Principal’s Message:

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House is a co-educational, residential school located on the beachfront at Curl Curl on the Northern Beaches of Sydney.

Each year we send students to Stewart House to participate in educational programs that provide activities to promote social and emotional competence and develop independence in self-care skills and resilience.

While at Stewart House students are provided with health services including optometric, audiometric, dental and medical screening and initial treatment and referral as required.

This year two of our students benefitted from this wonderful program. Lachlan and Sophie have written a report:

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS

In the last two weeks our students were lucky enough to be involved in cricket matches, basketball trials, hockey trials, soccer trials, a debating workshop, the Academically Gifted class, chess games, a fun run and a conference in Sydney. Wow! Our students are very lucky to have such amazing teachers who facilitate these opportunities.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

This week I had the privilege of escorting eight of our school leaders to the National Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. We were lucky enough to be inspired by motivational speakers such as Bindi Irwin, Premier Mike Baird and Rachel Leahcar. Congratulations to our leaders who were wonderful representatives of our school.
STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL EARLY
Parents, a reminder that there is NO supervision for students before 8.40am in the morning. Students must not arrive at school before this time. If you require your child to be at school before morning supervision occurs, please contact Camp Australia who will be able to help you with before school care. Camp Australia contact details 1300 105 343.

ETHICS CLASSES
Next term we anticipate offering Ethics Classes to some students (this will be restricted by the number of ethics’ teachers available). More information will be given to parents once we have a clear indication of how many ethics teachers we have.
Ethics classes will only be available to those students who have opted out of Special Religious Education (scripture classes). Notes will be sent home shortly to students whose parents have “opted out” of scripture classes. These notes must be completed by parents, stating that they wish their child to participate in Special Ethics Education.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CLEARANCE
If you are a volunteer at our school and you have been volunteering in some capacity since before June 2013 then each year you need to complete a Working with Children Check-Declaration for volunteers. Forms are available from our office and MUST be completed for any volunteer activity you participate in at our school. You must provide us with 100 point check, involving proof of identity.
If you are a new parent to our school and you wish to volunteer in some capacity then you should apply for a Working with Children Check clearance. There is no cost involved for this and the process can begin with an online application form. There will be a need to visit a NSW motor registry to receive a WWCC Clearance number. This check is then valid for 5 years. Information and online application:

Any parent, even if you have been volunteering for some years at our school can apply for a WWCC clearance. In fact, this may be easier for you as the check lasts for 5 years and the current declarations will not be able to be used after 2017. While the process may seem cumbersome, we do this with the best interests of our children in mind.
Please talk to our friendly office staff if you need clarification about this.
Thank you for your help in ensuring all students at Bowral Public School are safe.
Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

2015 ANNUAL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Squish! Squelch! Huff! Puff! These were some of the sounds the students from Years 2-6 made while running the gruelling cross country course at Robertson on Friday 13 March. Despite the cold weather, everyone present participated with enthusiasm and displayed excellent sportsmanship. I would like to thank all of the staff for preparing their students for the carnival during fitness sessions at school as well as their help on the day. A HUGE thank you goes to all of the amazing parents who gave up their time on the day, some for both sessions, braving the cold weather to support the smooth running of the carnival. I would also like to thank the canteen staff for coordinating both the school and Robertson canteen on the day, providing yummy homemade treats for all of us to enjoy.
In Week 3 of Term 2, the following students will represent Bowral Public School at the district cross country also in Robertson. I would like to congratulate these students on finishing in 1st to 5th place.
Rachel Hardy

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DEBATING DAY

Last Friday was not only a celebration of Harmony Day, it was also a day of opportunity for those students interested in debating. Bowral Public School was chosen by the DEC Arts Unit to host a debating training day for our students and those from other schools in the area. The Department's most senior adjudicators and coaches conducted workshops and ran wonderfully entertaining games to develop skills in all areas of primary school debating. Hal Canute, Emma Williams, Hannah Hill, Eleanor Swan, Angus Braiden, Jennifer Allan, Kai Bowie, Jessica Tyrrell, Will Dowe and Nicholas Anderson welcomed visitors in a most gracious manner and then participated enthusiastically in all activities. They found that being dressed in fabulous costumes from other countries was a great way to start a conversation with our visitors! Thanks must be extended to these students on the wonderful way in which they represented our school. This was a great start to the 2015 debating season.

Virginia Pridham
Debating Coordinator

A REMINDER
All entries for the university tests (ICAS) are due this Friday 27 March. Both entry form and money needs to be returned in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class clearly labelled.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS): ‘University Testing' for Years 2 to 6

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
ENTRY FORM AND PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child ________________________________ of class _________ to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools: 'University Testing' for Years 2 to 6.

This entry form and money must be returned to Mrs Oszurko in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class clearly marked on the front by Friday 27 March 2015.

*** Please tick the subject you are paying for your child to enter ***

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I am paying a total of $ ________________________ by * Cash * Cheque (made out to BPS)

Signed __________________________________________ Date __________________________
**FUN RUN**

What a fantastic day for our annual K/1 Fun Run! We ventured down to Bradman Oval and took our place on the hill as the Year 6 Sports Leaders set up the field and demonstrated just how it was done. Then it was our turn. Kindergarten ran one whole lap of the oval then Year 1 ran two laps of the magnificent oval. Everyone who took part completed their race with a great smile on their face. Special thanks to Mr Lowe for setting up the PA system, Miss Christie for being our compere and Miss Montanari for being our warm up coach. Sport and fun were certainly the winners of the day and every competitor came home with a ribbon. Those children who crossed the line first, second or third received their place ribbon at the whole school assembly last Friday. Congratulations to all.

_Pamela Bates_

Kindergarten Girls  
1st Qooper Smith KB  
2nd Keira Rogers KB  
3rd Harlo Coyle KM  
3rd Matilda Lambie KM  

Kindergarten Boys  
1st Lucas Walker KM  
2nd Charlie Lips KB  
3rd Kane Nolan KP  

Year 1 Girls  
1st Evelyn Biggs 1H  
2nd Gretel Wansey 1H  
3rd Caitlin Pearce 1M  

Year 1 Boys  
Benjamin Bragg 1M  
Brayden Dawes 1M  
Kim Adeniyi 1B

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 from Bowral Public School went to their cross country carnival on Friday 13 March 2015. It was Sophia L’s birthday as well. Everyone went to Robertson on buses. We went on the butterfly bus to Robertson and came home on the kangaroo bus.

It was Year 2’s first carnival and it was very exciting. Many parents were there cheering for them. In our class, Sophia T, Sophia L, Jemmasion, Helena, Bella, Jasmine, Andie, Katie, Grace, Isabella and Byron had someone from their family watching and cheering. Sophia T, Bella and Katie had mums that helped on the course.

The races were organised by the teachers, mostly by Mrs Hardy. Each race had a different age and there were separate boys and girls races. Each race was two kilometres long.

When our race started, we were very excited and at the end of the race, we were very puffed out! We raced over bridges, we ran through a forest, we ran up and down mountains (that were really just hills but on Mrs Hardy’s map she said that they were mountains) and raced around two soccer fields but we did not see any snakes or wildlife. Everyone achieved by completing the whole course and were given a ribbon. People who finished in the top ten also got a certificate.

We sat in our house area before and after our race. The houses were Gibraltar, Jellore, Joadja and Oxley. We had tents each in the house colours. Some people went to the canteen.

We had so much fun. People were smiling and enjoying the race. It was difficult and sometimes it was muddy when we were running. Most people in 2C ran and walked the race but everyone loved being there.

_Written by 2C._

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As I indicated last week, the next event on the P&C calendar is a BBQ and Cake Stall to be held on election day, 28 March at the BPS Hall which will be used as a voting venue this year. We are looking forward to having the assistance of volunteers for an hour or so on each of the stalls.

To help on the cake stall, contact Kirstine McKay on kirstylumb@yahoo.com. To help out on the BBQ, contact Prue Wade on pruewade@bigpond.com

We will also be seeking donations of lots of home baked cakes, slices and biscuits for sale. These can be left with Kirstine at the canteen between 2.50 and 3.10 on Friday afternoon or brought to the canteen from 8.30 AM on Saturday.

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to vote at Bowral Public School and support this P&C fundraiser.

_Meredith Wakeman, P&C President_

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Adam’s Camping Trip to Myuna Bay

I met new friends  
Jesse, Lachlan and Cameron  
I enjoyed  
The Flying Fox  
Canoeing  
I touched a  
Python Snake!

_Activities:_  
Reptile Show - Snakes, Toads and Blue-Tongued Lizard  
Great Play equipment, Comfortable beds, Yummy Sausages and Food.
CRICKET
Apologies to Sam Maurice, whose name was omitted from the cricket report last week. Sam was also selected in the regional cricket squad. Along with Oscar and Warwick 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.

FOOTBALL
Selection trials for both district girls and boys football were held in Week Seven. Twenty eight girls and forty eight boys from the district public schools attended these trials. Fifteen of our students were selected in the district teams, a fantastic result!
The district girls’ and boys’ football teams travelled to Goulburn last Friday to participate in the Tablelands Zone Trials. The teams played games against teams from Queanbeyan, Yass and Goulburn and played some fabulous football in perfect conditions.
This year the teams were all of a high standard making it a very difficult day for the selectors.
At the conclusion of the matches, possibles/probables squads were selected and from these matches the Tablelands Zone teams were selected.
Congratulations to Amelia Horn, Charlotte Hampshire, Willow Crebert and Maddison Laws who were named in the Tablelands Zone girls’ team and to Harry Pinczi and Jack Malcolm who were named in the Tablelands Zone boys’ team. The zone teams will participate in the South Coast Regional next Tuesday.
We wish our football players the best of luck.
Jane Bell

MATCH ONE PSSA GIRLS CRICKET KNOCKOUT
Our cricket team members are: Jennifer Allan, Aiofe Barrett-Lennard, Olivia Bow, Millie Falshaw, Mia Gillis, Lily Harmey, Molly Knowles, Ava Lambie, Eleanor Swan (Captain), Jessica Tyrrell (Vice Captain), Anneliese Wansey, Jemima Wansey and Jendaya.
Tom Mooney has been working with the girls to develop their skills in bowling, batting and fielding. On 19 March, a very hot Thursday, the Bowral Girls Cricket team played their first game at Goulburn against the Wollondilly Public School team. For many of the girls this was their first ever cricket game. Bowral won the toss and elected to bowl.
Every girl got to bowl at least two overs and we were thrilled when our 12th man, Aiofe, got our first wicket, a run out. At drinks, once the wide and no ball rule was explained again, we saw a dramatic drop in our extras rate as girls were more accurate in their bowling; that time in the nets paid off. Congratulations go to Jessica for bowling a maiden over in her first match and having very respectable figures of 0 for 3 off 3 overs. At the conclusion of the innings Wollondilly were 1 for 107 and the chase was on. Our opening batters, Jessica and Ava faced their best bowlers and made 11 runs between them before Jessica was caught. Ava was fortunate to be dropped by the bowler but then unfortunately run out. Lily Harmey was our top scorer with 12 runs not out. Mia Gillis also made 10 runs not out and was an excellent wicketkeeper. Batters were retired to give others a chance to face the bowling in the match and Bowral Girls Cricket team won the match with a final score of 2 for 127.
Thank you to the parents and grandparents who transported their children to Goulburn for the game and cheered us on. Our next game will be a home game early next term. I have learned to score cricket which I am sure will be a skill called on in future games and want to thank all the girls for supporting each other and being eager to embrace new skills and make runs. The role of reserve and 12th man will be rotated each game.
Watch out for the Bowral Dynamites, because we are a cricket team!
Mrs Swan, Girls Cricket Team Manager

GIRLS’ FOOTBALL TEAM
Last week, over 20 girls trialled for the BPS Girls’ Football Team. Coaches from football NSW were present and commented on the strength of the skills on display. From a talented cohort such as this, it is always very difficult to choose who to leave out. However, coach Iain Falshaw had to make the final cut to 14 names. Congratulations to the following girls: Amelia Horn (Captain), Lily Parker (Vice-Captain), Maddison Laws (Goalkeeper), Mia Gillis, Ava Lambie, Jessica Tyrrell, Willow Crebert, Olivia Bow, Millie Falshaw, Charlotte Hampshire, Molly Knowles, Jemima Wansey, Jennifer Allen, Anna Peckitt and Anneliese Wansey (reserve). This team will represent our school when they compete in the PSSA knockout competition, starting early in Term 2.
Eva Canute, Team Manager
**DISTRICT HOCKEY TRAILS**

On Friday 6 March, Gisele Townsend and Molly Knowles participated in the Wingecarribee District Hockey Trials. A big congratulations to Gisele and Molly who were selected into the girls’ squad. Gisele and Molly went on to represent the Wingecarribee District in hockey and to participate in the zone hockey trials on 17 March. After demonstrating great skill and sportsmanship, Gisele and Molly were both selected into the Tablelands Zone Team. Both girls will be heading down to Unanderra on 27 March to participate in the Regional Hockey Trials where they will strive to gain selection in the South Coast Regional Hockey Team. We wish them both the very best of luck.

Emily Montanari

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**PSSA Boys Cricket Match Round Two**

Last Thursday, 19 March the Bowral Boys’ Cricket Team travelled to Goulburn to play in the second round of the PSSA Cricket Knockout at Carr Confoy Oval, East Goulburn. We had beautiful weather with a cloudless blue sky, a gentle breeze and the temperature reaching 30 degrees.

It was a very auspicious day as the boys cricket match was played on the same day and on the same field as the Bowral Girls Cricket team’s first ever competitive match. We were really fortunate to have a professional photographer with us (Hamish Ta-Me, Alex’s Dad who took wonderful photos of the game and the team photo above. Thank you Hamish).

The boys were successful in this round and won the match against Wollondilly Public School by a slim margin of only 7 runs. Wollondilly bowled first and played strongly and at the end of their allowed 25 overs had kept our runs to a modest 137.

After lunch Bowral took to the field. The entire team played really well, with Noah, Hugo, Sam and Max H taking catches. Max H’s catch was spectacular. It was taken with him running backwards with the sun in his eyes. Bowral also showed skill in bowling with Max H, Hugo, Noah and Oscar taking wickets. It was a very nerve racking and exciting end to the match.

We now move onto round three of the competition. Congratulations boys.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all parents of the players, especially those parents who were able to transport boys to the game. Special thanks to Tim Maurice for scoring our game and Mrs Fay for her wonderful sun tent. The help of parents is very much appreciated.

Mrs Halbert
Bowral Boys’ Cricket Team Manager
Everyday – over the counter:

RECESS:
A selection of:
Freshly baked muffins – small .50
Freshly baked cookies .50
Freshly popped popcorn – bag .50
Freshly prepared garlic or pizza bread .50
Seasonal fruit – market price
Poppers – Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant, Orange or Orange & Mango $1.00
Soup of the day - cup $1.00
Moove Milk 300ml Chocolate, Strawberry $1.50

LUNCH:
As above + ICE-CREAM TREATS:
Icy Pole $1.20
Vanilla Ice-cream Cup $1.00
Frozen Fruit Yoghurts – Mango, Strawberry, Raspberry $1.50
Frozen Fruit Cups – Apple, Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant .50
Frozen Juicies – Tropical, Wild Berry .50
Frozen oranges – quarter .10

LUNCH ORDERS ONLY:
Choice of any item listed below or Meal Deal of the Day
NB: Garlic and Pizza Bread are not available for lunch orders.

LUNCHES:
Freshly made sandwiches made with Bakers Delight High Fibre / Low Gi bread or rolls. NB: Rolls extra 20c
Ham $3.00
Ham & Cheese $3.50
Ham & Salad $4.00
Ham, Cheese & Salad $4.50
Tuna $2.50
Tuna & Salad $3.50
Poached Chicken $3.00
Poached Chicken & Cheese $3.50
Poached Chicken & Salad $4.00
Poached Chicken & Salad & Cheese $4.50
Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, carrot) $3.00
Cheese $2.00
Vegemite $1.50
Egg or Curried Egg $2.50
Egg & Lettuce & Mayonnaise $3.00
Egg & Salad $3.50
(Freshly Home-Baked Sausage Rolls: $3.00
Tomato Sauce .20

LUNCH-TIME MEAL DEALS:

MONDAY: $5.00
Pizza
Freshly made thin pizzas with home-made passata, ham & cheese.
Mini freshly baked treat
Frozen Fruit Cup

TUESDAY: $5.00
Healthy Nachos
Mildly spiced beef mince and beans, served with homemade pita chips and melted cheese.
Mini freshly baked treat
Frozen Fruit Cup

WEDNESDAY: $5.00
Pasta
Warm pasta served with the Beehive’s famous tomato based passata, topped with parmesan.
Mini freshly baked treat
Frozen Fruit Cup
NB: There is no Frozen Fruit Cup available in this meal deal.

THURSDAY: $5.00
Fragrant Chicken Curry (Gluten Free Day)
Mild Chicken Curry served with steamed rice
Popcorn
Frozen Fruit Cup

FRIDAY: $5.00
Toasted Cheese & Ham on Turkish bread or
Toasted Cheese & Tomato on Turkish bread
Mini freshly baked treat
Frozen Juice Popper

From time to time we will provide recess and lunch “specials”. Where possible, we will advertise them in the newsletter. Daily specials will be written on the chalkboard outside the canteen.