Dear Parents and Care-givers

Thank You: Welcome to the last newsletter for 2014 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people as we prepare for the holidays. Firstly, a huge thank you to the parents and care-givers of our children who work tirelessly to support their children. To the wonderful band of parent helpers who volunteer their time to man the canteen, pop along and assist in the classroom, who drive children to and from the many cultural, sporting and academic activities, to collating and preparing Book Club, covering books, keeping an eye on our school over the weekends and in holiday times and assist in working bees, a huge thank you from the staff and students. Without your generosity and support we would not be able to run many of the extra curricula activities that we do that contribute to make Bolwarra such a ‘rich’ community. Thank you to the terrific team of teachers and support staff who support the most precious commodity on earth: our children. Finally to our students, whose successes we will celebrate next week, who have done us proud with their persistence, confidence, organisation and resilience throughout 2014.

Next Week: Next week sees our Presentation Day on Monday: K-2 commencing at 9.30am and Years 3-6 starting at 11.30am; Monday afternoon a panel for the teacher vacancy will meet to form the criteria; Tuesday is Party Day and in the evening, commencing at 6pm, is the Year 6 Farewell and on Wednesday interviews will be held for the 4th Assistant Principal’s position and it marks the last day of our school year. Around 2.30pm we will be holding a small ceremony to mark the end of Year 6’s seven years of schooling, with the ‘Ringing of the Bell’ and a ‘clap out’. All are welcome.

Student Council: The 2014 Student Council, and Student Executive, have done a mighty job throughout the year in representing the students of Bolwarra and undertaking such a mammoth effort in raising funds for the benefit of all students. Next Wednesday I would like to say thank you by providing a BBQ lunch for all students that represented each class throughout the 2014 school year. The Student Council has recently suggested and purchased seating to go around the school and this will be installed next week as well. So on Wednesday morning the SRC students will need to bring old clothes so they can paint the seats in bright colours, and then have a BBQ lunch provided to say thank you.

2015: Staff will return for training on Tuesday 27th January and students in Years 1-6 will return from holiday on Wednesday 28th January. Kindergarten students will commence on the following Monday 2nd February, as they will be participating in the Best Start assessment. Class structures are still unsteady as we are close to a 19th teacher position. Students will return to the classes they were in this year. Ms Steli Cannon has been appointed to replace the retirement of Mrs Margaret Rodgers and I look forward to introducing her to our community in 2015. Ms Lee Wilson will be returning from maternity leave three days per week as she will be undertaking a literacy/numeracy support role.
**Ready for High School:** Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started High School? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn’t be worried about starting High School and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days. Watch the videos: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7)

**Choosing school shoes:** Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all. Tips for choosing shoes: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes)

**Teach your kids to be waterproof:** As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips)

**Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays:** Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child’s hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments. The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit: [http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html)

**Flashing Lights:** Flashing lights have been installed in Bolwarra Road this week to alert drivers to the fact that ‘School Zones’ are in operation and to keep an eye out for our precious children. Well done NSW Government!

Keep safe throughout the holidays!

Regards
Sue Swetnam
Principal

---

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 12th Dec  Canteen Open for Lunches
- 12th Dec  FLEXI-SCHOOLS cut-off for ordering is 7.30am
- 12th Dec  Raffle Tickets to be Returned
- 12th Dec  Reports go Home
- 12th Dec  Gingerbread House Night between 4pm - 7.30pm in School Hall
- 15th Dec  Presentation Day - K-2 at 9.30am, Years 3-6 at 11.30am in the School Hall
- 16th Dec  Class Party Day
- 16th Dec  Year 6 Farewell
- 17th Dec  Student Representative Councillors and School Leaders BBQ
- 17th Dec  Year 6 'Ringing of the Bell' Ceremony at 2.30pm
- 17th Dec  Students Last Day for Term 4
- 18th Dec  Staff Development Day
- 19th Dec  Staff Development Day

**2015**

- 27th Jan  Staff return to school
- 28th Jan  Years 1 - 6 return to school
- 2nd Feb  Kindergarten start school
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

2015 LIBRARY MONITORS

Congratulations to Lanah, Chloe, Olivia, Cassidy, Ava, Jasmine, Danyella, Amy, Elliot, Laney, Brendon, Daniel, Thomas, Marley, Lachlan and Mieke.

2015 ENVIRO LEADERS

Congratulations to Aidan, Ben, Abbey, Noah, Owen, Roy, Elye, Jacklyn and Amelie.
To The Students And Families Of Our 2014 Student Representative Councillors And School Leaders

THANK YOU!!! The Staff of Bolwarra Public School would like to thank all our 2014 Student Representative Councillors and our School Leaders for their valuable contribution to our Student Representative Council throughout the year. They have contributed to the welfare of both our school and our chosen charities through providing support to staff and students, by improving our resources, facilities and school grounds, through raising funds for our charities and for the school and by assisting in the day to day operations of our wonderful school. The SRC has also funded the representative sports jackets once again.

I would personally like to thank our School Leaders for their help in running the SRC. Our Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects have chaired our Student Representative Council meetings throughout the year and have helped supervise various SRC functions and activities. They have been generous with their time and professional in their duties.

As such, Mrs Swetnam and the Staff are providing a BBQ Thank You Lunch to all our 2014 Student Representative Councillors (Terms 1, 2, 3 and 4) and School Leaders on Wednesday 17th December 2014. Lunch will include meat, bread and soft drinks and there will be no cost for the students.

GREAT NEWS!!! The wonderful new playground seating initiated by Mrs Swetnam and the Term 4 SRC has arrived. The Term 4 Student Representative Councillors and the School Leaders will be allowed to help paint these seats in cheerful colours on Wednesday 17th December 2014 IF they bring along old clothes, old socks and shoes and paint shirts to change into while painting. The paint is water based but may stain clothing. Normal uniforms are to be worn for the rest of the day.

Warm regards and all the best for the holiday season
Susan Doyle (Student Representative Councillor Coordinator)

YEAR K – 6 NEWS

**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.**

**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: Ruby-Rose, Amelia, Georgia, Archie, Stephanie, Michael, Rose, Sybylla, Molly, Maddi and William.
Library
Borrowing has finished for the year. Please return all library books.

Maitland High School Orientation

Year 6 Santas

CLASSROOM CAPERS

KE  What an incredible year we've had. The children have come so far over the year and I am so proud of each and every one of them. Through the ups and the downs I have grown to love and value each member of the class and I am going to miss them all like crazy next year! Thank you to all of our wonderful parents for your support through the year - it has made my job easy. I hope you all have a safe and happy break and I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!

KT  KT are very excited that there are only 14 days left until Christmas. We have posted our Santa letters to the North Pole and hope Santa is not too busy to reply to us. We are practising our Christmas songs to sing on Presentation Day and are looking forward to singing them in front of an audience. Since this will be our last capers, I wish all KT families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your support in 2014, it has been a pleasure teaching your children! 😊

KW  It's the end of the school year and everyone is getting a little tired. Our classroom has been transformed with many beautiful Christmas artworks. Everyone in KW is very excited for Christmas and wishes everyone a happy and safe time over the holidays! We have been trying to prepare ourselves for Year 1 and Miss Baron is extremely proud.
1B It is hard to believe that the year is drawing to an end and what a year we have had too. Eleven months ago 23 quiet little children walked into 1B and now they are about to walk out, taller, louder, smarter, super confident and very ready for the challenges of Year 2! I would like to thank you all for your support this year and I would also like to thank the students for being such a wonderful group of children. We have had fun, we have learnt lots and we have all become great friends. I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2015!

1H What a fantastic week to end an amazing year! This week we have been looking back over some of our old books and talking about our achievements throughout the year. It is very impressive to see not only each and every student’s academic growth but also their growth in confidence and sense of ownership over their learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful support 1H have had from parents this year and a special thank you to those who were able to come along to reading groups each week. To get into the Christmas spirit we have made some adorable Elves which are on display in our room, written a Christmas story and created some very cute reindeer.

1M It is hard to believe this is the final classroom capers for 2014. I’d like to say a huge thank you to all my students in 1M who have worked so hard throughout the year. They have all grown in their learning and their social development and I am sure that you, their parents, are just as proud as I am. Have a safe and happy Christmas everyone.

2C Congratulations 2C on all of your hard work over the year! I have thoroughly enjoyed being your teacher at this wonderful school and have taken real pleasure in seeing your growth both academically and socially. I have loved sharing in your journey and helping to prepare you for primary next year. Continue to be self-regulated, courteous and motivated learners as you embark on Year 3. To the families and caregivers of 2C students - thank you for letting me help guide your wonderful children - it has been a privilege. I wish you all a safe, joyous and wonderful time together over Christmas and the holiday season.

3L Last classroom capers for the year! Firstly, I would like to say thank you to my beautiful students for being thoughtful, empathetic and enthusiastic learners. We have had lots of fun together this year whilst learning lots of new and important things. I will miss each child’s personality, hearing about your weekend activities and the friendships we have formed. You have all come so far this year and I am very proud. Secondly, a huge thank you to the 3L parents for helping your children with homework, listening to their reading develop and for filling out many notes throughout the year! I wish you all a safe Christmas holiday break and I hope to see you all next year.

3T WOW! It's the end of the year. I have had a wonderful time with 3T this year. It has been a pleasure to work with a great bunch of children who are self-motivated for learning and who are just great people. We have been finishing off units of work and consolidating Year 3 outcomes in Maths. We have re-visited those tricky numeracy concepts and have spent the time to work with peer buddies to help us on our learning journey. Thank you to all parent helpers this year. The children have loved having your assistance. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

3-4B 3-4B students cannot believe that we are nearly finished another school year! Next week will be a busy week, with Presentation Day on Monday and the Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday evening. We are really looking forward to our party day next week. Thank you to all of the
3-4B students, we have had a very busy, very productive and enjoyable year. Thank you to all of our parents for your continued support throughout the year. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Have a safe and relaxing holiday. I am looking forward to another productive year in 2015!

4B 4B had a wonderful time presenting our plays to our parents - what a fantastic effort by all students! Please ensure that all blue medical disclaimer notes are in to the office before next Tuesday, as if these are not handed in children are unable to come to the movies with us on party day. As the end of the year winds down, I would like to thank all parents and students for a wonderful year. Thanks for all your efforts and I hope you all have an awesome holiday.

4E This week we have been learning about drug safety and how smoking affects the body. In Maths we have been working on improving our mental computation strategies. For Art we have been experimenting with perspective to create the illusion of depth. This week we performed our reader's theatre plays with 4B to our parents, grandparents and Stage 2 students. In English we are finishing our poetry unit and publishing these on computers. Keep the work up 4E and Merry Christmas!

5A This week we are doing some mapping activities as part of our 'Identities and Values' unit. There are some excellent mapmakers in 5A.

5PL Even though it's Week 10 of Term 4, students in 5PL have powered through the week, continuing to work on Maths metals and problem solving tasks, Power point Presentations and a range of reading activities. After reading an article about several Queensland schools banning candy canes, students have written some fabulous persuasive texts about their views on the topic. We are all looking forward to the Stage 3 party day next Tuesday. Please remember to return your permission note and ten pin bowling money as soon as possible. Finally, as the year comes to an end, we would like to congratulate the students in 5PL for their dedication, enthusiasm and terrific work ethic. Each and every student should be proud of their achievements this year. We have enjoyed working with such a great bunch of students and wish you all the best as you prepare for your final year of primary school in 2015. Have a great holiday!

5-6D Only one week left at Bolwarra Public School for our Year 6 students! This week we have been reading, writing and publishing Aboriginal Dreamtime stories. We are presenting our 'Personal Interest Projects' to the class, which are a culmination of hard work during reading groups this term. In Maths, we have been revising multiplication of fractions, reducing fractions to their lowest terms and finding percentages of whole numbers. Next week will be very busy with Presentation Day on Monday, Ten Pin Bowling and the Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday and the traditional 'Ringing of the Bell' ceremony to farewell our Year 6 students on Wednesday. A special thank you to Mrs McDonald, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Hendrie, Mrs Lynch and Mr Baxter for assisting us with reading groups this year. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents for your support and interest in our class activities this year. I would like to wish our Year 6 students all the best for High School and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays.
6L
Welcome to our last week in Primary School! In Health, we have been looking at making considered decisions when put in peer pressure situations. After examining many scenarios, we discussed options and possible consequences before making final decisions. Last Thursday, we had a fantastic time cooking or attending Robogals workshops. We certainly have some budding chefs and engineers in Year 6. We are busy learning dances for our Year 6 Farewell and we look forward to dancing along with our parents next Tuesday evening. Congratulations on a great year 6L. You have been a fantastic class and I have many special memories of our time together. Good luck at High School!

Library
The library books are gradually finding their way back to the Library for the holidays - thank you for searching in book cases, in school bags, under beds, on desks......... One of the best classes for borrowing this year was 3T - fabulous! It's wonderful to see the children enjoying reading. Merry Christmas to all!

Choir
The Junior and Senior Choirs will be performing at the Infants and Primary Presentation Day. They have worked very hard all year to perfect their voices and the songs they will be performing. A BIG thank you to the Year 6 students who will be moving on to High School - and hopefully, still singing!

Junior Choir at Primary Proms - Sydney Town Hall

Enviro
I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thanks to our 2014 Enviro Leaders for a job well done: Hugo, Blayne, Will, Bailey, Edward, Lachlan and Ethan. I look forward to a great 2015 with the new Enviro Leaders, students, parents and staff. Thanks to all for your ongoing support over the years and hope you all have a great and enjoyable Christmas, New Year and holiday! Regards Maz ☺
Sport

Congratulations to all Bolwarra Public School students with your 'Premier Sporting Challenge' this semester. We were able to purchase these new playing shirts for our school. We will now look so professional when we turn up to representative events in the future.

P&C NEWS

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

A huge thank you all of our wonderful volunteers for this term and throughout the year who have helped keep the canteen operating. Helping in the canteen is a great way to be an active member of the school community, meet other parents and gain food handling experience. Most importantly as our canteen is a major fundraiser for our school we function solely on our friends and families giving up their precious time to volunteer.

Please return the request form for volunteers for next year, Term 1 2015, as soon as you can so that we can begin planning for next year.

Tomorrow FRIDAY 12th December FLEXI-SCHOOLS cut-off for ordering is 7.30am.

Happy Christmas, Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>SHIFTS</th>
<th>9am-11am</th>
<th>11am-2.30pm</th>
<th>12.30-2.30pm</th>
<th>ANZAC BISCUITS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WEEK 10</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FRI 12/12</td>
<td>SARAH THOMPSON ANITA WHITEHORN ALI HAGGARTY</td>
<td>ELSABE VAN DER MERWE</td>
<td>JUDI BUCKNOR</td>
<td>KELLIE AULD</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WEEK 11</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MON 15/12</td>
<td>CLOSED - PRESENTATION DAY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TUES 16/12</td>
<td>CLOSED - CLASS PARTY DAY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Aussie Outdoor Blinds

Protection from
• Wind
• Rain
• Glare
• Heat
• Cold
• Mozzies & Flies

CALL NOW FOR AN OBLIGATION FREE APPRAISAL
0427 224 795
www.hunteraussieoutdoorblinds.com.au

Lifestyle SCREENS

From garage to living space ... and back again in seconds!

Works in conjunction with existing garage doors

Under New Management

Morpeth Butchery
143 Swan Street, Morpeth 2321 (02) 4933 7541

COME IN AND TRY OUR

• Farm Fresh
• Grass Fed
• Hi in Omega 3
• Antibiotic Free
• Hormone Free

BEEF & LAMB

Brought to you by

HUNTER NATURAL
www.hunternatural.com.au
Expression of interest for Kids Bootcamp Term 1 2015
Due to popular demand this term,
Colette is offering Kids Bootcamp again in 2015
Please contact Colette 0418 454 352
by 17th December 2014 to arrange bookings

RUGBY BLACKS NETBALL
MAITLAND CLUB

2015 REGISTRATION DATES
Thursday 5th February, 2015 from 6.00-7.30pm
AND
Saturday 7th February, 2015 from 8.00-10.00am
At Macleilian Park, Glenarvon Road, Lorn
We look forward to seeing all of our existing players
and some new faces too!

Save these dates in your holiday diary...

CAFE CONNECT

Cafe Connect

MONDAY - JAN 12TH
Everyday Fitness for Every Body

TUESDAY - JAN 13TH
Money Matters:
Driving your Dollar Home

WEDNESDAY - JAN 14TH
Easy Entertaining:
Cooking Demo

THURSDAY - JAN 15TH
Love the Home You Have:
Decorating on a Shoestring

FRIDAY - JAN 16TH
What is Living Life
to the Full?

For more information visit
www.facebook.com/maitlandalive

* Free holiday fun for you, your family and friends!*

Register online www.maitlandalive.org
THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

✅ Relaxing ✅ Great value ✅ Fun ✅ Safe

Tick every box this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation Camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, mountain biking, surfing, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more, and relax knowing you’re in good hands. Kids’ Day Camps start from $47; Family Camp weekends start from $168 for kids and $238 for adults. Kids under five years attend free of charge. Cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

Bonus! Residential Kids’ Camps include supervised transport from:
- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.

dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps
dsr.nsw.gov.au/familycamps
13 13 02
facebook.com/nswsportandrecreation