KINDERGARTEN 2016
It’s time to enrol for Kindergarten in 2016. We are holding our orientation sessions earlier than usual this year and would love to have enrolment forms at school as soon as possible. If you have neighbours, family or friends with a kindergarten aged child, please encourage them to enrol now.

PARENT SENTIMENT SURVEY
Last year we surveyed parents, asking how we could make our school even better. The results of the survey have been used to make improvements to our school and formed the basis for our strategic directions in our school plan. This year we hope that you will take the time to complete the survey again. We welcome your responses.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BowralPS2015

NEW BUILDING
Please visit our New Building tab on the school website to see the latest updates of our building program.

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL’S FESTIVAL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Last week I had the privilege of attending this magnificent concert at The Sydney Opera House. Our students performed with aplomb and were a credit to our school. Musical opportunities such as this one are not possible without the dedication and talent of Mrs Oszurko and Mr Thompson. A big thank you to them both and congratulations to all children who were involved.

YARN
Yarn-up is a program which aims to provide opportunities for Aboriginal students in Years 5 and 6 to develop skills in debating, impromptu speaking and public speaking. Last week Georgie Biggs had the honour to speak in Parliament House in Sydney. Georgie represented our school with pride and we are very proud of her efforts. Congratulations Georgie.

INVOICE PAYMENTS
Have you paid your invoice payments yet? Our school relies on parents paying for extracurricular activities so that we can continue to offer them to students. If you are having difficulty paying, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance. We are always happy to help. Contact Mrs Buckley or Mr Thompson at school, or speak to your child’s class teacher for more information on how we can assist with payments.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

HOUSE CAPTAIN & STUDENT LEADER PHOTOS
These photos are on display at the school reception and may be ordered by completing a re-order envelope from the school office at a cost of $16.00. Please place payment either cash or cheque in the envelope provided. Credit card payments can be made online through the website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au. Please enter your ORDER NUMBER on the envelope and return to school by 18 August 2015.

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GIRLS’ FOOTBALL TEAM ONWARD AND UPWARD!

This week our girls (and parents!) were all set to make the trek to sunny Queanbeyan to continue in their football knockout campaign, this time against Bungendore. Once again the winter weather almost got the better of us, when an overnight downpour rendered the Queanbeyan grounds so waterlogged that the council were forced to close every one of them. Luckily, Bungendore were just as eager to play as we were, and after a flurry of phone calls the game was moved to Goulburn.

By mid morning the girls found themselves warming up at one of the windiest football grounds in the Southern Hemisphere, the Cookbundoon playing fields. The beauty of this ground is that the carpark reaches almost up to the field's boundary, allowing parents to remain in the warm comfort of their cars and enjoy a perfect view of their daughters being sent out to do battle.

And do battle they did. In a close game in which the wind played a major role, our girls came up against some formidable talent in the Bungendore lineup. It was Bungendore's goalie who had to work hard throughout the game, as our mids and forwards, Ava, Charlotte, Lily, Amelia and Jenima repeatedly took the ball into attack. Bungendore certainly threatened, but our solid defence of Willow, Jen, Millie, Mia, Anna, Molly and Olivia protected our goalie Maddi from any real danger. However, Bungendore were way ahead of us in the tally of corners, which threatened to be the deciding factor should the result be a draw.

One of the highlights of the game was a heroic run all the way down the line by Lily, completed with a perfect cross and shot at goal which looked certain to go in until a gust of wind pushed it just clear of the goal line. It was not to be until the final 9 minutes of the game that we finally broke through with a goal, when Ava took advantage of a fumble by the opposition's goalie and booted it through.

The last 9 minutes were excruciatingly tense as Bungendore mustered every ounce of effort to equalise, only to come up against an equally determined defence which saw us through to our 1-0 victory.

Our girls proved their toughness, unperturbed by a tough opposition in tough, icy conditions. Jen deserves special mention for her tenacity and refusal to be intimidated by some pretty hard knocks, including a friendly boot in the face. Our girls also proved their worth as a team, as there was not a single weak link on the field. They gave credence to the saying that a champion team will always beat a team of champions. Or, as coolly confident coach Iain Falshaw stated after the game, "You just need to be organised, that's all."

Eva Canute

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS REPORT

After many false starts, including the famous ‘snow day’, Bowral Public School held a modified school athletics carnival on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 July 2015. The track events were held at Loseby Park while the field events were held at school. Students participated with enthusiasm, especially Year 2 who were enjoying their first taste of an athletics carnival. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded at a special Years 2-6 assembly this Friday 14 August 2015 at 11.30am in the school hall. The winning house will also be announced during this assembly. As always, parents and friends are welcome to attend.

The District Athletics Carnival was held at Eridge Park on Friday 31 July 2015, again after a weather postponement of the original date. We sent a team of 57 students from Years 2 to 6 to the carnival. They participated well and enjoyed a day of sunny warm weather. Final results have not been posted yet of the winning school. Noteworthy individual results include Phoebe Rykers’ 11 year old age champion award and Max Harmey’s record breaking junior boy discus throw of 20.54 metres which contributed to his award of junior boy champion.

The Regional Athletics carnival will be held at the Australian Institute of Sport track in Bruce, Canberra on Friday 21 August 2015. Bowral Public School is delighted to be sending 18 students to represent the Wingecarribee district at this carnival. These students are:

Ben Alexander
Lily Harmey
Sam Maurice
Phoebe Rykers

Jennifer Allan
Max Harmey
Caleb McGarry
Anneliese Wansey

Tristan Beattie
Lily Hogan
James Murray
Ben Whyte

Imogen Day
Amelia Horn
Tim O’Keefe

Charlotte Hampshire
Maddison Laws
Harry Pinczi

Bowral Public School wishes these students all the best at the Regional Carnival.

We would like to thank all of the parents and friends of Bowral Public School students who attended these athletics carnivals. We would also like to thank those parents and friends who assisted at these carnivals, including the volunteer Bowral High School students who assisted as part of their sports management program.

Paul Matthews and Scott Cayzer.
Stephen Michael King

We are very fortunate to be able to offer all our students the opportunity to attend a session with one of Australia’s leading children’s author/illustrators, Stephen Michael King who is visiting us for two days on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 August.

Stephen Michael King’s first picture book, The Man Who Loved Boxes, skyrocketed to popularity, winning the Family Award for Children’s Books in 1996. Since then Stephen has illustrated more than 70 books including classics such as The pocket dogs, Henry and Amy, Mutt Dog, Millie, Jack and the dancing cat – to name just a few.

He has been nominated for numerous awards and won many.

Stephens describes drawing as something that he simply can’t live without! When he was ten years old he became partially deaf and experienced difficulty communicating with people. Drawing and dreaming became his escape.

“I work mainly with watercolours and ink, although I do occasionally use coloured pencils. I work fast so my ideas stay fresh.” Watercolours, black ink, oil painting and sculpture are Stephen’s favourite media.

Many of Stephen’s books have been published internationally and translated into a number of languages. Due to his ongoing working commitments, Stephen Michael King is only rarely available for school visits which makes this opportunity all the more special.

A selection of Stephen’s books will be available for purchase in the lead up to his visit and the children are welcome to bring their own copy of his books for him to sign.

Stephen will be presenting sessions to all stages. Costs for sessions have been covered on Term 3 invoice. A workshop opportunity will also be offered to a limited number of Stage 2 students. Information will be provided at a later date.

Kind Regards

Jenny Henderson
Teacher/Librarian
BULLIES BEWARE!
Last Friday, students enjoyed a performance presented by Brainstorm Productions. ‘The Protectors’, an entertaining and humorous show, still addressed the serious issues of teasing, bullying and aggressive behaviours. Children learnt the difference between passive, aggressive and assertive actions. They discovered the importance of body language and investigated strategies to build positive relationships. This relevant and engaging production supported ideas of interpersonal relationships and cyber safety. These concepts are central to the ‘Safe Living’ strand of the Personal Development/Health/Physical Education syllabus and will be further followed up in classroom programs.

Virginia Pridham

The World Education Games are coming!
Our school has registered for the World Education Games. Between October 13-15 simply log in to Mathletics, where you can compete and win prizes for participating. You will earn UNICEF points which 3P Learning convert to a $ value. This money is then donated to UNICEF.
More information http://www.3plearning.com/worldeducationgames/

Pam Bates

NO MORE RECYCLED MILK BOTTLE CONTAINERS. OUR COLLECTION IS COMPLETED.
THANK YOU
Virginia Pridham

Final notice - TRIVIA NIGHT is this Saturday at 6:30pm.
Don’t miss out as this is always a really fun and social evening on our P&C calendar. Our school and local communities have generously donated some fantastic prizes for our raffle and silent auction along with table prizes for the winners and place getters. If you have further items to donate, they need to be delivered to the office by lunchtime on THURSDAY.

This is a themed event with more prizes for best dressed and best table decorations, so get creative... remember it’s a “B” theme! The hall will be open for tables to be decorated from 6:15pm to 6:30pm on the night. We have asked that all ticket sales be finalised by today. All table co-ordinators are now asked to confirm their booking numbers with Kay Paviour on 0413348093 or k.paviour@bigpond.com. If you have any further queries contact meredithwakeman@hotmail.com

We look forward to raising some money for our wonderful school and having a fun filled evening with you all. Next weeks news will include a list of businesses and individuals who have sponsored this event.

Our next P&C meeting will be held Monday 17 August in the school library beginning at 6.30pm. Come along to find out more about your school and how you can be a part of it.

Meredith Wakeman
P&C President

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CAMELBAK SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CHALLENGE TRAIL RUNNING EVENT—Sunday 30 August, Wingello State Forest
Info: www.southernhighlandschallenge.com or Linda Christison lkcdigitalmedia@gmail.com

GO4FUN
HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 15 August
6.30pm (for a 7pm start)
BPS School Hall
Theme - The Letter “B”
Cost $20 per person

Come and join us for a night of laughs and fundraising for the annual P&C Trivia Night. Enjoy a raffle, silent auction and prizes for best decorated table, best dressed male and best dressed female.

Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite
https://bpstrivia.eventbrite.com.au
or via the school office.

Tickets on sale until Wednesday 12th August
Adults only event

A bar will operate on the night with beer, wine, sparkling wine and non-alcoholic drinks available (no BYO drinks) BYO snacks or dinner

Tables are strictly limited to a maximum of eight people. Include your team name and organiser’s details when you purchase.

If you are not a part of an organised team, individual tickets may also be purchased and seats will be allocated at a table- indicate “P&C” under organiser’s name.

Donations of goods, services and vouchers for our raffle and silent auction are being sought. Contact Meredithwakeman@hotmail.com