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Term 4 Week 1 - 17 October 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4

I hope our students and families enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing break during the term three holidays. I am certainly very proud to continue as relieving principal for term 4 until the new principal is announced to begin in 2019. This term will present a number of wonderful learning opportunities for our students both in school and through well planned excursions and I look forward to hearing and reading about all the quality learning experiences from our students.

Technology for Learning(

The school recently received our Technology for Learning (T4L) annual rollout replacing 36 desktop computers within classrooms across the school. I would to acknowledge and thank Adam Tudor, Paul Matthews and Jenny Henderson for the quick installation and ongoing support with technology in their roles as our school computer coordinators.

Selective High School Test

The 2020 Selective High School Test process will be available to students in Year 5 choosing to apply online for a Selective High School placement in 2020. Information regarding this process is available at the school office.

Compulsory School Attendance in NSW Schools

Under the Education Act (1990) all children from 6 years to 17 years of age are legally required to attend school every day. Recent changes to attendance requirements place obligations on schools to more closely monitor attendance and to take appropriate action if students are either not attending or are absent for reasons not justified by the school.

We value good attendance from all students. Regular attendance is important because it helps your child:

- Maximise their learning opportunities
- Develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- To learn the importance of punctuality
- Maintain healthy social relationships with their friends
- Develop a good working relationship with their teachers

Unfortunately habits of non-attendance tend to develop quickly, and it is concerning that if a child misses just 8 days a term, they would miss more than one year of schooling by the end of primary school which then presents problems as they begin high school.

The law requires that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school as soon as possible and provide a legitimate reason for your child's absence. This can be done by:

- Sending a note on your child's return to school
- Contacting through the school email
- Informing via the Skoolbag app
- Visiting the school
- Calling the school

Your child's education is important. Please contact the school if there are problems in getting your children to school or if there are concerns you have about them at school. A positive partnership between home and school in this area is of great value to the school but most importantly to the success and quality of your child's education.

Regards

Gary Graham
R/Principal

REMINDER DIARY DATES

29-31 October	Kindergarten Orientation 10am-11am	Friday 2 November	Stage 2 Cricket Gala Day
Wednesday 7 November	Kindergarten Orientation 9.30am—11.00am Stage 3 swim test	Friday 9 November	P&C 'Cinema Under The Stars'
Monday 19 November	P&C meeting 6.30pm school library	19-30 November	Swim School
Friday 30 November	Yr 5 Wombaroo excursion	Wednesday 19 December	Students last day Term 4



Meeting

At our P&C meeting on Monday 15 October we covered lots of business, including canteen and uniform shop updates. Our principal gave his report and updated us on staff employment procedures within the school which was helpful for all parents present. Gary happily answered our questions. We continued our 'Cinema Under The Stars' planning. Thank you to those parents and teachers that gave up their time to attend. Our next meeting will be on Monday 19 November at 6.30pm in our school library. This will be our final meeting for 2018.

P&C Kindergarten Orientation Morning Tea

This term on **Wednesday 7 November** the school is hosting a Kindergarten 2019 Orientation parent information session, and we are calling on **THIS year's kindergarten parents** to come along and help us host a morning tea to welcome new families to our school. It would be wonderful if you could bring along a plate to share for morning tea and a friendly face and join us at 9.15am in the hall.

Cinema Under The Stars

Our outdoor movie night will be held on **Friday 9 November** in our 'Hyde Park' playground (near the new building) This year's movie will be 'Trolls'- which will be fun and entertaining for all ages!! This is a wonderful family friendly event that we host to bring our community together to thank them for their support throughout the year. Gates open at 6.00pm with a gold coin donation entry. There will be a prize for the best dressed troll! We will need some parent helpers to give some time on the evening for the following stalls. If you would like to lend a hand please contact the stall coordinators:

Stage 3- BBQ contact Kelleah Dawes kelleahd@bigpond.com

Stage 2- Drinks contact Averil Cutroni paulandaveril@hotmail.com

Stage 1- Choc tops contact Alison Courts alison@teacupevents.com.au

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Popcorn contact Suzie Harris suzieharris@gmail.com

Averil Cutroni -P&C President

paulandaveril@hotmail.com



CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

FOR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL- PRESENTED BY BPS P&C

FRI NOVEMBER 9 • SHOWING
'TROLLS' IN HYDE PARK AT
BPS. GATES OPEN AT 6:00 PM

Prizes for BEST DRESSED TROLLS!

Gold coin donation upon entry.

Sausage sizzle, popcorn, choctops & drinks available to buy or BYO picnic.

BYO picnic rug, cushions, low seats

CHILDREN MUST BE FULLY SUPERVISED BY PARENTS AT ALL TIMES. MOVIE WILL BEGIN AT SUNSET



Applying for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020 including Aurora College at Bowral High

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, including Aurora College at Bowral High (see below), you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's school email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website at that link will close on **12 November 2018**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance. You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.



<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

Aurora College (The Virtual Secondary School) is a new and unique secondary option for students in government schools in NSW. It has formed a partnership with Bowral High School to provide a genuine Selective School experience to the Southern Highlands.

Students stay connected locally while developing their passion for subjects and courses that link to their career plans and broaden their post school options. Students connect with their peers and their teachers through lessons delivered virtually, through technology and in person during residential schools held twice each year. Aurora College has a strong science and mathematics focus. Mentoring opportunities and master classes are key features of the learning experience.

Aims

Aurora College allows gifted and talented students to remain in their local school and community while studying with a peer group of students of similar academic ability and interest. Students connect with their teachers and classmates through a virtual learning environment, which includes web conferencing software and the Department's virtual classrooms. Where possible, lessons are recorded so that students can access lessons at other times.

Aurora@Bowral High School

Bowral High has made adjustments to its timetable so that during Maths, Science and English periods, Aurora students attend online lessons from their Aurora College Teachers. A small private facility at the back of the Library has been organised as the Aurora College classroom with the necessary technology for Aurora students to access. Students will be supported by an Aurora Coordinator at Bowral High School. Bowral High also has an Aurora College maths teacher on its staff for additional support.

During the rest of the school day, Aurora students will circulate with the Academic or STEM classes so that they can develop a wider group of friends and participate in normal school life such as science practical classes, PE and Sports, History/Geography, Visual Arts and Music, Japanese, Food Technology and Industrial Arts. They also can participate in school drama performances, school band, CHS Sports, Swimming Carnivals and Athletics Carnivals.

Mentoring Program

Mentoring is a key feature of the learning experiences available to students at Aurora College through our virtual learning environments. Mentoring sessions take place during school hours under teacher supervision. To be eligible for enrolment in our school, students must be enrolled in a NSW Government school which is classified as a rural school. Applications for entry into Year 7 in 2020 open on 9 October 2018 and close on 12 November 2018. The Selective High School Placement Test for entry to Year 7 in 2020 will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

News from the Beehive

Hi All

I hope everyone had a wonderful and happy holiday. Hopefully the farmers locally and around NSW are getting some of this rain!

Stock-The-Pantry Day:

Thank you so much to all the families who contributed on Stock-The-Pantry Day. It was one of our most successful and we are really so grateful for all the goodies, it makes a big difference to the day-to-day running costs of the canteen.

Summer Menu:

Hopefully you have all received a hardcopy of the Term 4 Menu now, it is also on the school website. Hopefully your children will enjoy the changes, if anyone has any feedback or suggestions please email beehivecanteen@gmail.com.

Canteen Manager:

We have had some changes in staff in the canteen through the holidays. Adriana, our Canteen Manager has taken an exciting new position elsewhere, so will not be returning to Bowral PS. We are grateful for Adriana's hard work and wish her well in her new venture. The canteen is currently being managed by the wonderful Sam Brenn, Sam will continue to fill the role of acting manager while we carry out the recruitment process for a permanent Canteen Manager. There will be an ad in the next newsletter, if you or anyone you know may be interested please apply, it is a rewarding and fun job.

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>22.10.18</u> We need 1 person: 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>23.10.18</u> Fully Staffed	<u>24.10.18</u> We need 1 person: 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>25.10.18</u> We need 2 people: 9.15am-11.45am 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>26.10.18</u> Fully Staffed
<u>29.10.18</u> Fully Staffed	<u>30.10.18</u> We need 2 people: 9.15am-11.45am 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>31.10.18</u> We need 2 people: 9.15am-11.45am 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>1.11.18</u> We need 1 person: 11.30am-2.30pm	<u>2.11.18</u> We need 1 person: 11.30pm-2.30pm

Cheers,
Lucy Rogers
0411 394 238



BOWRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL "THE BEEHIVE" TERM 4 2018

Over the counter:

	RECESS: A selection of:	
O	Freshly baked muffins	\$1.00
O	Freshly baked cookies	\$1.00
GF/E	Freshly popped popcorn – bag	.50
E	Freshly prepared garlic or pizza bread	.50
E	Seasonal fruit cups	\$1.00
GF/E	Hummus & Carrot cups	.50
GF/E	Cheese & Rice crackers	.50
GF/E	Soup of the day	\$1.50
O	Moove milk – 300ml chocolate or strawberry	\$2.00
E	Poppers – Apple, Apple & Blackcurrent, Orange or Orange & Mango	\$1.50

LUNCH:

As above + Frozen treats:

O	Icy Pole	\$1.20
O	Vanilla Ice-cream cup	\$1.50
O	Frozen Fruit Yoghurts – Mango, Strawberry or Raspberry	\$1.50
E	Frozen Fruit Cups – Apple, Orange or Apple & Blackcurrent	.50
E	Frozen Juicies – Tropical or Wild Berry	.50
E	Frozen orange quarters	.10
E	Frozen watermelon	.20
E	Frozen Fruit Crush Raspberry or Fruit Punch	\$2.00

LUNCH ORDERS ONLY:

Freshly made sandwiches made with Bakers Delight High Fibre/Low GI bread or rolls.
NB: Rolls extra 20c Gluten free bread extra 50c

	Ham	\$3.00
	Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
	Ham & Salad	\$4.00
	Ham, Cheese & Salad	\$4.50
	Tuna	\$2.50
	Tuna & Salad	\$3.50
	Poached Chicken	\$3.00
	Poached Chicken & Cheese	\$3.50
	Poached Chicken & Salad	\$4.00
	Poached Chicken & Salad & Cheese	\$4.50
	Salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, carrot)	\$3.00
	Cheese	\$2.00
	Vegemite	\$1.50
	Egg or Curried Egg	\$2.50
	Egg & Lettuce & Mayonnaise	\$3.00
	Egg & Salad (Mayonnaise available)	\$3.50
	Salad Boxes: Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot & a choice of Chicken, Ham, Tuna or Cheese.	\$4.50
E	Sausage Roll	\$3.50
	Tomato Sauce	.20

LUNCH-TIME MEAL DEALS

\$6.00

(over 75% Everyday Foods)

GF/
Veg
opt

MONDAY – Turkish Toastie

Cheese & Ham or Cheese & Tomato on Turkish (sesame) bread toasted with:
 Freshly baked treat &
 Fruit juice popper

Meal Deal \$6 / Just Turkish Toastie is \$4.50

GF option available .50 cents extra

GF/
Veg
opt

TUESDAY – Neapolitana & Cheese Pasta

Delicious homemade neapolitana sauce and pasta, topped with cheese with:
 Freshly baked treat &
 Fruit juice popper

Meal deal \$6 / Just Neapolitana Pasta is \$4.50

Veg
opt

WEDNESDAY – Pizza

Freshly made thin pizzas topped with canteen-made passata, ham & cheese with:
 Mini freshly baked treat &
 Frozen fruit cup

Meal Deal \$6 / Just Pizza is \$4.50

GF
opt

THURSDAY – Sushi (Full GF Meal Deal)

A delicious, freshly made sushi roll: Tuna & Avo OR Vegetarian OR Chicken & Cucumber with:
 Fresh fruit salad cup
 & popcorn

Meal deal \$6 / Just sushi roll is \$4.00

GF/
Veg
opt

FRIDAY – Burger (GF/Veg Opt)

Hi-fibre/low GI burger to fill hungry tummies! Beef pattie, lettuce, cheese & tomato sauce with:
 Freshly baked treat &
 Frozen fruit cup

Meal deal \$6 / Just Burger is \$4.50

GF option available .50 cents extra



Re-usable lunch bags for sale from the canteen are \$10, available in pink, blue, grey, red, purple or yellow.

From time to time we will provide recess and lunch "specials". Where possible, we will advertise them in the newsletter. Daily specials will be written on the chalkboard outside the canteen.



E=Everyday O=Occasional GF= Gluten Free

In line with the new DET healthy canteen guidelines we offer at least 75% Everyday food items and only 25% of Occasional foods and appreciate your understanding when we have to limit portions of Occasional Food. For more information about the new guidelines please refer to: <https://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au/>