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**Term 4 Week 9 - 14 December 2018**

### Dear Parents

This is our last newsletter for 2018 and I would like to begin by acknowledging the many wonderful achievements of our students throughout 2018. Our Presentation Day assemblies recognised those individual students who have worked hard academically, socially and physically to achieve their best results at school. Congratulations to our award recipients. I would also like to acknowledge all those students who strive on a day-to-day basis to “do their best”, in all their learning and to value their classroom contributions and success. It is these valued learning moments that we share with our students daily acknowledging hard work, perseverance and a passion for learning.

This year has marked a vast change in school leadership. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and wonderful foundation that Mrs Wendy Buckley has led over the past nine years of her principalship here at Bowral Public School. Her hard work and commitment to the education of our students was outstanding. As the newly appointed substantive principal of Bowral Public School, I would like to welcome the appointments of Mrs Joanne Curran as Deputy Principal, Mrs Eva Canute and Mrs Sharyn Moule as Assistant principals and Mrs Sharon Pecanac as School Administration Manager. The vibrance, enthusiasm, skills and expertise these school leaders bring to our school are and will be, highly valued and welcomed.

In 2018, our school has continued to grow welcoming many new students and families to our school. We have a strong reputation within our school community and pride ourselves on the positive partnerships we have built between home and school. We welcome and value parent input and support and pride ourselves on the establishment of strong parent participation within classrooms and across the school.

I would like to thank the many parents who completed our school survey regarding school communication. The information we have received has been highly valuable as we strive to improve our communication systems across the school. Whilst 74% of the responses indicate that school information is mainly accessed through the school newsletter, only 44% stated the Skoolbag app and 9% the school website. 71% of parents stated that notes home are the main form of communication. Our parents rated our school communication as follows: **20% Excellent, 53% Good and 26% Needs Improvement**. Our school website is the most current and accessible communication for parents but the survey results indicate that 44% access the website less than once a month. The Skoolbag app is a quick and effective means of providing school information to parents however, 17% of our parents do not access the Skoolbag app.

I would like to thank you for this valued feedback and ensure that this data is considered as we seek to improve our school communication. I would also like to inform that in 2019, the school will engage a school communication officer to oversee communication systems, review current communication practices, update communication procedures and monitor feedback and results. Mrs Averil Cutroni has accepted this position and will work directly with myself to ensure we deliver strong communication systems.

During the January school holidays the school will undergo some must needed maintenance and updates. These projects will include a new staffroom, carpet to some classrooms, new brightly coloured pin boarding to some classrooms, and a clean-up of our concrete play areas with updated and freshly painted games and activities and the delivery of some new classroom furniture. I certainly look forward to also progressing our lower playground options and look forward to a positive, cost effective solution to provide an improved play area for our students in 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday period and I look forward to the challenges that 2019 will bring.

Regards  
**Gary Graham**  
**Principal**

### REMINDER DIARY DATES

Wednesday 19 December	◆ Students last day Term 4	Wednesday 30 January 2019	◆ Students Year 1 –6 start Term 1
Monday 4 February 2019	◆ Kindergarten start Term 1	Friday 8 February 2019	◆ Swimming Carnival at Bowral pool

## Wellbeing Update from Mrs Curran.....

Thank you to the many parents who joined us at school at the end of November when we provided the update to the student wellbeing component of the School Plan. For those who couldn't make it on that occasion there will be more opportunities throughout 2019.

The team have been working very hard and we are excited to be launching the new school Wellbeing Policy across the school at the beginning of 2019.

We have allocated funds from our Self Help days to upgrading our playground. The SRC have recently met and have come up with some amazing ideas for playground markings. We have our fingers crossed that we have these completed during the January holiday period, ready for when our students return.

We have our Possum Mascot finalised and ready for our children to name.

I am looking forward to sharing more of the wonderful things happening in regard to student wellbeing in 2019.

## Congratulations to the following students, who will form the 2019 leadership team:

### LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2019

**Boy Captain 2019: Ben Hogan**

**Girl Captain 2019: Violet Fitzsimons**

**Boy Vice Captain: Monty Hancock**

**Girl Vice Captain: Lila Pappot**

**Boy school leaders: Tom Olofsen and Rohan Day**

**Girl school leaders: Meg Paviour and Ava Gillis**

### House Leaders 2019:

Gibraltar: Sophia Terry and Rashaad Abdullah

Oxley: Titus Taumoepeau and Matilda Holgate

Jellore: Annabelle Bow and Brayden McGarry

Joadja: Brandon Kubertas and Sophie Hanrahan

**And a huge congratulations to the winner of the Wingecarribee District PSSA Sportsgirl of 2018, Amalie Borthwick. This is a great achievement.**

## Giving Tree

A very big **Thank You** to our school families for the wonderful support of the Giving Tree this year. The Salvation Army collected all the donations last week at our school assembly and they were most appreciative of the school's efforts. The goods will go into their Christmas food hampers for others.

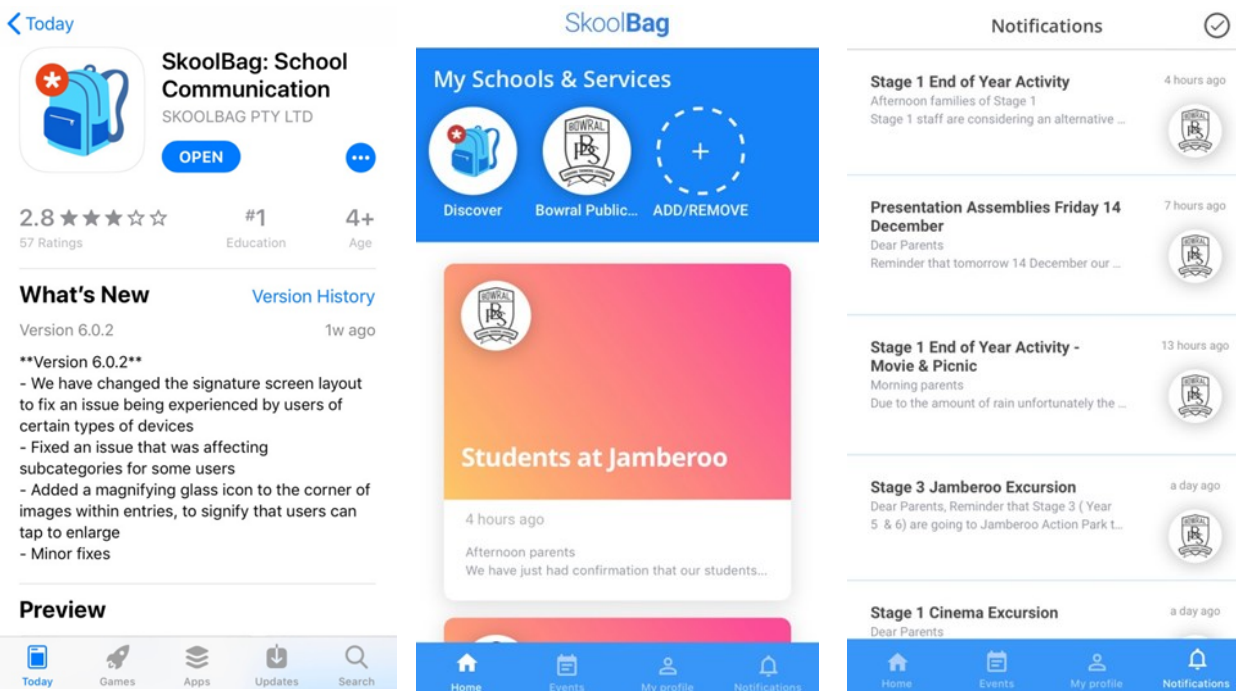
Kind Regards

**Jenny Henderson**  
**Teacher-Librarian**



## Have you downloaded the NEW version of our SkoolBag App?

The new version is designed with simplicity in mind, to ensure that our school can quickly and easily communicate instant notifications, emails, newsletters and absentee forms. Simply go to the app store and download the FREE SkoolBag App (version 6.0.2 ) and set up a free account to enjoy the new update.



## Learning and Inclusion Parents Network

The first meeting of the Bowral Public School Learning & Inclusion Parents Network will be held on Monday 17 December at 2.00pm at the school residence (the Uniform Shop building)

If you are a parent or carer of a child with specific support needs then please come along. The purpose of this meeting will be to bring parents/carers together with the school to discuss what is happening, what is planned and what is needed to support the children, parents and teachers.

If you have any questions please contact Jane at [learninginclusionbps@gmail.com](mailto:learninginclusionbps@gmail.com)



Before we finish up for the year there are a couple of key dates to put in your diary for early Term 1, 2019.

Bubbles at Bradman: Wednesday 13 February 2019

First P&C Meeting: Monday 18 February 2019

Hoedown: Friday 15 March 2019

These events are a lovely way to welcome new families to our community.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful, kind and generous volunteers in our school.

The P&C committee, Beehive Canteen, and Uniform shop are lucky to have such amazing parents and family members that give up their time to help make our school the best possible place for our children.

Thanks also goes to the fabulous teachers and staff here at Bowral Public School, who always go above and beyond for their students.

As we head into the new year we will also be saying goodbye to our lovely Beehive Canteen employees, Sue and Adriana. They have done such a wonderful job in our canteen, making healthy, fresh food from scratch for all of the kids to enjoy. Thank you to both of them for all they have done over the years. We wish them all the best in their new ventures, and we will miss them!

Congratulations to Samantha Brenn, our new Beehive Canteen manager. We look forward to seeing all of your great ideas come to life!

I wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas, and a restful break. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

**Averil Cutroni**

**P&C President**

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Wednesday 19 December 2018 **OPEN 9-10am**

**BPS UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED HOURS TERM 1 WEEK 1 2019**

**Tuesday 29 January OPEN 9-10am**

**Wednesday 30 January OPEN 9-10am**

**Thursday 31 January OPEN 9-10am**

**Friday 1 February OPEN 9-10am**

## News from the Beehive . . . . .

Hi All

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for another fantastic fortnight in the Beehive. Also a BIG thank-you to Kelleah Dawes for all her help in the canteen for the past fortnight. Kelleah has done a wonderful job covering for Sam Brenn while she is on holidays, we will miss Kelleah's super organisational skills and amazing baking!



A reminder that **this is the last week of canteen for 2018**, we will be closed for cleaning next week (no lunch orders and very limited over-the-counter). There may be less stock than usual this week, as we try and use up everything before the holidays.

Early in Term 1 of 2019 we will be launching online ordering for the canteen through the Flexischools program. This will be such a great resource and time-saver for both families and the staff in the canteen. We will of course still be accepting cash as well, so you are welcome to choose the method that suits you best. We will have a lot more information and details next year so watch this space!

Wishing everyone a happy and safe festive season, looking forward to another great year in The Beehive for 2019. If you would like to come and join us as a volunteer, or if you have any suggestions, ideas or feedback for the canteen, please don't hesitate to contact the Beehive on [beehivecanteen@gmail.com](mailto:beehivecanteen@gmail.com).

Cheers

**Lucy Rogers**

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**A BIG THANK YOU TO  
PAULA FOR SORTING AND DISTRIBUTING STUDENTS LOST PROPERTY AND  
DARIA FOR PROCESSING OUR STUDENT BANKING  
IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**BOWRAL JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB  
REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR 2019 SEASON**

U/6 - U/16 also Girl's League Tag

Contact Jacquelyn 0422692266 or [bjrlc@live.com.au](mailto:bjrlc@live.com.au)

**PCYC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM from 7 January 2019**

Bookings essential

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