INFLUENZA B
We have been informed by local medical practitioners that some of our students have contracted a particularly contagious form of influenza. Students who have a fever, aches and pains, a cough or sore throat or who are generally feeling unwell should stay at home and see a medical practitioner.

KINDERGARTEN 2016
This week we completed our orientation process for our 2016 Kindergarten students. We were thrilled to meet so many confident, happy, smiling faces who will be coming to "big school" next year.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Students from Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 represented our school at the regional final of The Greater Southern Sydney Speaking Competition at Buxton Public School this week. Congratulations to Matilda Lambie from Kindergarten who was awarded a Highly Commended award in her competition, Declan from Year 2 who won the Stage 1 competition, Amelia Dowe from Year 3 who represented our school with pride and Mia Gillis who won the Stage 3 competition. Declan and Mia will now represent our school at the finals to be held at Clemton Park Public School on Wednesday 5 November.

GIRL’S FOOTBALL TEAM
This week our girls’ football team played against Vincentia Public School in the South Coast Final of the PSSA knockout competition. This was a remarkable achievement by our girls. Coach Iain Falshaw has worked hard coaching the girls and they have played beautifully as a team. With a number of our girls unwell, we were unfortunately beaten by a full strength team. Well done girls, you have made us very proud and a big thank you to Iain for his coaching of this team.

Wendy Buckley
PRINCIPAL

LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY
This will be held on Friday 11 September, which is also the visit of Opera Australia to perform Cinderella. Students who attend the Gala Day and who have paid for Cinderella, will be given a cash refund of $8 next week.

GREATER SOUTHERN SYDNEY PUBLIC SPEAKING SUCCESS
In a wonderful effort from Bowral Public School, we achieved two wins and a runner-up award in the Greater Southern Sydney Public Speaking contest held at Buxton Public School last Monday. As testimony to the strength of public speaking at our school it was noted that any one of the students who entered our school competition would have been a worthy contestant at this level. Pictured are Mia, winner of Stage 3, and Declan, winner of Stage 1. Amelia was a worthy representative while Matilda (not in the photo) was the runner-up in the Kindergarten section. Congratulations to these students and also congratulations to all who entered the contest at school level. I predict a stellar future for public speaking at Bowral Public School!

Virginia Pridham

REMINDER DIARY DATES

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A BRILLIANT WINTER OF FOOTBALL COMES TO AN END

The highly anticipated girls' football match between the two South Coast champions, Bowral Public School and Vincentia Public School, took place this week in classic Highlands conditions – golden sunshine and biting wind. Despite several bouts of Highlands flu that had threatened to lay low a few of our players, the girls had approached finals week with their usual positivity and enthusiasm. The bug did get the better of them however, with Charlotte Hampshire and Molly Knowles forced to withdraw at the last minute due to sickness.

We knew after the first few minutes that this would be a tight match. Nevertheless, we seemed to have most of the possession in the first half, together with several scoring opportunities that saw the ball only just going wayward of the goals. Willow’s tenacity and Lily’s run gave our small but loyal cheer squad plenty to get excited about.

By half time, the score was still 0-0, but not for long. Maddi Laws provided the spark we needed when she miraculously saved a penalty shot at goal after a handball in the goal square. This seemed to lift our momentum and within a few minutes the opportunity to score finally came, when Amelia Horne was given a penalty shot at goal after a Vincentia handball. She took the shot brilliantly, placing the ball perfectly into the top right corner of the net. The score was 1-0 and the girls had their eyes firmly set on victory and a state quarter final.

However, it was not to be. The girls from Vincentia were not quite ready to give up and managed a quick reply with a surprise goal in which the ball had looked certain to be heading wayward of the net. Suddenly the scores were equal and once again it was anybody’s game. This equalising goal seemed to momentarily knock the wind out of our sails and Vincentia quickly exploited this moment of self-doubt with another quick goal. At this point, our depleted line-up became apparent, with the opponents gathering momentum as ours faltered. The end saw us concede to Vincentia 3-1.

Our girls were valiant in defeat, clearly taking pride in having gone further in the PSSA knockout than any other Bowral Public football team. Coach Iain Falshaw instilled in them a focused self-belief which served them well. As team manager, I felt sad to say goodbye to a campaign of brilliant football, but immensely proud of these young women whose camaraderie, spirit and skill had defined the season of 2015.

Eva Canute

STAGE THREE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Wednesday 2 September, the Stage Three Public Speaking Competition was held. Congratulations to the following students who took part in this competition which required a considerable amount of preparation at home.

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<th>Nick Anderson</th>
<th>Jack McClymont</th>
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<td>Hamish Mclean</td>
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The students were able to choose to speak about any topic they were interested in which encompassed a wider global concept. The range of topics was amazing and all students spoke with authority and understanding of their chosen topic. Students were not able to use any external aids or props during the presentation of their speeches and had to speak without the use of a lectern or a microphone.

The adjudicators, Mrs Pridham and Mr Matthews, judged the students’ speeches on a range of criteria on which focused on the manner, matter and method the contestants employed in presenting their speeches. The high quality of speeches made the judging very difficult for the adjudicators who commended all the participants on the quality of their presentations.

The winner of the competition was Mia Gillis, second place Hal Canute and equal third place Ava Lambah and Mia Sandilands. Highly commended awards were given to Hamish Mclean, Georgia Biggs, Hannah Hill and Kai Bowie. Mia will represent Bowral Public School in the Greater Southern Sydney Public Speaking Competition.

Jane Bell
We have had a great response to Ethics classes and now have six classes running. I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful volunteer teachers, who are all busy parents sharing their time.

Call for volunteers
Some of our classes are getting a bit big so we need more help! We need **two more volunteers** to teach an ethics class. We need another teacher for Year 1 and a teacher for Years 5/6.

The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to [http://www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)

We would welcome grandparents or community members as volunteer teachers. Feel free to call me if you are interested or would like more information.

**Natalie Clough (Ethics Coordinator) 0431 840 312.**

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**Father's Day Stall**

Thank you to all those volunteers who assisted with running our stall last Friday. I'm sure that the smiles on the children's faces indicated what a worthwhile activity this was.

**P&C Spending**

This week the P&C have been able to finalise how the funds we have raised in the second half of the year will be allocated to support our school. Our Trivia night raised $9000 and we have been able to add to this another $10 000 from our canteen. This will now allow the school to purchase new furniture for four of our older classrooms instead of two. In addition, over its many years of operation, our uniform shop has very slowly accumulated funds until it too has been able to contribute $10 000! This has allowed for the purchase of four more class laptop sets to ensure that all classes who move over to Banyette Street will have access to this technology. Your voluntary donations to the Library Fund are also being used to upgrade technology in the existing classrooms.

Finally, following a costing, we have also been able to commit to funding the building of a balcony learning area as part of the new classrooms in early 2016. This will cost approximately $20 000, and will utilise some money we have in reserve and also future fund raising.

It is very rewarding to see each of these purchases contribute to improving our facilities and ensuring that our children's learning is well resourced.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

This week the P&C was represented at the Kindergarten Orientation Information Session by Emma Bragg from the Canteen, Siobhan Barrett-Lennard from the Uniform Shop and myself. I asked the parents attending to consider becoming involved in their school by committing to one of the many opportunities on offer for families attending P&C meetings, joining the canteen or uniform shop volunteer rosters, assisting with a working bee or helping out in their child's class or on a sports day. The benefits of involvement are many: friendships are formed, facilities and resources are improved and children show higher educational outcomes and become more engaged with their education.

Have you committed to being involved in your child's school?

**Meredith Wakeman**

**P&C President**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

| **PLAY CRICKET** - Milo T20 Blast | **BILOELA BUSH CAMP AND CAMP WOMBAROO**
Contact your local club or register at playcricket.com.au | GREAT AUSSIE CAMP OUT!
10-11 SEPTEMBER 2015
Information and registration: www.oeg.org.au/gaco-nsw |
| **BOWRAL BLUES CRICKET CLUB** | **BOWRAL TENNIS CLUB** |
Information Brian Martin 0419 989 905 bm50@bigpond.com.au | Information and registration: www.bowraltennis.com.au
Tristan M: 0409 150 057 |
| **SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY** | **WATER POLO—Competition starts October** |
Bookings and Enquiries 4861 1167
Wingecarribee Shire Council Public Library | Registration and information
www.southernhighlandswaterpolo.com.au |
| **MITTAGONG BLUE LIGHT DISCO** | **WALGETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE—SUITCASES NEEDED: OLD, NEW, SMALL, LARGE, ANY COLOUR** |
Mittagong RSL Club, Saturday 26 September 2015
4pm-8:30pm, 4-14 years | Our world going global is a special education project that starts locally but thinks globally. We are asking our students to consider the world they live in and how they travel in it. Walgett Community College needs over 100 suitcases for this project to help our kids understand they are citizens of the world, and so they know that their world matters. All you need is to sent a suitcase to Walgett Community College, Connected Communities, Arthur Street, Walgett, NSW, 2832 as a donation, or contact Roslyn McGregor 0448 044 253 for a way to get them to Walgett. |

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Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principal may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences
  You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order
  If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrates may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court
  School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.
Applications are sought for the above position. Hours of work will be 8.30am to 3.00pm, working a five day fortnight, paid on a casual basis. An employee working with Children Check will have to be provided prior to employment.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION (Abbreviated) - A full description is available on request from the school office**

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<th>This position is responsible for the profitable management and operation of the school canteen according to the policies and procedures of Bowral Public School Canteen Committee. The manager will support the development of strong relationships in the school community in particular with the students, parents and volunteers, teachers and other school personnel.</th>
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| Extent of Authority     | • Has authority to purchase/order necessary products and produce to deliver a healthy canteen food service.  
                          • Exercise a degree of autonomy to achieve objectives of the position.  
                          • Guidance and direction of canteen assistants.  
                          • Canteen manager is responsible to the Canteen convenor and P&C executive. |
| Key Responsibilities    | The canteen manager is responsible for the management of the day-to-day operations of the school canteen. This includes the following responsibilities:  
                          • Providing leadership to canteen staff and volunteers to ensure the delivery of an affordable food service to the students and staff of the school;  
                          • Planning, organising, and monitoring the day to day operations of the canteen, including the rostering of voluntary workers, daily record-keeping (as deemed necessary by the canteen policy), opening and closing the canteen, preparation and cooking for service and ensuring all workers sign in and out;  
                          • Use food preparation and cooking skills to minimise waste of fresh produce;  
                          • Ordering, purchasing and checking all supplies against invoices and delivery dockets then passing them on to the appropriate financial delegate;  
                          • Provide a report to canteen convenor on the activities of the Canteen, including sales when required e.g. P&C meetings, Canteen committee meetings  
                          • Counting, recording and reconciling the daily takings according to school policy for safe handling of money;  
                          • Implement procedures and process regarding food safety to ensure that correct food handling and hygiene practices are performed to prevent food spoilage, contamination and subsequent food poisoning;  
                          • Ensuring all canteen workers including volunteers are familiar with correct food handling and hygiene practices in line with Standard 3.2.2;  
                          • Attend canteen committee meetings with a P&C representative once per term; |

Applicants are invited to provide a brief overview, maximum of two pages, of experience and what you can offer the Beehive Canteen, which can be emailed to mdr01@bigpond.com. All applications will remain confidential.

All applications must be received by Friday 9 October 4.00pm.