



PO Box 865 Bowral NSW 2576 Ph: 4861 1086 Fax: 4862 1004 Web: [www.bowral-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bowral-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) Email: [bowral-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bowral-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Term 4 Week 7 - 28 November 2018**

### **2018-2020 School Plan**

On Friday 30 November, Mrs Curran, Mrs Lawrence and I look forward to presenting to parents our many school achievements in 2018 as measured against our 2018-2020 School Plan. This opportunity will provide quality time to discuss our School Plan to ensure the information is current and reflects future directions based on evidence of impact. We will briefly revisit the School Excellence Framework and discuss our future directions in 2019. I look forward to meeting with you and sharing our 2018 school journey.

### **Air Conditioning**

Our school recently applied for a Cooler Classrooms grant to air condition our classrooms. I have today been informed that our grant application has been successful to partially fund this very important project. Our P&C have kindly agreed to contribute funds and the school will cover the balance of the costs to ensure that we can successfully air condition every classroom across the school.

### **Fortnite**

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the growing interest in the game craze of the moment, Fortnite. Mrs Canute recently published a note home to parents to inform of the impact this game is having on some of our students, most commonly in stage three. The basic premise of Fortnite is to kill to survive, using high-powered automatic assault weapons. Players can play in teams and connect via chat as they play.

This capacity for chat mode has made Fortnite a main vehicle for online communication for many students in Stage 3, in particular, boys, who are playing this "kill to survive" game in teams with their school peers, then coming to school and continuing their discussions.

The game is rated as suitable for players over the age of 12. Each family has their own set of boundaries and opinions about what is appropriate for their children. If your child is playing Fortnite at home, I would encourage you to educate yourself about the game. The most important thing to be wary of is that there is an opportunity for your children to connect with strangers in the game, and there is minimal monitoring of who is online and what is being said in the chat. I encourage you raise your awareness at home of the impact that this game may have on your children.

Regards

**Gary Graham**  
**PRINCIPAL**

### **Wellbeing update from Mrs Curran**

#### **....so what's been happening**

A team of very dedicated teachers have been updating the school Wellbeing Policy to align to the key Department of Education Policies in particular, the Wellbeing Framework.

#### **Meet the team**

Mrs Curran, Mrs Lawrence, Miss Johnston, Mrs Canute, Ms Byford, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Baguley, Miss Pettitt, Mrs Watson, Mrs Hambling, Mr Cayzer and Mrs Peisley.

Today is the start of regular updates in the newsletter to inform our families of the initiatives being introduced at Bowral Public School. We want every student to feel known, valued and cared for. These systems provide a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.

This term we have updated the 'traffic light system' in classrooms and extended this to include the playground. We have developed a matrix that clearly states the expectations in every area of the school, from the classroom to the playground. For those students that are not following the rules we will be introducing clear processes linked to a levels system. We are also strengthening the ways we reward and acknowledge our wonderful students who follow our school values.

If you are interested in finding out more please join us this Friday where will be discussing the plans we have for 2019.

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 up and this year we are once again assisting the Salvation Army to put 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, pasta, 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 our school assembly on Thursday 6 December.

Kind Regards

**Jenny Henderson and Karen Baguley**



## 2019 School Student Bus Passes

It has been brought to our attention that a lot of students have changed name, addresses, school, contact phone number or email address during 2017-2018 and have not updated their details online.

Late December we organise bus passes for the next school year. If any parent needs to update their students details, please go online at: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Alternatively, Berrima Buslines has a link to Transport on our website.

Updates made before the end of term will be authorised by the school and will be applied to the 2019 bus pass mailout in January.

Please contact your local bus operator should you require further information Berrima Buslines Ph 4871 3211

## Ethics update

We love offering ethics as an alternative to non-scripture. We rely on volunteers from the school and wider community and we need new teachers for stage one and three in 2019. **We won't be running classes for Year 1, 2 or 6 unless we attract new volunteers.** There is just one training program left for 2018 (9 & 16 December) and one last chance to help us continue to deliver ethics to children in the affected classes.

Here's an example of an ethics discussion:

What is stealing? If I walk past the bakery and smell the lovely smell – is that stealing? What if I grab some unwanted bread from the discard pile after closing time? There are no right or wrong answers, it's about developing and justifying an opinion. Training and lesson plans are provided.

If you're interested in teaching (or helping to administer the program if you can't commit to a weekly class) please express an interest at [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact me for more information.

**Loraine Dartnell**

**Ph 0423 114 029**

**[ldartnell@hotmail.com](mailto:ldartnell@hotmail.com)**

## REMINDER DIARY DATES

19-30 November	◆ Swim School	29-30 November	◆ Yr 6 Canberra excursion
Friday 30 November	◆ Yr 5 Wombaroo excursion	Wednesday 5 December	◆ Year 6 Dinner
Friday 7 December	◆ Self Help Gibraltar & Jellore	Tuesday 11 December	◆ St.2 Ten Pin Bowling & Lake Alexandra
Wednesday 12 December	◆ ES1 Movie/picnic day ◆ St.3 (Year 5 & 6) Presentation Night	Thursday 13 December	◆ St.3 Jamberoo ◆ St.1 Movie/Lake Alexandra
Friday 14 December	◆ Presentation Assemblies ES1 and St.1 (K- 2) commencing at 9:30am St. 2 (Year 3 & 4) commencing at 11.30am	Wednesday 19 December	◆ Students last day Term 4



### Meeting

We held our final meeting for 2018 on Monday night. Thank you to all of those interested parents that attended and contributed their thoughts and ideas. We have locked in a few dates early next year for our Bubbles at Bradman and Hoedown. We are also looking at doing an Art Show in Term 3 and parents also loved the idea of a kids disco throughout the year. If you would like to be involved in the planning of any of these events please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you! Gary and Jo attended the meeting and updated us on school business including the new behaviour and welfare systems that have been put in place, and also informed of some staffing and classroom changes for next year.

Our first meeting for 2019 will be on Monday 18 February. I look forward seeing you there.

### Uniform Shop

Please think about visiting our uniform this term for any uniform items you might need to purchase. The first few days back next year are extremely busy for our uniform shop volunteers and you may be faced with a long wait! Our online shop is also a great way to buy, and items are sent to your child's classroom. The link for our online shop is here: <https://bpsuniformshop.ecwid.com/>

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank one of our longtime uniform shop volunteers, Jaime Woolley. Jaime has been a much loved and valuable volunteer and we are going to miss her dearly when she moves overseas with her family. Thank you Jaime for all that you have done for our school, and we hope you come back to us someday!

**Averil Cutroni**  
P&C President

## News from the Beehive . . . . .



Hi All

It's been another great fortnight in the Beehive. We have had some new faces come in, as well as lots of the amazing, regular volunteers. Thank you so much to everyone, all the extra help means we can provide a full and varied service to the kids.

### Canteen Supervisor Position:

Please find below a description for the Canteen Supervisor position. This position will commence in Term 1 of 2019, we encourage anyone who meets the criteria to apply. Applications close on Friday, 7 December. Please email the Beehive with your application (beehivecanteen@gmail.com).

### Farewell:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Cruickshank for her service to the Beehive. Sue has worked countless hours in the canteen both as a volunteer and as a supervisor. She has been such an important and special part of the Beehive and will be sadly missed next year. We wish Sue all the best and look forward to seeing her when she comes in to volunteer when she decides she is missing us too much!

**Please see the below roster and consider helping out if you can in any way:**

NB: The hours listed below are just a guide. If you just can help for an hour or two that is so helpful as we can always find a spot to pop you in.

**Lucy Rogers**

**M: 0411 394 238**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>03.12.18</u> We need 2 people: 9.15am-11.45am 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>04.12.18</u> We need 1 person 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>05.12.18</u> We need 2 people: 9.15am-11.45am 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>06.12.18</u> We need 2 people: 9.15am-11.45am 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>07.12.18</u> We need 1 person 11.30am-2.30pm
<u>10.12.18</u> Fully Staffed	<u>11.12.18</u> We need 1 person 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>13.12.18</u> We need 2 people: 9.15am-11.45am 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>14.12.18</u> We need 1 person: 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>15.12.18</u> We need 1 person: 11.30am-2.30pm