NAPLAN
This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students are participating in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) along with all other Year 3, 5, 7, 9 students across the country. The assessment program examines students’ knowledge, understandings and skills in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy. The data we gain from our students’ participation helps us to plan for improvements in our school. The assessment program does not assess everything that our students do or learn at school but this snapshot in time is a valuable diagnostic tool for us.

DROP AND KISS ZONE
A “drop and kiss zone” operates at the front of the school, in the mornings only. Drivers must stay within three metres of their vehicles and must not stay in the zone for longer than two minutes. Please be courteous to other parents and exit this area in a timely and safe manner.

REVIEW OF SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS IN NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS
The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools. The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?
You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contributionfor-parents-carers The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted
For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.

Important information for parents and students.
The Department recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown. In the absence of any notification to the contrary, it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and have been involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you are required to advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that may be obtained. Wendy Buckley

PRINCIPAL

REMINDER DIARY DATES
Thursday 14 May  ● NAPLAN Yr 3 & Yr 5
Monday 18 May  ● ICAS Computer Skills Test
                ● P&C meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 21 May ● School Photographs
Sunday 24 May  ● Working Bee
Monday 1 June   ● ICAS Science Test
Wednesday 3 June ● Yrs 2—6 Athletics Carnival

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Bowral Public School Netball Report

The Bowral Public School Netball Team played the first two rounds of the NSW PSSA Knockout competition last week. The games were played in freezing conditions at Mittagong Public School. Despite the gale force winds and icy fingers, the girls were far too strong for their opposition in both games. The first game against an inexperienced Mittagong team resulted in a 38-1 victory. After a short break the second round match was played against Moss Vale, who had defeated Wollondilly in their first match. The team quickly found their rhythm and totally outplayed Moss Vale. The shooters all managed to score quite accurately in the wind and were given a lot of ball thanks to wonderful defence that rarely let the ball into Moss Vale’s half and fantastic play through the centre court. The final score of 33-6 was an accurate reflection of the team’s dominant display.

Our next round opposition is yet to be determined and is likely to be against much tougher opposition and a test for the team.

As always thank you to the parents, who transported the students to Mittagong, scored, time kept and supported the team in very unpleasant conditions.

Jane Bell

P&C

A successful Mother’s Day stall was held last Friday, coordinated by Sally and Jenny and supported by a band of helpers. Thank you everyone for giving the children the opportunity to purchase a “surprise” gift for their Mums to make the day special.

Next Monday 18 May, our P&C Meeting will be held in the school Library beginning at 6.30 pm. We will be finalising events from the last couple of months and discussing possible future fundraising ventures. This is an opportunity to get involved in planning for events for the rest of the year. It is also a great way to find out about all the great learning that is happening at BPS and the planning being undertaken for the new building works. All welcome

Finally, don’t forget to mark 10 am, Sunday 24 May on your calendar as our new working bee date.

Meredith Wakeman
P&C President

Camp Australia Before and After School Care

Dear families,

We are well on our way into Term Two of our new service. We have a few new changes to staffing, we gained a new coordinator Ziena and a new assistant Eloise. Over the next few weeks you will learn a little more about our educators and our program. We operate from 7:00 am to 9:00 am, 3:10 pm to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday and are located in the School Hall. We document and plan experiences based on the children’s interest and ideas. Over the past few weeks we have been learning about sustainability, recycling and compost. This week the children have been working on a collage using natural and recycled materials.

If you have any inquiries, please come in and talk to our friendly educators or contact us on 0450259031.

SHYAC

ACTelete 2015, Sunday 7 June at Chevalier College Performing Arts Centre.

Junior production of CONUNDRUM audition weekend for ages 8-17 years to be held on 13 & 14 June.

Further information for both events www.shyac.org.au.