Hat Parade \\
Friday 25 March & GOOD FRIDAY & Monday 28 March & EASTER MONDAY \\
Thursday 31 March & School Cross Country & Friday 1 April & Self Help – Gibraltar \\
Tuesday 4 April & K-1 Fun Run TBC & Friday 8 April & Students last day Term 1 \\
Tuesday 26 April & School Development Day & Wednesday 27 April & Students return Term 2 \\
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The Regional Swimming Carnival was held last Tuesday at Dapto. Our students were eager to do their best for their school and the district. Several swimmers recorded personal best times and were thrilled to compete at this much higher level. Our relay teams also swam well, all recording faster times. Our senior girls team did exceptionally well, finishing fifth in their events. Bowral’s team members will be presented with a district representative ribbon at the whole school assembly this week, recognising their achievements.

Congratulations to the following students on their successful swimming season.

- Hannah
- Lily Hogan
- Charlotte Hampshire
- Isadorah Stevens
- Madeline Bragg
- Ilana Sheezel
- Ava Gillis
- Gretel Wansey
- Sophie Hanrahan
- Lara Fischer
- Oliver Hampshire
- Tim O’Keefe
- Max Harmey
- James Kim
- Oliver Matthews
- Larry Hampshire
- Kai Townsend
- Archie Hancock
- Xavier McLoughlin
- Jacob O’Brien

Thank you to all the parents who assisted in many different ways to ensure our swimmers had the opportunity to compete in swimming in 2016.

Students in Year Five and Six are given the opportunity to trial for a wide range of sports for selection in representative teams. Students who nominate for these trials must be of a high standard and play regular competition in their chosen sport, as the ultimate aim is to gain selection in a South Coast Regional Team, which is made up of students from across the huge South Coast PSSA, and earn the right to participate in the NSW State championships. In order to gain selection students participate in Wingecarribee District Trials and if successful, in Tablelands Zone Trials and then in South Coast Regional Trials. Several of these trials have been completed.

**Cricket**

Oscar Murton, Chris Nedavaska, Hal Canute, Jack McCallum, Flynn Corby and Max Harmey were selected in the Wingecarribee district cricket team. This team travelled to Goulburn for the zone trials. The boys were tested in the nets against players from the Goulburn and Queanbeyan districts and were great representatives of their schools. Oscar, Chris and Max were successful in gaining selection in the Zone team which represented the Southern Tablelands at the Regional Trials. The standard of cricket at these trials was very high and all players were expected to bat, bowl and field at a high level. At the end of five hours of tough cricket twenty four players were named in the regional squad. Congratulations to Oscar who was named in the regional squad. He will be striving to gain selection in the South Coast Regional Cricket team which will compete at the state championships in Term Four this year. We wish him every success.

**Football**

Selection trials for both district girls and boys football were held last week. Sixteen girls and fifty six boys from the district public schools attended these trials. Eight of our students were selected in the district teams, a fantastic result! Congratulations to Henry Connell, Tom Peckitt, Tim O’Keefe, Xavier McLoughlin, Luca Murray, Oscar Murton, Millie Falshaw and Charlotte Hampshire.

The district girls’ and boys’ football teams will travel to Goulburn on Thursday to participate in the Tablelands Zone Trials. We wish our football players the best of luck.

**Netball**

The WDPSSA netball trials were held at Eridge Park on Monday. Twenty five students from around the district attended the trials. Five of our students, Jemima Wansey, Olivia Bow, Jennifer Allan, Zahi Terry and Zoe Phillips were selected in the district team. They will represent the Wingecarribee District at the zone trials next Monday at Eridge Park. Congratulations and good luck girls!

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**DEBATING DAY**

This week, some of us had the privilege of attending a debating workshop held by the Arts Unit in the hall. We learned all of the brilliant techniques used by professional debaters. We spent the day getting up and rebutting, making arguments and PEEL-ing. If you don’t know what that means, you’re clearly not a debater! Tony Davey, the head debate-master, told us we would become better at arguing with our parents, but also better at writing good persuasive texts. The whole day was great fun.

**Hal Canute**

Yesterday a few of us participated in a debating workshop where we learned all about debating. There were lots of students from other schools as well. It was a really enjoyable day.

**Olivia Bow and Mille Falshaw**

Our 2016 Boys cricket team members are:

Chris Nedavaska, Finn O'Connor, Flynn Corby, Hal Canute, Jack Ayling, Jack McCallum, Luca Murray, Max Harmey, Nick Anderson, Oscar Murton (Captain), Tim O'Keeffe and Tom Peckitt.

Last Wednesday 9 March on a glorious sunny day the Bowral Boys Representative Cricket team played their first PSSA match against Crookwell Public School at Centennial Park in Bowral. This game was in fact round two of the knockout. We did not play in round one and automatically progressed through to round two after Moss Vale Public School withdrew in round 1.

Crookwell won the toss and elected to bowl. It was soon clear that we had strength in our batting line up with Oscar and Chris both retiring after reaching the maximum allowed runs of 40. Tim, Jack and Luca also showed their batting skill with Luca not out at the end of our allowed 25 overs with 11 runs. At the conclusion of the innings Bowral were 3 for 131 runs.

Following a brief lunch break under a very warm sun it was time for Crookwell to bat and Bowral to take the field. Crookwell batted steadily with their first batsman retiring on 40. Chris bowled and caught out their next top order batsman and he was dismissed for only 23 runs. Crookwell continued to make steady runs rounding out their innings with a score of 3 for 102. Just not quite enough runs to catch Bowral’s total. As the winners Bowral will now play in round three against one of the South Coast teams in the coming weeks. We wish the boys continued success.

I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who made it a very successful day. To parents who transported children to and from the game, Richard Anderson and Michael Murton our coaches, Andrew O’Connor for assisting with picking up equipment from school and setting up and dismantling our shade tent. A really big thank you to Bruce Hall (Chris’ pop) for scoring. Your help was very much appreciated. We were once again also fortunate to have the umpiring assistance of Mr Norman Stanton who commented on the skill shown on the field. Well done boys!

I am very pleased to be the Manager of the Boys Cricket team again in 2016 and look forward to our next game.

Mrs Halbert, Boys Cricket Team Manager

TANGARA VISIT
It is such a joy to be with our Year 6 students who give up their lunchtime on a Tuesday to work with the junior students from Tangara School. Yesterday, students from 6G: Xavier, Tea, Tarian and Jasmine worked with the junior class from Tangara on reading and ball skills. Hairy MacClairy was a popular book and playing with the parachute learning about ‘up and down’ was a favourite game. I am so proud to say that this program is now in its third year and each group of Year 6 students have just been wonderful with their Tangara buddies.

Jan Christie
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

STILL CALLING FOR CRISP HELPERS.....
Do you have an hour per week to spend with students to support their literacy? If so, please consider this?

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. The number of students we can support depends on the number of volunteers we have.

Bev Hordern, Support Teacher.
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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)
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