Have you ever wanted a school magazine? Well here it is! Welcome to the first ever Bowral Public School magazine. This end of year edition of our magazine will take a look back at our action packed year of 2014. It also includes teacher profiles, interviews with students who have amazing skills (the ones you don’t hear about in the newsletters!), and some fantastic writing. There are reviews of films, plays, competitions, even a self-improvement page - and more. The SRC is hoping to establish a school tradition for next year that will last for years, if not decades. We hope that our magazine will inform, engage and entertain readers. We’ve enjoyed putting it together and we hope you enjoy reading it.

Your SRC.

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On the 15th of August we saw the play Beatrix. I thought it was a good play and all the jumping across time was cool. All the students fitted perfectly into their characters, but some of the names were a bit weird (Lady Flubbertones, Countess Parbrain and Madam Wattlechops). I think it was good this year how there was only one longer play, not just two short plays which are half as good (which the drama group has done in previous years). The story (in chronological order) is: Beatrix is like Cinderella, she goes to the ball, marries the prince, and then becomes Queen because the prince’s dad dies. Then there is a war where Beatrix’s new husband, the new king, dies. Beatrix becomes a solitary monarch, with no co-ruler, and then declares the kingdom a republic with her as the ruler.

Throughout the play there are a lot of songs (it SHOULD be called Beatrix the Musical), and also there is one dance which is nice and short. I think Dr Cotter did a very good job with this play.  

Liam O’Keefe

On the 19th of November, a big group of students from Stage 2 & 3 went on a trip to Sydney. First of all, we went into the State Library, where we saw some very interesting artefacts. We had to find our favourite artefact and write information about it. Our favourite thing in the library was the Shakespeare Room where they had copies of all the original folios.

Next, we drove to the Belvoir Theatre to see A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. After having lunch in the foyer, we went into the theatre. We got a shock when we entered and saw snow falling all around us. On the stage, Bob Cratchett and Scrooge were already doing paperwork. Everyone went crazy and chopped snow at each other. It felt magical and fun even though I nearly choked when Ava threw too much snow at me!

The scariest thing in the show was when the ghost-of-Christmases-yet-to-come appeared with a sudden flash of light and a thundering noise.

The funniest part was when a Christmas tree came on stage and started singing.

Will Dowe and Hal Canute

After the show, while we were waiting for the bus, a scary person who looked a bit strange started singing Christmas carols to us. Will Dowe got a bit of a shock because he looked like he was straight out of the world of Charles Dickens!

It was a fantastic excursion which made us want to read the book again!
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!
This year some very lucky students had the opportunity to perform in Southern Stars #Webelieve 2014.

When we auditioned for the production we warmed up, learned the finale dance from Southern Stars EXTRA! 2013 and performed it to Mrs Hardy, Mrs Bates and Mrs Swan. Unfortunately some people didn’t get in as they could only enter 30 people.

Our main rehearsal venues were Warilla High School, Shellharbour Sports Club and the WEC (Win Entertainment Centre). In total we had many rehearsals. The commitment of the teachers involved in Southern Stars 2014 was incredible.

We performed #Webelieve 2014 four times in the WEC (Win Entertainment Centre). We danced to the songs Dynamite (Tim-o-matic), Lanterns (birds of Tokyo) and Today Was A Fairy Tale (Taylor Swift) The performances were held in the afternoon and late at night. The audience contained 2000 people. On one of the performances we even had our own school come to see us. In the end everyone was really tired.

To sum up, Southern Stars was a great experience and helped us improve our confidence and become better dancers.
AND... CUT!

Eleanor Swan
**The Buzz on Teachers**

**MRS HARDY**

*When did you first want to become a teacher?*

Ever since I started Kindergarten I would play teachers, wearing my mum’s heels of course!

*What is your favourite thing about Bowral Primary School?*

The children are friendly, well-behaved and very receptive. I love working with the staff here too!

*What do you think is the best thing about you when it comes to teaching?*

I am creative and sensitive to the needs of all children.

*If you were not a teacher, what would be your dream job and why?*

A professional shoe-shopper because it would put me in amazing practice to be an amazing teacher!

*If you were a superhero, which one would you be?*

Probably still a mummy – they’re the greatest superheroes in the world. I would like to have the power to clone myself because supermums are always sooo busy!

*What is your favourite band to sing along to?*

My fave band is PINK.

*What meal do you cook the best and can you give us any tips?*

A baked dinner. Tip: Free the animals, be a vegetarian!

*What would you have named the SRC magazine?*

“Say What?”

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**MRS PRIDHAM**

*When did you first want to become a teacher?*

When I won a scholarship to Teachers’ College.

*What is your favourite thing about Bowral Primary School?*

The energy, talent and creativity of BPS. It is uplifting and exciting.

*What do you think is the best thing about you when it comes to teaching?*

I feel that I am doing something important and good when I am teaching.

*If you were not a teacher, what would be your dream job and why?*

Before I became a teacher, I was a journalist on a local paper called The Hawkesbury Gazette. I enjoyed this nearly as much as teaching.

*If you were a superhero, which one would you be?*

I would like to be Batman. Why? Because he’s just an ordinary guy who is really good at what he does! Superman, on the other hand, has an unfair advantage because he comes from another planet.

*What super-power would you most like to have?*

Talent!

*What is your favourite band to sing along to?*

I like John Newman and his band. I also like Olly Murs.

*What meal do you cook the best and can you give us any tips?*

No!! I would poison you all!

*What would you have named the SRC magazine?*

The Something Really Cool Magazine.
Our SRC reporters, Jasmine Jessop, Emily Bow and me, Mackenzie Edwards, asked some Kindergarten children what it’s really like being the youngest kids in the school.

Ava from KM
I like school even though coming to big school from preschool was nerve-wracking! My favourite subject is sport. My buddies are Tilly and Lily from Year 5 and my favourite thing I did with them was the Easter Hat Parade. The Parade was my favourite event of the whole year. I am looking forward to Year 1 because I will have a new teacher and make new friends in my class.

Heidi from KB
I like school. When I first came from preschool I was a bit shy but I was happy to make new friends and it was fun. My favourite subject is Art and my favourite part of this year has been the K-2 Disco. My buddy is Emily and we made a Christmas tree together. I think Year 1 will be fun.

Aurelia from KL
When I first came to big school I was nervous and upset until the school leaders came and cheered me up. Now I like school, especially reading. My favourite part of the whole year was singing the Highland Goat song at the whole school assembly. My buddies are Kate and Jemma and I play handball with them. I am looking forward to Year 1 because I will make new friends.

Patrick from K/1S
When I came from preschool I was scared and nervous. Now I like school, especially sport. My buddies are Alex and Tom and they helped me make an Easter hat for the parade. My favourite things have been the K-2 Disco and the Highland Goat song. I’m looking forward to Year 1 because we will be doing harder work.

Taylor from KP
Coming to big school was nerve-wracking! I felt scared at first but now I enjoy school and I love doing art, especially with my buddies, Annaliese and Jess. My favourite things have been the K-2 Disco and Tri-sports. I’m looking forward to Year 1 even though I’m a bit scared of making mistakes.
Our Sponsored Child...

Hello Bowral Public School!

My name is Ingrid Rosibel. Let me tell you that in my family I am the cheerful child. I am also in 3rd grade. My school is one and a half kilometres away from my home. I want you to know that to get to school I walk. Currently my health is satisfactory. My family and I are happy since we have participated in Early Childhood Care because we have received many benefits, like delivery of medical care through our community project. Now you know about me and my family! Thank you for sponsoring me. God bless you!

Ingrid Rosibel, October 2014

Honduras is located in the area of Central America and it is very pretty. The population is over 8 million people and most of them work in agricultural and livestock activities, as well as manufacturing and even commerce. Honduras has some high mountain ranges and mighty rivers. There are about 8000 species of plants, about 250 types of reptiles, more than 700 species of birds and 110 species of mammals. The official language is Spanish and the currency is the Lempina.

Did you know that the SRC have been sponsoring a child in Honduras through World Vision? Our sponsorship helps Ingrid’s community and makes sure that children like Ingrid receive proper education and medical facilities. We have received letters from Ingrid to tell us how she is going. We recently sent her a Christmas greeting on behalf of all the children of Bowral Public School.

By Bianca Reay and Lily Harmey
**Magic Mitch**

Many students at Bowral Public School have been treated to the wonderful magic skills of our very own Mitchell Bamber of 5/6Z. When he is on stage, Mitchell tricks it like a pro! We (Hugo and Spencer) asked him about his special skill.

What was your first trick?

**The Sponge-ball trick. It took me about 10 minutes to learn.**

Why did you decide to learn magic tricks?

**For Christmas I got a magic set and that was my inspiration.**

How many tricks have you learnt so far?

**So far around 30 tricks but I don’t really keep count.**

Do you enjoy doing magic tricks?

**It’s fun because it keeps me from doing homework and keeps me out of trouble. I also like to make people feel surprised by my tricks.**

Where have you performed?

**I have performed at school numerous times and at my cousin’s birthday party.**

Would you like to be a magician in the future?

**Yes it would be pretty cool to do this in the future.**

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**Riley’s Rubik’s Sensation**

Riley Kerr from 5/6Z is the Rubik’s master of Bowral Public School (and maybe even the world!) We (Spencer and Hugo) interviewed him to find out what his secret strategy is. Unfortunately, he was not prepared to share any secrets with us, but here’s what he had to say...

Did anyone teach you to solve the Rubik’s Cube?

**Yes, my brother.**

How old were you?

**It was last year, so... 10.**

When do you practise?

**When I get bored in my spare time.**

Do you think it’s talent or do you think it’s just something you like doing?

**A bit of both, mainly something I like doing.**

What inspired you?

**Seeing the reaction my brother got**

Describe in four words, why you think it’s fun to solve the Rubik’s Cube.

**Confusing to other people.**

What other things do you like doing in your spare time?

**Playing with dogs.**
**Seasons**
Autumn alone loses lots of leaves
Summer has its seeds
Winter alone is very very cold
Spring is when leaves grow back
And flowers bloom.
*by Jacob Munn 2D*

**Summer**
Hot sand Hot beach
Nice cool water.
Swim swim Jump in
Water is cool.
Sun cream zinc cream
Don’t get burnt!
*by Nicholas Murdoch 2D*

**School**
School is so fun
I would be very sad
If school shut down
I enjoy it so.
Why?
I love the teachers here
They’re very nice.
I wonder
If you
Love school.
*by Sophie Razza 2D*

**Sad Things**
I once had a cat
Who was very funny.
She made me laugh
In my tummy
As she rose to heaven
Up above me.
*by Tyane Turner 2D*

**Dogs**
Scottish Terriers
King Charles Spaniels
Husky Wuskys
Different kinds of dogs.
Big little
Tiny huge
Angry happy funny
Dogs, dogs, dogs!
*by Darcy Corley 2D*

**Puppies**
Puppies, puppies, big and small
Gather round and hear the call!
There’s lots of things to gather in,
Your information might go in the bin!
You are living very nicely
So gather round or it will get pricey!
*by Ilana Sheezel 2D*

**A Dark Horse**
A dark horse came striding up to me,
Its coat as black as coal,
Long mane swaying in the wind.
I rode that horse up, up, up into the sky,
Then the clouds cleared and the sun shone.
All of a sudden
I found myself in bed,
With my favourite book in my cold hands: “A Dark Horse”.
*by Chloe Geary, 4C*
Imagine this.
A wild, furious storm.
Imagine this.
A calm, peaceful day.
Ava Lambie explores the power of...

A wild tornado is ripping at the house, screeching, screaming, shrieking. A monster is being created, and you are powerless against it. It’s tearing the house to bits, clawing and ripping with invisible fingers. It’s great strength is an element of force, enveloping this little house and suffocating everything as far as the eye can see. The tornado is sucking everything into its ginormous hollow centre, which contains no heart. Soon you will be trapped in there. The tornado is getting closer and closer. The wind is howling and raging and roaring. Death is whispering in your ear. Everything you ever knew is going, everyone you ever knew is lost...

Open your eyes. It’s okay, you’re not dead. You’ve simply taken refuge in a place called your imagination for a while. The tornado is gone for now, you are safe here. The only sound you can hear is a bird sweetly singing its morning song at the top of that willow tree. Cup your hands and refresh yourself with that bubbling stream over there. Relax in the shade of this weeping willow tree. Everything you ever feared is gone. Nothing can hurt you in this place. Nothing can go wrong.

It’s beautiful. The sun shines like a glittering piece of gold up in the azure blue sky. The birds are singing, and you are now part of this picturesque setting. The snow-covered mountains are misty and hazy from over here, but up close they are some of natures greatest beauties. The luscious green rolling hills that surround you are the basin for that amazing lake that reflects the mountains.

When you are ready, you will return to reality, and the horrors of that tornado. But for now, you are safe. You are safe here in your imagination.

Ava Lambie
Self-improvement corner...

**How to be a friend**
- Say ‘hello’.
- Compliment someone - for example ‘I like your hair’.
- Ask ‘do you want to play a game?’
- Say ‘Do you want to be my friend?’
- You’ve made a friend!

**12 things to say more often:**
- “please!”
- “thank you”
- “excuse me”
- “everything is going to be OK”
- “you’re awesome!”
- “are you OK?”
- “you’re welcome!”
- “bless your little cotton socks!”
- “I understand”
- “I don’t know”
- I disagree but that’s OK”
- Life’s tough but so are you!”

**Learn the secrets of Spelling Bee Champions!**

*By Teagan Mattick*

*Ever wondered how some students stay so cool, calm and brave during spelling bees? Well... these answers might surprise you.*

**Millie Falshaw, 4/5E**
I gave myself a 50/50 chance of winning, as long as luck was on my side. My favourite subject is English. It’s definitely the one I’m best at. I was in shock when I got into the last five of the comp. Being on stage, I was really nervous. Each time someone got out it was even more nerve-wracking.

**Spencer Reed, 5/6Z**
I didn’t really do any preparation, I just had a mindset to have a go and try my best. I was pretty shocked when I became a finalist. When about five people were eliminated by the word “mannequin”, I knew I was in! I felt a bit nervous because Ava and I were representing the whole of Stage 3. I just get nervous when I think I’m going to fail.

**Ava Lambie, 5H**
I get a bit nervous because there are so many good spellers from around the region, but I also get excited because it’s fun competing. I think I get more nervous than excited! As the words progress to harder levels they get challenging. They have words like “fuchsia” and “eczema”. Some letter patterns are harder than others, but at the school final I found my words manageable. Last year, when I got the word list, I studied it. This year many of the words were the same so that was an advantage. The official word list is about 150 pages – so it takes a while to get through!

So, it turns out that even the best spellers get nervous during spelling bees. And let’s face it, all except one are going to be eliminated – so don’t worry, be like Spencer and just give it a go! It might even make you a better speller!
This book is about a family of field mice. There is one mother and four children. Mrs Frisby is the mother and the children’s names are Martin, Cynthia, Teresa and Timothy, who gets sick with pneumonia.

Mrs Frisby goes to Mr Ages, the mouse doctor, who has always helped Timothy through other sicknesses.

The plough is about to destroy the home of Mrs Frisby and her children. The family have to move. Mr Ages says that Timothy might not survive the move. This part of the story made me want to read more of this book.

Mrs Frisby is helped by the rats because the rats have a connection to Mrs Frisby’s husband. However there is still great danger to be faced and the friendship grows very strong between the rats and the mice.

This was different to what I would normally read. I really enjoyed it. Sometimes the story jumped from place to place, making it a challenging read. I recommend it for children aged 9-13. I personally rate it 8/10.

The author of Rowan of Rin is Jennifer Rowe. She uses the name Emily Rodda, her grandmother’s name. She was born in Sydney and now lives in the Blue Mountains. She is 66 years old and has written 48 children’s books and eight adults’ books. Emily became a writer because she really enjoyed English at school.

I really liked the jacket illustrations by Matt Wilson because at the first sight of the book it inspired me to read it and I am so glad I did.

Personally, I think that the author put Rowan of Rin beautifully together. The whole story is about a poor village’s fresh water system that runs from a mountain, and stops. Lots of twists and turns follow but to see if their water returns you will need to read the book.

During the journey some people drop out and go back to Rin because of fear or disability.

Rowan, the weak boy, becomes a different person when he faces this difficult challenge.

Jennifer bases her characters on a person she knows and that is how she got these wonderful character traits. Rowan of Rin is suited to 7-13 year olds. I think that it deserves a 9/10.

Spencer’s review
Grown Ups 2 is a comedy sequel that is very funny. It has the same characters as the first movie including Adam Sandler and Chris Rock. I thought that the movie was pretty disjointed between scenes and although it is rated PG there are some adult themes so it might not be suitable for younger children. However, that is the only bad thing I have to say about the movie.

Hugo’s review
Grown Ups 2 was a funny comedy movie that made me laugh so hard that I nearly wet my pants! I really enjoyed the movie and it was a Happy Madison film. My favourite part was the end party scene when everyone dressed like they were in the 80s.

Spencer and Hugo would recommend this movie and both gave it 4/5 stars.
STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS
SUPER-DOOPER STATE-OF-THE-ART CLASSROOMS COMING TO BPS!!

The State Government has allocated funds to Bowral Public School to improve our facilities and expand the wonderful learning opportunities that our school has to offer. Mrs Kay Paviour, the president of our school P&C, is in the committee to help oversee the classrooms that will be built in our school. I interviewed Mrs Paviour to ask her some questions about the new classrooms.

“At this stage not much is known but the committee has a general idea of what will happen. They are currently in the planning stage. This includes consideration of all possibilities, like where the classrooms will go and what they will look like. They don’t know the budget for the project, but have been assured that the amount will be sufficient to meet the school’s requirements. The building will not be started until most likely half way through next year and is expected to take about one year to complete. The completed building will include super-duper state of the art classrooms which are likely to include break-out rooms.” And a swimming pool! (just kidding)

One thing is for certain. When it is finished we will have a fantastic new building that will help us amazingly with our education.

Emily Bow

MY DREAM SCHOOL
My dream school would be amazing. You would never be bored because you could do so many things.

Inside, everything would be made of marshmallows and gummy bears. You could eat as much as you wanted because it would always grow back. Lessons would be optional and although you’d still have to do work, it would be fun work like science experiments and games.

There would be massive flying caterpillars which you could use to get around the school.

This is what my dream school would be like.

Luca Murray

Charlotte Hampshire

School of the future...