Dear Parents and Care-givers

What glorious weather we have been having for autumn. The very warm days have been a little problematic for our girls who have been wearing winter uniforms with skivvies. May I suggest the girls wearing a lighter white blouse/shirt with a jumper/jacket over the top which can be taken off during the day.

Our Archibull calf arrived at school yesterday and signed in! The ‘Archibull Prize’ is a competition run by ART4Agriculture and encourages school students to learn about food and fibre, through art. Art4Agriculture aims to reconnect consumers with the people that produce their food and fibre and by celebrating the pivotal role that Australian farmers play in feeding and clothing the world. Participating schools are given a life-size fiberglass cow and a food or fibre to research and use as inspiration to transform their Archibull into a work of art. Cotton has been given to us as our crop to research.

Stay tuned!

Yesterday’s official opening of our new classrooms was a wonderful opportunity for the school community to say thank you to the School Council for their lobbying of local politicians, to Robyn Parker who helped secure the $500,000 grant, to Asset Management for creatively turning the monies into a worthwhile building project, to Public Works for overseeing the building’s construction and to Marathon Industries who involved the school in each step of the design and construction process. It was a team effort to ensure our children have good quality classrooms in which to learn.

The Athletics Carnival for Years 3-6 is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd June at Smythe Park, Maitland. At last Monday’s P&C meeting it was decided not to provide a canteen lunch on the day due to the size of the canteen and a number of other issues. This was also supported by staff as it was a logistic nightmare last year ensuring students got their lunches. So it will be bring your own recess and lunch with a coffee van available, drinks, snacks and finger buns available for purchase.

Our first Fete meeting has been set for Tuesday 27th May at 6pm in the Staffroom. Thank you to Mr Leleu, Mr Taylor and Mrs Baker for being the staff representatives on the Fete committee. So please come along and help plan for our fete as it is a fun process with great results at the end. I’m always amazed at the ingenuity of parents when it comes to planning for major activities at Bolwarra.

Reconciliation Week starts next week from Tuesday 27th May to Tuesday 3rd June. The theme is ‘Walk the Talk’ and we have a number of events happening. Mindaribba LALC will be hosting special activities on Tuesday and Mrs Yeend will be taking a small group of Year 5 and 6 students across for the day. On Friday 30th May, commencing at 10am, Bolwarra will be officially opening the totem poles and hosting a number of activities based around ‘Sorry Day’. As our students state at each assembly, in our ‘Acknowledgement of Country’, the land beneath the asphalt and the concrete of our school is, was and will always be aboriginal land.
Carrie’s Place, a well-known Women’s Refuge in Maitland, is currently turning away a significant number of families each week. Recently they have appealed to the Maitland Community to help out by donating food items as their pantry is nearly empty. To help out we have put a basket in the front office for donations and as per usual for our school community it is filling fast! Thank you.

Thank you also to the parents who took the time out of busy schedules to take their children to the St Peter’s Musical Festival last night. I had a prior commitment in Newcastle but from what I have been told from staff, they performed beautifully. A huge thank you to Mrs McLaren for her continued devotion to music and to our students at Bolwarra. We are very lucky to have her on our staff.

Have a safe week and thank you for your support.

Regards
Sue Swetnam

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**OPENING OF NEW CLASSROOMS**

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**WEBSITES**

- **P&C Website**  [www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com](http://www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com)
## IMPORTANT DATES

- **23rd May**  Walk Safely to School Day
- **27th May**  Reconciliation Week
- **27th May**  Fete Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- **28th May**  Debating against Paterson Public School - Bolwarra School Hall at 10.30am
- **29th May**  Oakvale Farm Excursion - Kindergarten
- **30th May**  National Sorry Day - 10am
- **2nd June**  School Council Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- **3rd June**  Athletics Carnival - Years 3 - 6
- **4th June**  University Science Test
- **6th June**  Athletics Carnival - K - 2
- **9th June**  Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- **13th June**  Year 6 Mini Fete
- **16th June**  University Writing Test
- **16th June**  P&C Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- **17th June**  University Spelling Test
- **24th June**  Stage 3 Gala Day - Maitland park
- **25th June**  Red Nose Day
- **24th June**  Tocal Excursion - Year 4
- **25th June**  Tocal Excursion – Year 3
- **27th June**  Last Day of Term 2

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 23rd MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)
Debating
The Bolwarra debating team were successful in winning their first debate at Seaham Public School yesterday. Our team of Myra, Lexie, Ruby and Georgia debated that primary students shouldn't have longer holidays. Our arguments were convincing enough to persuade the adjudicator our way. Our three speakers spoke confidently and I was proud of their efforts given that this was our first ever debate. Our next debate is Wednesday 28th May at 10:30am, in the Bolwarra School hall. The debate will be against Paterson Public School. Audience members are welcome to attend. Mrs Lange

CLASSROOM CAPERS

KE This week has been a busy one as we have been trying to complete our semester one assessments. It is fabulous to see how the children are growing and improving as the year goes on. We had a great time during our weekly musical practice and we are doing well to remember the words as they are a bit tricky! In maths we are revising numeral identification and forward and backward number sequences, as some of us still find this tricky. We had a go at an independent writing task about pigs and it was wonderful to see the children putting into practise the skills they have been learning over the last term. Some of the children found this difficult but they certainly tried their best, which is great. Well done on another great week!

KT KT displayed some of their fabulous writing skills this week when writing an information report on pigs all by themselves, without any help from a teacher. In speaking and listening we have been talking about some of the many tools used on a farm. We are becoming more confident in front of our KT audience when speaking and are trying hard to use eye contact and appropriate volume. Our Oakvale Farm excursion is next week and we can't wait! Don't forget to check Edmodo for links to the games and songs we have been using in class. Some children have already answered the question on Edmodo about their favourite farm animal. Mrs Turner has even posted what her favourite animal is - check it out. Keep working hard KT! 😊

KW KW are learning some pretty amazing facts about pigs this week. We have watched a slide show, looked at information reports and written sentences about pigs. The challenges of using sight words and sounding skills to produce written text are substantial and the children have all made pleasing progress. We have been really enjoying our Dance2bfit sessions. Kierra, our instructor, teaches the children a new dance each week and this week they were spies doing high energy moves. We have been moving through a series of assessment tasks this week and so reading groups have been cancelled for the week. Finally, many of the children have been battling colds and coughs this week. We hope they feel better soon.

1B The students in 1B had a great time at the Shortland Wetlands. We got to learn all about different animals that live there. Dip netting was so much fun, we found blood worms, shrimp, snails, water boatmen and lots and lots of water fleas. One of the other highlights of the excursion was most definitely the ride there and back on the double decker bus. We had fantastic feedback from the staff at the Wetlands, saying that the Bolwarra students were so well behaved and an absolute pleasure to have. Well done 1B!

- On Friday Year 1 went on an excursion to the wetlands. We saw a snake and some turtles. We also saw bugs and mosquitoes. We did lots of things. Ella - 1B
- On Friday we went to the Wetlands and we saw ducks, water boatmen and some water fleas. We got to look through binoculars. Koby - 1B
• On Friday we went to the Wetlands and all of Year 1 went. My favourite animal was the blood worms. Nicholas - 1B

1H 1H had a fabulous time at the wetlands on Friday. It was great to have the opportunity to interact with one of the environments we are focusing on this term in HSIE. I would like to thank all students for their beautiful behaviour on the day and enthusiasm towards activities. This week in class we have written an information report ‘Frogs’. In our research we came across some very interesting facts about frogs that we would love to share with you. In maths we are looking at number patterns and 3D shapes.

1M What a wonderful excursion we had to Shortland Wetlands last week. The staff at the education centre spoke glowingly of our students - their manners, their background knowledge and their co-operation. We are concluding our work on wetland environments now and moving on to a close study of rain forests. It is also assessment time so the students are being kept very busy!

2C This week students are preparing a persuasive text to persuade others to reduce electricity usage. Having analysed ‘Amy's Energy Website' students are aware of techniques we can use to make our persuasive texts more effective. We are on a mission to help Amy save the world, starting at school. Students are thinking carefully about their intended audience, emotive language, framing and use of images. Students have also been learning about the importance of mind mapping before we write texts and have enjoyed creating an information report on the Hunter Wetlands. We have also been discussing the importance of 'Looking on the Bright Side' when we feel upset about things. Keep up the brilliant work 2C!

2H 2H have done a fabulous job creating their very own ‘Tin Forests’! They really enjoyed Mrs Swetnam, Mrs Moore, Mrs Yeend and Mrs Richardson visiting to see the wonderful pieces of art that they had created. They have also enjoyed learning about imagery and have attempted to write their own samples of imagery about our playground.

• I could hear the leaves crinkling against each other. By Bailey
• I could taste the freshness in the warmth of the air. By Cayden
• I could feel the shining sun on my skin. By Maddi
• I could hear the leaves that sway on the trees. I could hear the birds that chirp in the trees and the cicadas that croak in the trees. By Samuel

2W A super busy few days in 2W! We have been running our photo booth to raise money for the Student Council. So far, we have raised $131.50. Thank you to everyone who has come along so far - it has been so much fun! We have been working hard to improve our skills when adding up money, this has come in handy with our fundraiser this week! We are really enjoying our ‘Social and Emotional’ unit of work. We have been learning all about ‘self-awareness’ and building on our skills to help recognise and understand our feelings. This term is absolutely flying.....well done 2W for your commitment to learning this term so far!!
3L  In class this week 3L have become budding scientists! We have finally set up our ant farm and have learnt some wonderful facts about these interesting creatures. Did you know that ants don't have ears and that they have two stomachs, one for their own food and one for sharing? How amazing! We have also created some wonderful alien artworks to make our classroom more inviting for ‘Atto’ our alien friend who we are helping to learn about living and non-living things. Wow! We have been very busy. Thank you to those families who have returned their Athletics Carnival notes, please keep them coming.

3T  We have started a new unit of work this week based on the book ‘My Place’ by Nadia Wheatley. We are interested in exploring the history of Australia and looking at the perspectives of others. Starting in 1988 and going back 200 years, we are told the history of Australia in one particular place, told by the generations of children who have lived in that one spot. Winner of Australia’s Book of the Year 1988. Also, we are working hard on structuring our sentences and paragraphs along with writing imaginatively. Thank you to parents and grandparent helpers who have once again made themselves available for reading groups. Homework and home readers have been sent home this week and are due on Friday next week. Remember to return Athletics Carnival notes and bus money.

4B  4B have enjoyed discussing properties of quadrilaterals in maths this week, we were surprised that squares, rectangles and rhombuses were quadrilaterals! There are a whole family of quadrilaterals. We have been enjoying Dance2bfit and loved the drumstick warm up dance and the night train dance this week!! We had so much fun! Sadly, we finished our novel study on ‘The Tale Of Despereaux’ - the children really loved this story and were keen to see if the author Kate DiCamillo had written a sequel, we searched the webpage, but unfortunately she hasn't yet, but some children suggested that we do one! How keen are they! Our next novel study is very different, we will be reading ‘The Iron Man’. Tune in for some interesting capers in the next few weeks as we create stop motion movies about the book.

4RE  4RE have been learning about comparative adjectives in grammar this week and how to use these in sentences. We have also continued to write information reports on an animal of our choice. In maths we have been learning about the square centimetre and how to find area and perimeter. In science we are learning how living things get energy, how they depend on other living things (symbiosis) and what food chains are. Mr Erickson has also started to give out pen licences, which we are all excited about. Well done 4RE.

5A  After a busy time getting ready for and completing NAPLAN, 5A are looking forward to settling back into a classroom routine. We are continuing our study of Antarctica, visiting Macquarie Island this week with the class text, ‘Our Small Island’ by Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch.

5PL  This week in maths we have been focusing on the types of triangles. We have learnt about the properties of equilateral, isosceles, scalene and right angled triangles. We have drawn equilateral triangles using a compass and used a protractor to calculate the angle sum of different triangles. We have particularly enjoyed using geoboards to create a range of examples of each triangle. During literacy, we have read the book ‘Ice, Wind, Rock’ by Peter Gouldthorpe. We have analysed the front cover, making many interesting observations about the illustrator's use of colour, positioning and a salient image. We have begun reciprocal reading/teaching activities during reading groups this week. Students are enjoying the challenge of familiarising themselves with the roles of predictor, clarifier, questioner and summariser.
Another exciting and hard working week in class 5-6D. This week, during reading groups, we have been reading texts about Douglas Mawson - a famous Australian explorer in Antarctica. We have viewed photos and webcam footage of Mawson Station in Antarctica. Do you know the buildings at Mawson Station are all painted bright red so that they are easier to see and locate during snow storms and blizzards? We have written diary entries about an imaginary day we spent at Mawson Station. While writing our diaries, we have discussed how this piece of writing is a blended text type - recount, narrative and informational text. As a part of our personal development unit on ‘Social and Emotional Learning’, we have looked at and discussed the Declaration of Human Rights and how our school rules and values reflect many of the 30 articles identified as human rights. We are all really enjoying Dance2bfit each Monday and on Thursdays our PE lessons have been based around skills for our Athletics Carnival.

We have been investigating the positive and negative impact of human interactions with Antarctica and we analysed the Antarctic Treaty which has been written to protect this beautiful continent. Some outstanding homework last week on the animals from Antarctica, with many students including extra information and pictures to support their mind maps. In maths we are looking at time this week, including 24 hour time and interpreting timetables. We really enjoyed conducting an experiment last week to investigate how birds’ beaks have adapted depending on the types of food they eat. Everyone is really enjoying Dance2bfit - there are some real groovers in 6L!

Sport

Athletics Carnival: Our school Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 3rd June at Smythe Oval in Maitland. This is for students 8 years or older. Please return permission notes along with bus fare to attend this carnival. All students are expected to travel to the ground by bus, however, students are permitted to leave the carnival with parents at the end of the day. Due to the costs involved, all students are expected to pay for bus travel in any case. Buses will depart school after assembly from school. All parents are welcome to attend the carnival to watch and assist in the smooth running of the events.

Music

Year 4 not Year 2 are starting music theory. As mentioned last week, classes are beginning to be introduced to the items for the Musical to be held in Term 3. Kindergarten will continue to address maintaining a steady beat and learning about the structures of music this week. Stage 1 will be learning a new song and continuing work with Tone Colour and Dynamics. Year 4 will be putting music theory into practice creating a group performance using percussion instruments and a simple musical score.

Library

I have been reading some great writing the children have completed. Year 6 have created some wonderfully imaginative illustrations, with a simple message, in response to reading one of the short listed books for 2014 - Shaun Tan's Rules of Summer.

Choir

The Senior Choir performed at the opening of the new classrooms yesterday as well as performing with the Junior and Boys’ Choirs at the St Peter's Music Festival. Well done to all! The Senior choir will be travelling to the Hunter School of Performing Arts in several weeks to attend a cluster rehearsal. A note will be sent home next week with the details.
Environment
On Thursday 15th May, the Enviro Leaders and myself had a day at Walka Water Works. The Enviro Youth Forum is organised by Maitland City Council. The boys enjoyed many talks and hands on activities, including forestry, recycling, wildlife rescue, mining, bird watching, native seedling planting, weed collecting and many more. A great day was had by all.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2
Thank you to all our volunteers so far this term. We only have a couple of vacancies for the term. If you can help out please send me a text or give me a call.

The slushie is no longer apple juice based but is now pear juice based. Slush Puppie, after receiving much feedback, are no longer making the apple juice base. They believe that this was a healthier option. Also orange and mango and orange and passionfruit juices are no longer available.
The new ‘Winter’ menu will be hopefully implemented in the coming weeks and each family will receive the new menu before the implementation. Just to note that there has been price rises on some items on the menu in line with the ongoing price rises of certain products (especially pies and sausage rolls) and ingredients that we utilise in the canteen.
Thanks
Alison (0409 653 868)

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