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Term 4 Week 5 - 8 November 2017



From the Principal:

This week Bowral Public School has participated in External Validation. Our staff, ably led by our senior executive team made judgements about our school's performance, mapped against the NSW School Excellence Framework. The panel, which consisted of a Principal School Leadership and a peer principal, declared that our submission was one of the best that they had read and it was **THE** most authentic. This is wonderful news for our school and a testament to the hard work put into the submission by Miss Christie and Mrs Hopwood, ably supported by the rest of the current school executive team.

We will now focus our attention on future directions for Bowral Public School....where do we need to make improvements, and what do we need to do in order to ensure our school remains relevant and provides a quality education for all of our students?

Thank you to the many parents who took time to answer questions about our school on our recent parent sentiment survey. Your interest in our school and feedback provided will continue to support our future directions and your time is very much appreciated.

We have also welcomed our 2018 Kindergarten students to school over the last two weeks. They have enjoyed their "big school" experiences and it has been a pleasure welcoming all of our new families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hopwood for the work she has done at Bowral Public School in 2017. Mrs Hopwood has taken on the role of relieving principal at Colo Vale Public School for the rest of this year while their principal takes some well-deserved leave. We wish Mrs Hopwood all the best in her future career.

Wendy Buckley

A SAMPLE PAGE
OF OUR
EXTERNAL VALIDATION
SUBMISSION

BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECT AND EVIDENCE SET: STUDENT WELLBEING

Focus: Student Wellbeing
Strategic Direction 3: Enhance and build on community involvement as part of a positive school culture

Statement of Excellence
(School Excellence Framework)
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In schools that excel, there is a strategic and planned approach to support the cognitive, emotional, social, physical and spiritual wellbeing of students.

What are the practices in our school that support student wellbeing?
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Our School Context
We are committed to all students achieving success through the implementation of explicit teaching and learning programs across all key learning areas which underpin effective and diverse student wellbeing practices. Students are encouraged to develop the values, skills and attitudes to ensure they can make a valuable contribution to their current community and the society they will shape in the future.
Practices identified include a whole school philosophy and approach towards following four positive rules and clearly defined 'traffic light' system with consequences for inappropriate choices.
Our Learning Support Team meets every fortnight to discuss individual students and how we are addressing their academic, behaviour and attendance needs.
Staff undertake all mandated training and have currency of documentation as we meet our obligations under Keep Them Safe.
Impact
Bowral Public School is building a strategic and planned approach to the wellbeing of all students; monitoring data, reflecting on practice and individualising support for students and families. We are continuing to change the wellbeing environment to ensure that success is recognised and rewarded throughout the school. Our continued progress will ensure we are able to maintain school excellence and to provide a stimulating, safe and happy environment, for all students. Statistical data based on Tell Them From Me survey reports indicate student satisfaction and wellbeing is rated positively by students in Years 4 - 6, a finding that has been replicated each year we have undertaken these surveys.

Identifying the data
Where will we find evidence of impact? What data will we use?

Transition programs	Attendance data	Suspension data
SRC commitment	Kids Consequence chart	School Rules
Individual behaviour supports	Class Rules	Friendship Tree-Chaplain program
Reflection Room data	Buddies	Learning Support Team (including ILPs, IEPs and reviews)
Class timetables	Wellbeing policies and procedures	Tell Them From Me surveys

Our 2017 Student Representative Council

REMINDER DIARY DATES

Friday 10 November	◆ BPS Cinema Under the Stars—"Sing", from 5:30pm	13—24 November	◆ Swim School
Friday 17 November	◆ Self Help—Gibraltar	Monday 4 December	◆ Presentation Night, Year 5—6, 6:30pm
Wednesday 6 December	◆ Presentation Day - K—2 10am - Year 3—4 12 noon	Friday 15 December	◆ Students last day

CYBER BULLYING PRESENTATION

Susan Mclean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people and she is coming to our school on 11/12/17.

Susan will talk about Growing up Online: and will present an informative & entertaining session for parents and carers delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach & will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of.

Where: in our school hall.

When: On Monday December 11 at 6.30pm

Cost: Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased through our Parent online Payment ribbon, which is located on the top ribbon of the front page of our school website. Please include your name and state that the payment is for Susan Mclean. (Please note that the P&C is heavily subsidising Susan's presentation).

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES

As you know, we are making some changes to our end of year presentation assemblies this year.

Stage 3 assembly (Years 5 and 6): Monday 4 December at 6.30pm

K-2 assembly: Wednesday 6 December at 10am

Stage 2 assembly (Years 3 & 4): Wednesday 6 December at 12 noon

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

The process of electing our student leadership team for 2018 has begun. Students have started to submit their applications and successful applicants will know in the coming weeks if they have been selected to make a speech.

OFFICE REFURBISHMENT

We thank you for your patience and understanding as, over the next few weeks we have relocated our school office to the 2 Lemon classroom. We thank Mr Tudor and the boys and girls in 2 Lemon for their willingness to relocate to the Old Woodwork Room for the duration of the rebuild. Our hard working office staff will have a lovely new office area in which to work before the end of the year, however in the meantime "business as usual" looks different!

WRITE ON COMPETITION.

We have congratulated Elke a'Campo for her wonderful effort in winning a Bronze award in the Write On competition. Elke's story is included in this newsletter for all to read.

GIRL'S CRICKET

On 25 October 2017, the Bowral Public School girl's cricket team played an amazing game of cricket in the quarter finals at Mark Taylor Oval in Wagga Wagga against South Wagga Public School.

The team drove down to Wagga the night before the game and stayed overnight in a hotel. It started to rain as we arrived at the ground, but then thankfully the sun came out!

Both teams played exceptionally well. South Wagga was an amazing team that included five rep players. Bowral batted first, scoring 6 for 125, with Heidi Alexander scoring 31 runs and batting for nearly the entire innings. In the end, South Wagga was just too good, passing our total at 0 for 126 with 4 overs to go. Our wicketkeepers, Lilyahn Stevens and Kimberley Pitaktomorn both played very well. We had great bowling from Heidi Alexander, Madelynn Butt, Ava Maiden, Annalee Watson and Sophie Taufel. The whole team fielded very well.

The season was a great experience for our team making the final eight out of 113 teams. Although we lost this game, the competition saw us all become great friends and keen to continue our cricket careers!

Thank you to our parents for getting us to all the games. Also big thanks to Mr Stanton (our umpire), Mr Taufel and Mr Zupp for their excellent coaching skills. A special thanks to Matt Watson for his many hours of dedication to coach the girls' cricket team over the year. We couldn't of course have done this without Mrs Ayling our amazing manager and number 1 cheerleader!

By Beth Zupp



COMMUNITY NEWS

BOWRAL JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE 'KOOKABURRAS'

"Come and Try" afternoons a Loseby Park Bowral, 4pm—5pm

Wednesdays 8, 15, 22, 29 November

Information Peter Howard M 0429 043 556

MITTAGONG BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Saturday 25 November, Mittagong RSL Club.

4pm to 6pm

4-14 years

TIMELINE: 2018 HOUSE LEADERS ELECTION

Week 3 – Meeting with Year Five students outlining leadership process and expectations, with opportunity for questions and discussion.

Wednesday 1 November 5.30pm – Year 5 Parent information session in library regarding Bowral Public School leadership process.

Monday 6 November – House leader election information note sent home.

Friday 10 November – Closing date for students to nominate for house leader positions.

Monday 13 November – Application forms completed at school under supervision.

Thursday 16 November – Forms signed and endorsed by parents to be returned to Mrs Canute.

Monday 20 November – Candidates announced.

Monday 27 November – Candidates deliver a brief speech to Y3-6 students from their respective houses. Preferential voting system used to select leaders.

Monday 4 December – Eight house leaders inducted at Stage Three presentation night.

Eva Canute

Le Artiste

By Elke a'Campo

Paris, 1931.

As I turned into Rue Viney, my footsteps were muffled by the low hum of the crowd ahead. Why is this crowd just standing there?. I stood on my tiptoes but still wasn't tall enough to see over the people. I saw a small blue crate nearby. Hoping it might make me a bit taller, I stepped onto it. I could make out a figure sitting on a chair. I really needed a closer look.

I pushed my way to the front of the crowd. What I saw seemed mysterious. A man was painting a lady's portrait. This man looked like Picasso but while his painting resembled Picasso's, something was missing. I couldn't pick what .

Intrigued, I hid and watched. In the late afternoon he packed up his supplies and ran off. I followed him. It must have been 40 minutes before he stopped at a dead-end. He looked around, checking he was alone.

I watched as the man tapped a brick in front of him. And tapped another, until the wall opened into an archway. He stepped through it, the arch closing behind him.

I then tapped the bricks in a similar pattern. There was the archway. I took a step into the glistening fresh snow. It was wonderful, but also strange. What was going on? I Looked around. Do I head towards the run-down shack in the distance or to the dense forest ahead?

I noticed a dim glow coming from the shack, so I trudged through the thick snow. Through the window I saw the man sitting on a chair, staring at the wall opposite him, with his back faced towards me. Fearlessly, I opened the front door.

I found myself in a small room. On each wall, there must have been 40 paintings. "Who are you?" I asked. No response. I looked around at all the paintings. They looked like Picasso's work but they didn't have the depth. I turned to the man again. A younger version of Picasso? There was a familiar glint in his eye. But, that couldn't be possible? Picasso is older than this. Well, I am in a strange, snowy, world.

"Is this your work?" I tried asking. No response. Is it possible to be the same person, young and old, at the same time?.

I looked at the paintings again before turning back to the man, but I saw neither the man, nor his artworks. I was back hiding behind the rubbish bins!. I saw the edge of the man's coat whip around the corner. Had I really been in this snowy land? or just asleep behind these bins? he did look like a young Picasso...but Picasso was not young so, that could not be? Or could it?

Years later, when I turned onto Rue Viney, I saw a face in the crowd. He caught my eye and smiled. Those same eyes. I hurried after him. I picked up the paint brush that lay on the ground.



BPS Cinema Under the Stars- "Sing"

On Friday 10 November the P&C will be holding an outdoor movie evening from 5.30pm—movie commences approximately 7.30pm, for the whole family to enjoy. The movie "Sing" will be showing on the new lawn next to the new building. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and enjoy a family friendly evening together so bring along your picnic rugs, blankets and cushions and join in the fun! We are asking for a gold coin donation upon entry and there will be a sausage sizzle, popcorn, choc tops and drinks to purchase.

We are calling for help on the following stalls on the evening:

Early Stage 1: Choc Tops - Contact Fiona Day fiona.day@inet.net.au or Alison Courts alison@teacupevents.com.au

Stage 1: Popcorn – contact Suzie Harris suzieharris@gmail.com

Stage 2: BBQ – contact Kay Paviour kaypaviour@bigpond.com or Kate Bow kateandmatt1@bigpond.com

Stage 3: Drinks- contact Kirrily Zupp kjz73@hotmail.com or Mishell Currie mishellcurrie@ymail.com

Please contact the stall coordinators above if you can lend a hand for ½ an hour or so on the night. Many thanks in advance for your help!

*** Can you please help us out with change and try and bring coins and smaller notes on the evening! Many thanks in advance!***

Also a very big thank you to Lauren Evans for designing a fantastic flyer to promote our Cinema Under The Stars!

Kindergarten Orientation Morning Tea

On Wednesday this week the P&C provided morning tea at the kindergarten orientation parent information session. I spoke briefly about who the P&C are and what we do. It was wonderful to meet those new families, and welcome them to the Bowral Public School family. We look forward to giving them a proper welcome early next year.

Paver Fundraiser

This gives our school community the opportunity to buy a personalised paver to commemorate their time at our school, whilst raising funds for the P&C. We already have a section of pavers that were laid in 2014 outside of our school museum that look wonderful. The kids love looking for their name amongst all of them. Orders will be closing soon so be sure to get in before you miss out!

Cyber Safety Solutions Presentation

The P&C have made a contribution to the cost of this very valuable presentation on the 10 December so that the cost will be reduced for parents to attend. Tickets will cost \$20 and we will be hearing some really important advice from Susan McLean, Australia's leading cyber safety expert about keeping our children safe online.

Meeting 20 November

Our last meeting for 2017 will be on Monday 20 November at 6.30pm in our school library. Some of the things on the agenda will be, planning tea and tissues morning tea for kindergarten parents, welcome picnic and Hoedown for early next year, discussion about volunteer thank yous, and as usual we will be hearing reports from our Principal, Treasurer, Beehive, Uniform and Playground subcommittees. Everyone is very welcome to come along!!

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P&C President

MILO T20 BLAST SCHOOL CUP - STAGE 2 CRICKET GALA DAY

On Friday 3 November over 100 students from Stage Two went to Eridge Park for a cricket gala day. At the gala day we were split into teams and each played 3 games. The day was fun because you got into teams with your friends and were able to play cricket together. We played against schools from all over the Southern Highlands area and we even got to see some of our friends from other schools! The canteen was great, especially their sausage sizzle! During the games everybody got a turn at bowling, batting and fielding. We all drank lots of water to stay hydrated and kept putting sunscreen on. Our team played Mittagong and other Year 4 teams from our school. By the time we got on the bus we were all hot and sweaty. It was a great opportunity for students to go and learn how to do something they might not have ever done before. Everyone had an amazing day and thank you to all the helpers and teachers that made this day happen.

By Sophia Terry, Grace Phillips, Annabelle Bow and Lucy Rouse



6 November 2017

Dear Families,

Each year at Bowral Public School, we put up the Giving Tree in the Library and send out the call to our school community for donations of goods for a chosen charity. The tree is going up this week and this year we are once again assisting the Salvation Army in putting together food hampers to support families in need over the Christmas period.

Suitable items are non-perishable foods such as those in cans or packets. They can be staples such as rice or pasta or treats such as biscuits or sweets. Also needed are plastic laundry baskets to pack the food in.

Your help with any items would be very much appreciated. The children can bring them in and place them under the tree in the library any time or families are welcome to come in before or after school. The giving tree donations will be presented to the Salvation Army at a special assembly in the last week of term.



Kind Regards

Jenny Henderson and Karen Baguley

PLEASE RETURN YOUR



This year we are undertaking a stocktake using our new software system for the first time. Personal borrowing by the students will finish at the end of this week, Week 5. Students have been reminded of this from Week 1. They can borrow any day of the week up until Friday, 10 November. We will then ask for all returns to come in by Friday, 24 November (Week 7) when the library will close for stocktake.

Reminders will be sent out for any outstanding books in Week 8 and students are always asked to let me know if there are any problems with their borrowing record.

Class teachers will be able to borrow a class set of books to ensure that students can keep up their personal reading in class.

Thank you for your assistance with this as we hurtle towards the end of year activities.

Kind Regards
Jenny Henderson
Teacher Librarian

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GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



tCAF this Term – Education for all in Nepal

As proud supporters of Plan International Australia, we will be extending our support overseas as we reach out to disadvantaged primary school aged children in Nepal.

All Camp Australia services will receive resources and awareness raising activities so they can participate in our exclusive **Education for all in Nepal** campaign.

Throughout term 4, children in our services will be learning about Nepal and the devastating 2015 earthquake. As Camp Australia's Christmas collection, we will also be making handmade gifts for over 4,000 children in Nepal.

Who are Plan International Australia?

Plan International Australia are an international aid agency and were one of the first agencies to provide emergency response in Nepal after the earthquake in 2015.



Visit us in program to find out more

You are welcome to drop in anytime and see how we are helping to support the Education for all in Nepal campaign in our programs.

Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campastralia.com.au

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From the Team at Camp Australia

visit www.campastralia.com.au

we make kids smile

Limited Edition Prints of "Young Bradman" by Zoe Young

The P&C are offering 100 signed & numbered limited edition prints of the 'Young Bradman' artwork by the talented BPS alumni and accomplished artist Zoe Young.

Zoe painted the artwork for our sesquicentenary celebrations, and the original was sold in our silent auction at the Back to Bowral Ball in early September.

If you would like to own a limited edition print of this beautiful artwork, there are 3 sizes available to purchase ~ 10 x A2 size (\$350), 40 x A3 size (\$300) and 50 x A4 size (\$250) are on offer.

Please contact Alison to purchase -

alison@teacupevents.com.au or

0416 138 780. Orders must be in by November 10.

All money raised goes back to our school!

