Last week our Stage 3 students performed at a showcase of talent and this week we will be able to appreciate the talents of Stage 2. These concerts don’t just happen, they occur thanks to the dedication and hard work of a number of our teachers.

Our staff work tirelessly to ensure that our students have performance opportunities while enjoying the chance to sing and make music. A huge thank you goes to all of our Stage 2 and 3 teachers who are capably supported by Mr Greg Thompson, Mrs Jane Bell, Mrs Molly Ayling, Mrs Libby Peisley, Mrs Mel Hambling, Mrs Lisa Oszurko and Miss Louise Bell.

As the end of the year draws near we are busy preparing student reports, organising end of year assemblies and concerts, forming classes and starting to think about the new school year, teaching staff and classroom organisation. All of this occurs as a backdrop to the high quality teaching and learning which occurs every day in all of our classrooms.

Parents, please avoid requesting particular teachers or classes for your child for the new school year...it is such an incredibly complex process that individual requests just make it that much harder. Thank you for trusting our professional judgement.

Please do let us know if you are moving or changing schools so that we can remove your child from our class planning process. Thank you for your help with this.

This Friday night we are looking forward to our family movie night, Paper Planes. There will be a paper plane competition before the movie which will have a gold coin as an entry fee. There will be a prize for the plane that travels the longest distance.

Do you have our school app? The ‘Skoolbag’ app makes it easy for you to send absence notes to school and receive notes, alerts and reminders. The app is free and is available from the App Store...just type in Bowral Public School.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

CHESS COMPETITION
An outstanding day of competition saw the Bowral Public School Chess team convincingly win this year’s competition against Mittagong Public School. 37 wins to Bowral, 10 wins to Mittagong, which sees the chess trophy stays with Bowral Public School.

Congratulations to the team members and well played.

Hal Canute, Kai Bowie, Angus Braiden, Liam Hatton, Harry Pinczi and Ben McWilliams.

Adrian Rykers

WHOOPING COUGH ALERT
Today we received notification that one of our students has this infection. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. For further information visit the NSW Health website:


REMINDER DIARY DATES

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GREATER SOUTHERN SYDNEY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

‘An astounding standard!’. This is a quote from Mia Gillis after she participated in the grand final of the Greater Southern Sydney Public Speaking Competition held at Clemton Park last Thursday. Two students represented not only our school but the Wollondilly Network of schools at this event. Declan Hatton 2C and Mia Gillis 6B enjoyed the opportunity to expand their horizons and were surprised at the quality of speeches delivered by primary school students. While neither student was successful in gaining a place, they represented our school with honour and can be very proud of their achievements. This was a most worthwhile experience for them. Here is what they had to say:

Virginia Pridam

“On Wednesday 4 November 2015, I represented Bowral Public School and our region in public speaking. It was at Clemton Park School. It took an hour and sixteen minutes to drive from Bowral. Lots of other schools were there. They were all from around Sydney. I did my speech on my favourite toy which is Lego. I think I went well with that speech. After I finished my prepared speech I had to do an impromptu speech. It was on ‘Fairy Tales’ and we got five minutes to prepare the speech. I had the longest impromptu speech and I was happy with it. At the end, the winner was announced. It was a girl who spoke about her trip to Bali as her prepared speech. I thought her speech was really good. I felt proud representing my school and region. I was given a certificate for being in the finals.”

Written by Declan Hatton 2C

“On 4 November myself and nine others from different schools around Sydney competed in the Greater Southern Sydney Public Speaking Competition. A total of one hundred and seventy schools entered this competition and the standard of the prepared speeches and impromptus was incredible. It was easily the toughest competition I have ever competed in!”

Written by Mia Gillis 6B

Uniform Shop and Canteen

Over the course of this year our Canteen and Uniform Shop subcommittees have spent considerable amounts of time investigating various payment and ordering options. As a result, payments at the uniform shop may now be made by EFTPOS in addition to cash or cheque. We encourage families to use cheque or savings accounts in preference to credit to keep processing costs to a minimum.

If you are unable to visit the uniform shop, order forms and details for direct deposit payments are available on the school website. If you choose to pay by this method, the printed receipt and order form should be sent to school together. Your items will be returned to your child’s classroom unless other instructions are given.

Our “Orientation Packs”, a set of uniform items especially designed for new kindergarten students are now available for purchase. Also, don’t forget to have a look at our lovely BPS Umbrellas while you are there!

After much discussion, and for a number of reasons, the canteen will not be moving to an online ordering system. This will allow the continued use of reusable lunch order bags and allow students to have practical experience in handling money.

I would like to thank the members of these subcommittees for taking the time to look at all the options available in addition to the demanding volunteer roles they already have.

Final Meeting for the Year

Our final meeting for the year will be held Monday 16 November at 6.30 pm in the school library. All welcome.

Meredith Wakeman

P&C PRESIDENT

**Table: Bowral Public School Canteen Roster**

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Orders are due: 27 November 2015
COMMUNITY NEWS

MITTAGONG BLUE LIGHT DISCO - SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER
Venue: Mittagong RSL  Time: 4pm to 6.30 pm
$5.00 per child 4 – 14 years. Parents and children under 4 free.
Last one for this year. Special guest ‘Santa is coming for an early visit’ – come dressed in your favorite Christmas Hat or costume.

STARKIDS
Long Day Early Intervention Support for Children 4-6 years.
Offering 2, 3 or 5 days (9am-3pm) therapy programs at our Harrington Park/Narellan Centre.
Ph: 0415 841 290  Email: admin@starkidsaustralia.com.au

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Outdoor Movie Night
Friday 13 November 2015
From 5.30pm
Sausage sandwiches, drinks, popcorn and choc tops available for purchase
This year’s movie will be

PAPER PLANES

A paper plane flying competition
Will be held prior to the movie beginning
at approximately 7.30pm

All students are welcome to participate.
Planes to be folded from a standard A4 size sheet of paper
$1 entry fee

If you are able to help out with setting up or running a stall, please contact
Barbeque- Prue - pruewade@bigpond.com
Drinks/Choc Tops- Kirstine - kirstylumb@yahoo.com
Popcorn- Libby - libby@troypeisley.com.au

Throughout the month of November, Camp Australia will be making Christmas gifts to send to orphans in South Africa, who may not otherwise receive any this year. This is part of Camp Australia’s Junior Global Citizenship Program, who are working in partnership with Oxfam Australia. This Program aims to encourage children to explore their own values, and share their opinions, whilst valuing and respecting the values and opinions of others. The gifts will be decorated by children who attend Camp Australia and will include puzzles, memory cards and posters. The educators and children have been very busy decorating these with wonderful Aboriginal and Australiana themes and having a lot of fun in the process.

If you have any questions come and see our friendly staff during before and after school care.
The simplest way
...to be SunSmart in spring.

Did you know that during spring you need to protect your skin from the sun every day?

In most parts of NSW, the UV level is 3 or above during spring. This means that even on cooler days, you need to protect your skin in five ways: slip on sun-safe clothing; slop on SPF30+ or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen; slap on a broad-brim hat; seek shade; and slide on sunglasses.

How do you know if the UV level is 3 or above in your area?

Download the SunSmart app! The app provides recommended sun protection times, a calculator to check if you’re using enough sunscreen, and a tracker to find out if you’re getting enough UV exposure to help with your vitamin D levels.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your school’s SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au