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**Term 4 Week 7 - 22 November 2017**

#### From the Principal:

Bowral Public School has hosted the Southern Highlands One Day a Week Academically Gifted class since 2010. Its popularity has grown and this year we had the largest number of applicants that we have ever had. Because of the large number of successful Bowral students, we will host our own class in 2018. This class will operate in the same way as all of our classes, however will comprise of students who have sat the OLSAT test and have been deemed to be academically suitable candidates for the class. For next year only, our Academically Gifted Class will operate as a 5 day a week class. Next year Moss Vale Public School will also host an AG class, consisting of students who attend public schools across the Southern Highlands. This will then be reviewed again for 2019.

Following our final P&C meeting for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful parents who give up their time to attend P&C meetings, join committees and work as volunteers to support our staff and students. Your willingness to give up your time and contribute to our school is very much appreciated.

As you know we have had a "crack-down" on hat wearing lately. I am pleased to report that most students are now wearing their school hats every time they are in the playground, ensuring that they are sun safe and protecting their skin. Thank you to all parents for reminding students to wear hats to school every day.

We have students at school who suffer from anaphylaxis. Because of this we ask parents to leave nuts and foods containing nut products at home. By doing this, we are working together to keep all of our children safe.

**Wendy Buckley**  
**PRINCIPAL**

#### ULTIMO OPERATIONAL DIRECTORATE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Earlier in the term, Bowral Public School hosted the Regional Final of the Ultimo Operational Directorate Public Speaking Competition. The Bowral Public School Student Representatives were; Soina Jiang for Kindergarten, Matilda Lambie for Stage 1, Ava Gillis for Stage 2 and Tilda Payne for Stage 3. All of the girls did exceptionally well and represented the school proudly. A special congratulations to Matilda Lambie, who received a highly commended and Ava Gillis who won Stage 2 and represented the Wollondilly Region in the Grand Final.

Read about how Ava went at the Grand Final Below.

**Jenny Cousemacker**

#### ULTIMO PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

*This year over 250 Public Schools across NSW entered the 2017 Ultimo Public Speaking Competition. On Wednesday 8 November the Stage 2 Grand Final was held at Campsie Public School. After winning the previous 3 stages of the competition I felt very proud to be representing our school. I competed against 14 other students. My prepared speech was Education in Australia v Education in Finland. Afterwards I was given 5 minutes to write a 1 minute impromptu speech. The topic was Miracles. Impromptus are always very hard. You have to think quickly because 5 minutes goes so fast! As soon as the 5 minutes were up I was back in front of a large audience presenting a speech on how it would take a 'Miracle' to save our marine life. It was a great experience and I really appreciated the challenge.*

**Ava Gillis, Year 4**



#### REMINDER DIARY DATES

13—24 November	◆ Swim School	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

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 at 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



## LIBRARY END OF YEAR BORROWING AND RETURNS

PLEASE RETURN YOUR



Personal borrowing by the students has finished for the year and we would like all books returned by this Friday, 24 November (Week 7) please, when the library will close for stocktake.

Reminders will be sent out for any outstanding books next week in Week 8 and students are always asked to let me know if there are any problems with their borrowing record. Notes for any outstanding books after that will come home in Week 9.

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

Kind Regards  
Jenny Henderson  
Teacher Librarian

## 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 December 2017.

Susan will talk about Growing up Online: and will present an informative and entertaining session for parents and carers delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach and 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 11 December 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).



### **BPS Cinema Under the Stars- "Sing"**

Our outdoor movie night was a great success! We were blessed with perfect weather, and lots of families came along to socialise and enjoy great food and a fun movie. The new playground area proved to be the perfect spot. Many thanks to all those that helped run the night, without our volunteers these events wouldn't be possible. The movie night isn't a fundraiser, we simply attempt to cover our costs, and we want to thank the school community for their support during the year. With the gold coin donation we were close to breaking even, which is great news! We look forward to planning another one this time 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 done 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 11 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**

We held our last meeting for 2017 on Monday 20 November. We had lots to discuss and plan for next year, including the Hoedown, Bubbles at Bradman, Tea and Tissues morning tea for new kindergarten families, Steve Biddulph screening, and a new fundraiser- a Colour Run!! Wendy Buckley updated us with happenings in the school and asked for feedback on the school direction for the coming year. We also heard reports from our wonderful Canteen and Uniform Shop Committees. Thank you to those that gave up their time to attend and contribute. I look forward continuing our work next year, and as always everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

***Averil Cutroni***  
***P&C President***

## **News from the Beehive . . . . .**

Not long to go now before the end of term and the Beehive is busier than ever. We know it's a busy time of the year for everyone, but if you need to cancel your volunteer shift could you please find someone else to fill it or give us as much notice as possible.... At this busy time a cancellation the day before or the morning of your shift can mean we should be running on **RED** and will definitely reduce the service to **AMBER**. **That's how much we need you. We really can't do it without you!!**

Last **RED** day, we still had children trying to buy lunch and recess. There is absolutely no over the counter service and lunch is by **ORDER ONLY**. Your child will be directed to their teacher to see if they genuinely do not have any food and their teacher will be able to put in a lunch request which is a vegemite sandwich and then a pink note will be sent home requesting reimbursement.

The pink lunch request system is used when a child does not have a lunch order and currently we have outstanding accounts amounting to over \$150. If you suspect your child may have been provided a lunch order recently please check your child's bag or ask them and reimburse the canteen at your earliest convenience. This system is for an emergency lunch order and a vegemite sandwich on wholemeal bread is provided. Children have access and are encouraged to use the bubblers.

It was lovely to see our new Kindy's over orientation and they all seem very excited about being able to use the Canteen and coming to Big School. We look forward to seeing them soon and hopefully some new Kindy parent volunteers in the Beehive too!!

If you have any questions or queries or feedback, please get in touch by emailing [beehivecanteen@gmail.com](mailto:beehivecanteen@gmail.com) or [mishellcurrie@ymail.com](mailto:mishellcurrie@ymail.com)

Thank you to everyone for your support.

***Mishell Currie***  
***Canteen Convenor***

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Please claim your lost property.

All items not claimed will go to our Uniform Shop.



## you're invited to attend

The Mayor of Wingecarribee Shire Council  
Councillor Ken Halstead has pleasure in inviting

### Parents and Children of Bowral Primary School

To attend the **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
to be held in Corbett Plaza, Bowral  
from 7.00pm on Saturday 25 November 2017.

Join us for a free sausage sizzle, carols and a visit  
from Santa Claus

RSVP to Amanda Lawrence by email  
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## 5-16 years

It's fun and it's free!

Register online at [www.library.wsc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.wsc.nsw.gov.au)

Once you have registered online, visit your library from 1 December to pick up your Summer Reading Activity Pack. Start reading and remember to fill in your Reading Log. Read as many books as you like, but each time you read 5 books, you will receive a bonus ticket in the major prize draw.

### Major Prize \$100 gift voucher

All Reading Logs need to be handed in to your branch library before 5pm, Wednesday 31st January 2018 to be eligible for the Major Prize draw.

Those who have read 5 or more books will be given an invite to our

**End of Summer Reading Club Party** where there are  
more prizes to be won!



WINGECARRIBEE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



## GREAT FUN

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



### Great fun for your kids

Kids are at the heart of everything that we do at Camp Australia. That's why making your kids smile is our number one priority. Every day we aim to deliver a high quality program that interests and engages your children, while getting to know each child as an individual.

Our programs allow time for kids to be kids. We have lots of fun playing sports and games and spending time with friends. We also enjoy learning new things by engaging in educational activities, as well as having time for homework and time to relax. We also provide healthy meals and snacks for your child – yum!



#### Meet the Team

We're here to make sure that your child has the best OSHC experience possible. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to drop by, meet the team and see all the fun that we get up to every day.

#### Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From the Team at Camp Australia



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### Change of Service



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### Effective Monday 27 November 2017

All Bowral High School, Bowral Public School and St Thomas Aquinas School students that currently catch the Afternoon Cow bus will now be required to catch the Penguin Bus. There is no change to the time or the route of this service.

This change is effective from Monday 27 November 2017. Should you have any enquires regarding this change please contact us on 4871 3211.

Thank you.