Dear Parents and Care-givers

The week that was!: Yet another busy week as we hurtle towards the end of term, with only 19 more school days left of the term. This week the elections of our 2015 student leaders commenced, we held our last formal P&C meeting for the year, Year 5 Buddies continued their training, our last Kindergarten Orientation was on today and Christmas Boxes are due to be returned tomorrow.

Thank you: A huge thank you goes to Julie Wicks (Clancy), Karen and David Webb (Aidan) and Maitland Blacks Rugby Club for the generous donation of brand new jerseys for our teams to wear. They will be presented at a special assembly today at 2pm in the Courtyard. Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations: Well done to our industrious group of students (and their teachers) for gaining a ‘Runner-Up’ place in the Archibull Prize Competition that was judged at Homebush Stadium last Friday. What a huge effort for a school that have never entered before and had to compete against numerous other NSW primary school entries. I look forward to our cow’s return so he can spend peaceful days munching on Bolwarra grass!

Congratulations: Westfield Kotara’s World’s Biggest Classroom Exhibit will be on display until Monday 24th November. It will then be moving to the foyer of the Qantas Credit Union Arena to be part of the exhibitions during the week of the Schools Spectacular. Keep an eye out for Lexi’s entry.

Reminders: As we are approaching the end of the school’s financial year I would like to remind some families of their outstanding accounts. Nearly $5000 is owing on Workbooks, Book Packs and Mathletics and as a school that does not receive a lot of external funding, this will leave a gap in the available funds next year. Please make a payment before the end of next week as I will be ringing families concerned to discuss payment options.

Lunchtime activities: The generous staff at our school offer a range of lunchtime activities for your children to enjoy during their breaks. One example has been Mr Leleu’s Science and drumming activities have been a tremendous hit. I have included a snapshot of some children with their effort at building a bridge using a weight. They were so excited they had to show staff!!
Gingerbread Houses: Keep the 12th December, from 4pm onwards, free! We are holding our Gingerbread House Decorating Night, so bring along your family (and some lollies to decorate), pick up your order and set about creating a magnificent centrepiece for your Christmas table. Keep an eye out for the flyer and thank you must go to Beck Croese for organising this great community event. Psst...... I hear Santa may make an appearance!

Mangoes: 100 extra trays of mangoes have been ordered to sell at the markets but if you would like to grab an extra tray or forgot to get your order in, just let Sally know in the office or fill out the order form at the end of today’s newsletter and return to the office and we’ll reserve one for you.


Kids, homework and lies: Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O’Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework. Homework tips: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/kids-homework-and-lies

Maths at home: Kids’ early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Maths at home: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume

Next week: Students will elect our Student Executive next Tuesday, Term 4 Seasons for Growth Celebration is on Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm in the Staffroom and Thursday is our Science Forensic Workshop held in the School Hall. Mrs Price will also be returning from sick leave on Thursday.

Don't forget your survey response on Survey Monkey!

Have a safe week.

Regards
Sue Swetnam

WEBSITES

School Website  www.bolwarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
P&C Website  www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com
Online Uniform and Lunch Orders  www.flexischools.com.au
IMPORTANT DATES

- 21\textsuperscript{st} Nov  Canteen Open for Lunches
- 21\textsuperscript{st} Nov  Please return Operation Christmas Child Boxes
- 24\textsuperscript{th} Nov  Mangoes Ready to Pick up between 1pm and 5.30pm from School Hall
- 26\textsuperscript{th} Nov  Combined Scripture
- 26\textsuperscript{th} Nov  Season For Growth Celebration - 2.15pm in Staffroom
- 27\textsuperscript{th} Nov  Interactive Forensic Science Program - Years 3-6
- 27\textsuperscript{th} Nov  Focus Group Meeting - 2.15pm in Staffroom
- 11\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Christmas Concert - 6pm
- 12\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Reports go Home
- 12\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Gingerbread House Night between 4pm - 7.30pm in School Hall
- 15\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Presentation Day
- 16\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Class Party Day
- 16\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Year 6 Farewell
- 17\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Students Last Day for Term 4
- 18\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Staff Development Day
- 19\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Staff Development Day
- 27\textsuperscript{th} Jan  Staff return to school
- 28\textsuperscript{th} Jan  Years 1 - 6 return to school
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Feb  Kindergarten start school

SCHOOL FAMILY PHOTOS

Family photos are now available to pick up from the office. If you want your child to pick up the photos please fill out the tear off slip at the end of today’s newsletter. Photos will not be given to your child unless they bring in the permission slip. Parents are also welcome to collect the photos from the office.

YEAR K – 6 NEWS

Seasons For Growth
Seasons for Growth Celebration is taking place next Wednesday at 2.15pm in the Staffroom. This special occasion will celebrate the students completing their Seasons for Growth Program. Students and parents from Mrs Moore's Stage 1 group and Miss Blayden's Stage 3 group will be attending. They will need to bring a plate of food to share. If parents haven't sent in the RSVP yet could you please call the office and let us know you will be attending. Thank you!

Bolwarra Public School now has Skoolbag!
Skoolbag is the ultimate ‘school-to-parent-communication’ tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, school timetables, parent sick note forms, school documents and much more. No more lost paper in school bags!
Download the FREE Skoolbag App on your smartphone through the ITunes App Store or Google Play.
**Science Show**
Students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to attend an Education Interactive Forensic Science Program on Thursday 27th November 2014. The students will work to investigate a range of forensic science cases and will participate in hands on activities to enhance the learning experience. Permission notes have been sent home. Please return these with money as soon as possible, so that your child can participate in this fun filled learning experience.

**Birthday Book Club**
When it is your child’s birthday, they have the opportunity to donate a book of their choice (already purchased by the library) for the small cost of $6.00. After paying the children can come to the library and select a birthday book. The books will be presented to the children on assembly. Each book will have a special message inside saying who has donated the book. The birthday child will be the first to borrow the book. The following children have recently joined the Bolwarra Birthday Book Club: Jake, Travis, Hayley and Harlen.

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2C Congratulations 2C on your mature behaviour at school and also during the swimming program. This week we have been learning to use quotation marks accurately for direct speech. Handwriting has also been a focus. In Maths we have been revising concepts including our mantra - ‘Maths is all about patterns!’ Students are demonstrating independent learning habits - I think they are nearly ready for Year 3! Keep up the great work 2C.

2H This week we have lots of tired class members after almost two weeks of swimming and hot days. The children who have been attending swimming have really enjoyed this opportunity and are much more confident in the water. The 2H students who have remained at school have learnt lots of water safety facts and are now very wise about how to keep safe in and around water. In class we have been working on solving open ended maths problems such as how many different ways we can create a maths problem if given the answer of 36. Maybe you'd like to try this challenge together at home as a family!

2W We have been working hard to build on our comprehension skills of predicting, summarising, visualising and inferring while reading the book ‘Witches’. This week, we have taken on the role of ‘Witchophiles’. A Witchophile is a person who studies witches and knows a lot about them. We have created descriptive posters to warn people about witches to explain how to recognise a witch. This week is our last week of swim school. Yesterday we moved into deeper water to practise our skills in gliding and treading water. Congratulations to all of our swimmers, your behaviour at the pool has been excellent and you have represented our school well!!

3L Throughout Week 7, 3L have completed a range of activities based around ‘People and Their Beliefs’. It has been very interesting to explore the religions and ceremonies of other countries along with discussing our own personal beliefs. I have been very impressed with the organisational skills of the students attending swim school, well done. The students who do not attend swim school have been working hard to perfect their skills in understanding fractions. Keep up the hard work!

3-4B 3-4B have had another very busy week. We have continued to work hard and we can't believe how quickly the end of year is approaching. Thank you to students and parents who have returned their ‘Party Day’ permission note and money. This is greatly appreciated. We have continued to revise key concepts in both Numeracy and Literacy. We are very impressed that all of our hard work is paying off and things that we found tricky earlier in the year are much easier to do now. In HSIE we have been investigating beliefs, we have really enjoyed discussing this concept. In Creative Arts we are creating a water safety beach mural. Keep working hard 3-4B!

4E This week in 4E, we've been putting in a lot of great effort into our end of year assessments. In Mathematics we have been learning about 3D shapes and revising angles. We have been learning about water safety and how to keep safe at the beach. We have enjoyed having the 4B people over while the swimmers are doing great swimming. Keep up the great work 4E!

5PL Our focus area in Maths this week is graphs. Students have analysed, interpreted and drawn a range of graphs including column and line graphs. We have also used our addition and division skills to calculate the mean of a set of scores. In Literacy, we have enjoyed reading the poem ‘Mulga Bill's Bicycle’ by the famous Australian poet, A.B ‘Banjo’ Paterson. Students have viewed a dramatisation of the poem on YouTube and discussed features such as its use of language and meaning. We have also related events in the poem to road safety, considering the potential risks of riding and discussing safety features of modern day bikes. In Visual Arts, we have continued to explore the theme of an Australian identity, creating pop art pieces of the iconic Australian product, Vegemite.
This week we are completing the publishing of Aboriginal legends who we have written in response to our book, 'Playground'. Students have been creative with publishing in different formats including digital stories and making small books to share with younger students. We read and analysed a text on traditional Aboriginal games and then went outside to find natural resources to devise games. What great fun we had playing each other’s games. In Maths, we are completing our unit on length, by working out the time it takes to travel given distances at a specified speed. In HSIE we have been discussing Australian icons and looking particularly at why Surf Lifesaving has become such a recognised icon. In computers we are doing a research report on Surf Lifesaving.

6L playing Aboriginal games

Library
The Library windows are transforming again into Christmas illustrations! The librarians have chosen their book to copy an illustration. The children are enjoying the coolness of the Library during lunch 2 and having a lovely time!

Choir
The choirs are STILL perfecting their audition for the Primary Proms and Festival of Choral Music. We hope this week is the week that we get it just right!

**P&C NEWS**

**DID YOU KNOW?**
This year the P&C have had the pleasure of handing over to the school more than

$16,000

$6,300 for Air Conditioning for the new classroom
$2,500 for a Defibrillator
$3,000 for Library Resources
$2,500 for Literacy Resources
$2,500 for Maths Resources

Thank you to all those who have helped throughout the year without you this wouldn’t be possible!
TRAYS OF KENSINGTON PRIDE MANGOE
BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

$25.00

7 kg tray of 14 -20 mangoes

Delicious, sweet & simply devine fresh fruit direct from the farm.

PRE-ORDERED TRAYS ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT FROM THE SCHOOL ON MONDAY 24.11.14 BETWEEN 1PM – 5.30PM AND WE HAVE 100 EXTRA TRAYS AVAILABLE FOR ANY LAST MINUTE ORDERS ON THE DAY.

Please feel free to put in any additional orders and payment into the office prior to the day to ensure you don’t miss out.

CASH OR CHEQUE (BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL P AND C) ONLY.

Any enquiries or large orders please contact

Beck 0418 43 7820

Gingerbread House

Create a table centrepiece for Christmas or a beautiful gift on Friday 12th December 2014 in the school hall between 4pm and 7.30pm. $25 per kit includes gingerbread house, cake board and disposable icing bag filled with icing. Bring your own lollies to decorate your house and it will be gift wrapped for you at the end of the night. Woodstax pizza van and drinks will be available. Mr and Mrs Clause will be visiting after 6pm. Please find an order form at the end of today’s newsletter and return to the school by Friday 5th December.

Rebel Sport

Join Rebel Active and secure funding for our school. 5% of your purchases are paid back to us to improve our facilities. All you need to do: Join Rebel Active, Rebel Sports Loyalty Program instore or online. It’s free! Identify yourself as a Rebel Active member at the checkout in store and tell them you want to support Bolwarra Public School.
Thanks to a small group of volunteers the Canteen will be open for lunch tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who has contacted me to let me know they can volunteer this term.

Please note that Moove Banana Milk is no longer available from the supplier.

The opening of the Canteen for lunch on a Friday within Term 4 will be subject to filling vacancies on these dates and will be determined week by week. Please check each week in the Newsletter and on Facebook for updates. Please look at the roster and if you can help to fill any vacancy please contact me.

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)

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FAMILY PHOTOS

I give permission for __________________________ of class ______ to pick up the family photos from the office.

Signature: _____________________________ Date: ____________

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ABSENTEE NOTICE

My child ____________________________ of class .......... was absent on (date) ______________________

For the following reason ...........................................................................................................................

Parent signature: ..........................................................................................................................
Gingerbread House

Order Form

Bring your family and friends along to enjoy making your own Gingerbread house and come celebrate Christmas with us.

Friday, 12th December
Anytime between 4.00-7.30 pm
At Bolwarra School Hall
$25.00 PER KIT

All you need to bring is your lollies to decorate and your house will be gift wrapped for you at the end of the night.

As we need to pre-order the houses you must order and pay for your kits at the school office or online via www.flexischools.com.au by Friday 5/12/14.

Ingredients: Sugar, flour, honey, milk, bicarbonate soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, butter, golden syrup - prepared by a Bakery

Yes I would like to attend the Gingerbread House night on Friday, 12/12/14.

I have enclosed payment for _______ Gingerbread House kits at a cost of $25 each.

$ _________ is enclosed (Cheques to be payable to Bolwarra Public School P & C)

Name: ___________________________ Approx. number attending ________

Note: Kits will be given out on the night

If you are unable to attend on the night and would still like to purchase a kit or additional kits they can be ordered and collected on the 12/12/14 unless otherwise arranged.

Contact: Rebecca on 0418 437 820 for further information.
The MANGO FUNDRAISER

Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you! NOTE: Orders must be paid before delivery.

Order Form

Name:
Address:
Email address:
Contact Number:

Payment Methods

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque made payable to Bolwarra Public School P&C

☐ For people who wish to order online you can go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and complete your order through our online canteen ordering system. Please return this order form and tick the payment method above.

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