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BULLETIN NO. 14 WEEK 5 – TERM 2 Thursday 29th May 2014

Dear Parents and Care-givers

Welcome to another productive and very busy Week 6. Our Debating Team hosted Paterson Public School yesterday in Round 2 of the competition. It was a closely contested debate on the topic ‘Parents should ban their children from social media sites’. We were the negative team and Alexandria, Eddie, Ruby and Yarran skillfully debated and rebutted the arguments put forward by Paterson, winning the debate by a narrow margin. Congratulations to the team and their coach Mrs Lange.

Last week we were notified by the State Convenor of ‘Moving Forward Together’ that Alexandria was judged as a Regional Runner-up in this year’s Harmony Day Poster Competition. Alexandria has been invited to attend the Prize Giving Presentation at NSW Parliament on Tuesday 17th June. What an honour for Alexandria and her family. Well done!

As the unusual weather patterns continue (cold mornings and warm days) so does the number of students and staff catching colds and viruses. We’ve had a number of staff off sick over the last few weeks but we have been able to employ casuals to take their classes. Hopefully this will improve over the next few weeks.

Last Tuesday night our Fete Committee held its first meeting and a huge thank you to the parents and staff who attended. A plan was developed, stalls selected, volunteers sought for running the stalls, donation letter formulated, major activities (like Megamania) booked, insurance investigated and promotion details discussed. Its 21 weeks to the fete (Saturday 25th October) so now is the time to take those cuttings, start collecting used toys from friends, dust off the jam and pickle recipes, put aside second hand clothes and put your thinking hats on for new ideas for stalls. If you or your family and friends have businesses or know someone who has a business maybe they would like to donate something for our Chocolate Wheel. Donation letter requests are available from the office and please let us know if anyone has donated as we will advertise their generosity in the newsletter. Keep up to date with the planning and organisation by visiting the P&C website on. Simply click on http://bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com follow and add your email address for updates. The next Fete meeting is Tuesday 10th June at 6pm in the staffroom. See you there as we still need volunteers.

Next Monday is the School Council AGM which is being held in the staffroom commencing at 6pm. Next Tuesday (3rd June) is the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Smyth Oval, Maitland. State Boys Soccer Knockout is also scheduled for Tuesday but thanks to the generosity of Mr Allen, Mr Taylor and Mr Erickson, separate time trials will be held for these boys tomorrow. Don’t forget that the canteen at Smyth Oval will not offer lunches but simply snacks and drinks. Please see a cut off slip at the end of the newsletter for volunteers to help at the canteen which will be run by the P&C. The K-2 Sports Carnival will be held next Friday 6th June on the top oval commencing at 10am. See you there.

Future success: If you had a choice of bestowing great intelligence or great persistence on your child at birth, which would you choose for your child? Your choice could make a profound
difference on your child’s success at school, their future levels of achievement and eventually their income as an adult. Find out more: http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/April-2013-%281%29/Intelligence-or-persistence--which-would-you-choos

Have a safe week and thank you for your support.

Regards
Sue Swetnam

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **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
- **10th June** Fete Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- **13th June** Year 6 Mini Fete
- **16th June** University Writing Test
- **16th June** P&C Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- **17th June** University Spelling Test
- **20th June** Debate - Bolwarra School Hall at 1.30pm
- **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

**WEBSITES**

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

**YEAR K – 6 NEWS**

**Debating**

Yesterday Bolwarra debated against Paterson in the second round of The Premier's Debating Challenge. Our topic was, 'That parents should ban their children from all social networking sites' and we were the negative arguing against this - a difficult side to debate! Again our speakers spoke confidently, rebutted effectively and were able to convince the adjudicator that we had the stronger arguments. Well done to our hard working team and thank you to our wonderful audience, who we hope were inspired by the debate. Our next debate is on Friday 20th June at 1:30pm in our school hall.
**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. 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: Libby, Rubie, Rihanna, Daniel, Holly, Charli, Hannah and Kayden.

**CLASSROOM CAPERS**

**KE** KE have had another great week. I can’t believe we’re half way through the term already! In maths we were looking at volume and how much things can hold. We had fun measuring and comparing with water! The carpet only go a little bit wet. Today we had a fantastic time at Oakvale Farm. The children loved feeding all of the animals and milking the cow too. Next week we will do some writing about our favourite activities. Well done everyone for their beautiful behaviour.

**KT** KT have been enjoying Dance2bfit each week. We have some fantastic dance moves. In maths we have been ordering numbers and learning about volume and capacity. In HSIE we have been continuing our farm unit and learning about chickens. We wrote wonderful information reports on chickens. Our writing has improved greatly. We are remembering our finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Keep up the great work KT. Our excursion to Oakvale farm was a hit today! We loved feeding all the animals and milking the cow. The koalas were soft and cuddly and the kangaroos were very friendly. We were blessed with beautiful weather! KT welcomes Hollie to our class. We know she’ll enjoy Bolwarra School.

**KW** KW have a very exciting week ahead. Van has been counting down the days until we go on our excursion and asks every day. Some of the children have never been on a bus before so that only adds to their excitement. We will walk the children in supervised groups through a number of well-planned activities and unfortunately there will be no time for playing on the equipment or spending money at the kiosk. Thank you to Miss Theorett who has beautifully co-ordinated all the notes and activities for our day. We will be taking photos and making up a booklet as a record of their first excursion. Speaking tasks took on a new level this week as Zac demonstrated the use of pliers, Amelia showed a farrier’s hammer/tool and Maddi brought in a shovel twice her height. The class are getting much better at looking at their audience and projecting their voices to be heard by the whole group.

**1B** This week in 1B we have been learning about tropical rainforests and some of the animals that live in them. We have been quite amazed by the lyrebird and how clever the bird is as he mimics sounds he hears. The lyrebird can copy a kookaburra, camera, a chainsaw and even a car alarm. Check it out on youtube if you get a chance! This week is Reconciliation Week and we are discussing what it means to say ‘Sorry’. We have talked about the Stolen Generation and the effect that had on Indigenous Australians. Our artwork this week is inspired by the theme of Reconciliation Week - “walk the talk”. We are enjoying reading different books from the Dreamtime as well as looking at the achievements of some of our prominent Indigenous Australians like Cathy Freeman and Michael Long.
1H This week 1H have read the book ‘You and Me Murrawee’ as a part of our Reconciliation Week celebration. We found this book highly engaging and have held several rich discussions regarding the use of visual literacy to tell the story. In maths we are looking at mass and division. This week we have been investigating the water cycle in science. We have completed an experiment which involved filling a plastic snap lock bag with water and tapping it to a window. As the day went on we were able to watch as the water started to evaporate and gather at the top of the bag which we now know is called condensation. It was a lot of fun.

1M This week our attention is on Reconciliation Week as each day we discuss and learn a little more about the importance of saying sorry and also learn about the heritage of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This has fitted in well with our work on sustainability and the need to care for our environment. In exploring the rainforest environments of Australia the students have been particularly intrigued by the lyrebird and its amazing capacity to mimic other sounds.

2C We are enjoying Reconciliation Week and are stopping to think about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture. We have read some traditional Aboriginal stories 'How Kangaroos got their Tails', 'Dunbo the Owl' and 'When the Snake bites the Sun'. We have also created an aboriginal artwork on a kangaroo. With our KidsMatter program we have looked into the importance of a smile and how a smile can help us, especially in difficult situations and in building and maintaining friendships. Smiling certainly is infectious and we have been trying to send our smiles around the community. Students are set with a challenge this week to share at least one smile to someone each day.

2H 2H have been discussing the meaning and importance of Reconciliation Week. They have enjoyed reading a variety of Dreamtime stories and created some Aboriginal Art. In mathematics 2H have been revising many concepts learnt so far this year to further their understanding of concepts such as number patterns and place value. 2H have been doing a great job presenting their news topics this week on ‘Wet and Dry Environments’. Early in the week they also enjoyed looking at lots of wet environment examples including shells, sea urchins, shark eggs, sea sponges and oysters. They are looking forward to creating a ‘Wet and Dry Environment’ display within our classroom.

2W Wow week 5 already!! This week we are continuing on with our sustainability unit. Today we discussed deforestation and how this is affecting our animals and wildlife, in particular, the orangutan. Did you know that the orangutan is critically endangered? We researched the orangutan and came up with some amazing ideas on what we can do to protect our trees, forests, animals and wildlife. Our focus in maths this week is multiplication and mass. We have been learning all about repeated addition and using arrays for solving multiplication problems. Keep practising your skip counting by 3’s everyone! I would like to say a huge congratulations to 2W and thank you to everyone who came along to our photo booth last week. This was a huge success and we raised $206.50 for Student Council!! Everyone in 2W did a brilliant job working their ‘shift’ - I am very proud of you all!

3L This week in 3L we have been finishing off our presentations on ‘Life Cycles’. Thank you to all the parents who have assisted their children in making such eye catching and engaging presentations. The whole class has really enjoyed listening to them. It is Reconciliation Week this week and we have learnt lots about the past and the actions which have been
taken to apologise for past injustices. These lessons have led to many interesting discussions. We are all looking forward to the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday next week. This term is going so quickly, keep up the hard work 3L!

3T This week we have worked hard on time in maths. Who ever thought reading a clock could be so hard! We have continued looking at the First Australians and enjoyed learning about early explorers. We are looking forward to our Athletics carnival next week. Well done parents and students for returning your permission notes so quickly.

3-4B We have had a busy Week 5! We are working hard and demonstrating the five keys to success. We are continuing to learn about self-awareness focusing on self-esteem. It is nice to know that our self-esteem piggy bank is getting lots of deposits. We have been enjoying learning about life cycles of animals and how humans can have a positive and negative impact on the environment that we live in. We are excited about the Athletics Carnival next Tuesday. We have been enjoying developing our skills for the carnival during sport time. Keep up the great work 3-4B!

4B 4B have excelled this week - we have thoroughly enjoyed listening to everyone's speeches on endangered animals and what we can do to help them. Some great research has obviously been done and some thought put into the way the students presented them. I am so proud of everyone's efforts! We will be wrapping up our information report writing this week by publishing our reports on green sea turtles. Our dictionaries have been getting a workout whilst we edited! With anticipation we began our new novel, reading the first few chapters of the book, ‘The Iron Man’ by Ted Hughes. We are enthralled by the text already and some students even went to the library to see if there was a sequel, and guess what, there is one, not surprisingly, called ‘The Iron Woman’. We kidnapped the fibreglass cow from the staffroom on Tuesday and took some photos of her in some exotic school areas - we had a lot of fun, but Mrs Baxter had trouble carrying her, she was quite heavy! We did this to help the Stage 3 students as they begin their work on the ‘Archibull’ competition. They need to have some photos for their blog as part of the competition, hopefully our photos will make the cut!

4RE 4RE have been finalising their information reports on an animal of their choice and Mr Erickson has learnt so many facts about so many interesting animals. We have also begun presenting our speeches on an animal of our choice using a variety of formats including PowerPoint and Prezi. We are continuing to enjoy our Dance2bfit sessions and the athletic skills sessions leading up to next week’s Athletics Carnivals. This week we have enjoyed learning about Aboriginal culture and beliefs in celebration of ‘National Sorry Day’. Well done 4RE.

5A 5A are completing their fortnightly study on Macquarie Island. Their artworks depicting the Aurora Australis were excellent. In mathematics this week the children will be completing some assessment tasks and learning about different aspects of fractions.

5PL We commenced Week 5 with the celebration of ‘National Sorry Day’ and ‘Reconciliation Week’. Students explored the meaning and reasons behind former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd’s apology speech in 2008. We have discussed the significance of this day to the ‘Stolen Generation’ and also celebrated the Indigenous culture through texts, music and art. Our focus in maths this week is area. We have investigated the area of squares, rectangles, triangles and composite shapes by drawing diagrams and using relevant formulas. The students in our blue maths groups particularly enjoyed the challenge of calculating the area of rooms represented on a scaled house plan. In HSIE we have explored the purpose and location of the Australian research stations in Antarctica. Students enjoyed viewing time lapse footage from the Davis, Mawson and Casey Stations.
5-6D This week during our maths lessons we have focused on finding the area of 2-dimensional shapes including squares, rectangles, triangles and irregular shapes. In English, we have been enjoying working on our individualised spelling matrixes and we have looked at the use of commas in our written work to separate lists and to add embedded phrases and clauses to make our writing more interesting. In science, we have learnt about the parts of flowering plants and the role each part plays in keeping the plant alive. Earlier this week we commemorated ‘National Sorry Day’. We watched a clip of former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, delivering an apology to the Indigenous Australian ‘Stolen Generation’ on behalf of the Australian Federal Government. We have also celebrated ‘National Reconciliation Week’ where we have learnt about the history and culture of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

6L We have been doing an in depth study of emperor penguins and we are in the process of writing and publishing information reports based on these amazing creatures. In art we worked in pairs to draw and paint ‘enormous’ emperor penguins - they look fantastic! We are plotting numbers on positive and negative number lines and we are beginning to investigate plotting on Cartesian planes in maths.

Music
This week we will be concentrating on practising our items for the coming musical as part of our music lesson for all stages. We will also play some listening games to check how clever we are at knowing which percussion instruments match to which sounds and revise some of the songs we have learnt during the first semester.

Sport
Soccer: On Tuesday, Bolwarra’s girls’ soccer team participated in the state knockout gala day at Maitland Park. The girls were successful in making it to the fourth round of the competition with convincing wins over Rutherford and Branxton. We are now waiting to hear who our next opposition will be. Well done girls on a great day!

Athletics carnival: We look forward to our carnival on Tuesday next week. All students will travel by bus from school and will return around 3pm. Parents are welcome to attend the carnival and assist with the running of events.

State AFL Boys:

Library
The Librarians have been cleaning their beautiful paintings from the windows to make way for new creations! The Library will be changing displays to make way for this year’s Book Week theme: ‘Connect to Reading’.
Choir

Thank you to all the children who performed in the St Peter’s Music Festival last week. They all sang beautifully. The Senior Choir will be travelling to the Hunter School of Performing Arts in two weeks, for a Cluster Rehearsal for the Festival of Choral Music. Even though only some of the children will be singing in the Opera House, ALL the choir children will be attending the rehearsal.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2

Thank you to all our volunteers so far this term. We currently only have one vacancy, 9am-2.30pm on 6th June. If you can help out please send me a text or give me a call.

The new ‘Winter’ menu will be sent home by the end of the week and will be implemented from next week. 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 and ingredients that we utilise in the canteen.

From this Friday we will be selling banana bread for $1.50 a slice. Now it is getting cooler hot Milo will be available again starting next week for $1. Just a reminder that orange and mango and orange and passionfruit juices are no longer available.

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)

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**Freaky Family Fun!**

**What?**
Freaky family fun night!

**Date?**
Friday 13th June 2014

**Time?**
6:30pm – 8:30pm

**Where?**
Unit 6/154 Park Ave, Kotara NSW 2289

**Details:**
Cost: $10.00 per ticket

Theme (optional): Freaky Friday/Black Friday

Hunter Connect and Lollipops are hosting a family-friendly night for parents, carers and children, providing them with the opportunity to connect with each other in a relaxing, fun and enjoyable atmosphere. The children will also have exclusive use of the playroom at Lollipops from 6:30pm – 8:30pm!

The café will be running at this time so the family can grab a bite to eat, or parents can enjoy a coffee together while the kids play!

Spots are limited! To reserve your tickets inbox us or email wayne@hunterconnect.org.au

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**Vacation Care**

Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.

**(provider approval number)**: PR-00007689

Ph: 49391840 83 - 85 Weblands St, Rutherford 2320  Fax: 4939 1849 ABN 94 288 377 301

30th June—11th July - Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton Centres Open
Pupil Free Day Monday 14th July (Ashtonfield, Rutherford & Thornton Centres Open)
Open 6.30am - 6.00 pm. Monday to Friday

Quality care for Children 5-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.
Organised activities such as Craft, Sports, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Movies and Excursions.

"Child Care Benefit (CCB)" and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available pending eligibility
Full fees will apply until CCB and/or CCR is authorised by "Dept of Human Services" (adjustments will then be made)

4 convenient locations - Rutherford, Thornton, Metford and Ashtonfield.

Daily fees after CCB range from $6.50 (1 child with 100% CCB) to $45.50 per child
Plus excursion fee if applicable. Fees to be paid on first day of care each week.

Bookings can be made at our centres and Main office
from Monday 2nd June 2014
Sorry no phone bookings

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm excluding Public Holidays) written notice must be given to book out or or else full fees will be charged.

Supported by Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW
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MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY HOLIDAY FUN
CREATURE FEATURE

Get crazy about creatures these school holidays. Dragons, fairies, and elves abound, create your own mythical creature using the art of Zentangle or explore the different continents of the world through their native animals. Meet baby dinosaurs in Maitland at the awesome Dinosaur Discovery workshops, or create your own sculpture out of books. Bookings are required and can be made online at http://www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/Library/kids/creaturefeature14

BOOK SCULPTURE WORKSHOP
Turn old books into amazing sculptures. Create your own sculpture using deselected library books. Sculptures will be displayed at the Annual Maitland City Library Book Sale.

Maitland Library
Monday 30 June
10.00 am – 12.00 pm
6 – 12 yrs $5

East Maitland Library
Friday 11 July
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
6 – 12 yrs $5

WINGS AND FIRE TEA PARTY
Calling all fairies and dragons! Wear your wings when you come along for this fun tea party. Hunt for your invitation, make your own badge and create your own invitation, mythical recipe or birthday card.

Maitland Library
Thursday 3 July
1.30 pm – 2.30 pm
4 – 12 yrs Free

DRAGON DRAMA
What do you do when a princess acts like a dragon, and a dragon acts like a princess? Come along to Thornton Library and find out. Children will listen to dragon stories and have the opportunity to act them out with masks and puppets.

Thornton Library
Thursday 3 July
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm
4 – 8 yrs Free

FANTASTICAL FAIRIES AND ELVES
Come to the enchanted library forest dressed as your favourite fairy or elf and be entertained by Fairy Shell Belle, the sweetest fairy in the land. Go on a treasure hunt and find magical pieces to make your own fairy garland or elf wand. Get your face painted and impress your friends.

East Maitland Library
Friday 4 July
10.00 am – 11.00 am
4 – 8 yrs Free

ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Rutherford Library
Friday 4 July
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
5 – 12 yrs Free

TANGLY BEASTS AND CREATURES
Do you love to sketch, draw, or doodle? Design mythical beasts and fantasy creatures using the art of Zentangle. Learn the techniques of Zentangle and skills in drawing different beasts and creatures.

Maitland Library
Saturday 5 July
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm
6 – 14 yrs Free

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY
Dinosaurs come to Maitland in this amazing workshop! Learn interesting dinosaur facts, search for fossils, and get your photo taken with baby dinosaurs!

Thornton Library
Monday 7 July
10.00 am – 11.00 am
5 – 12 yrs $5

Rutherford Library
Monday 7 July
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
5 – 12 yrs $5

CREATURE CREATION
Be inspired by comics, books and DVDs to create your own amazing creatures using a simple cardboard cut-out. Give them names and special powers to make creatures no one has ever seen before.

Thornton Library
Tuesday 8 July
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm
9 – 14 yrs Free

WORLDLY BEASTS
Participants hunt for missing words in a story about European animals, paint their own South American toucan beaks and play North American Bear Hunt. After the games everyone will decorate a world map with animal stickers.

Rutherford Library
Thursday 10 July
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
5 – 12 yrs Free

COLOURFUL BUTTERFLIES AND MAJESTIC DRAGONFLIES
Come to the library and learn all about butterflies and dragonflies. Dip, splat and squash your way to making a stunning paint blot butterfly, or use your skills to create an origami butterfly or concertina dragonfly. Children are advised to wear old clothes or a paint smock to the activity.

East Maitland Library
Friday 11 July
10.00 am – 11.00 am
5 – 12 yrs Free
BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION

YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL, SMYTH OVAL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – 3rd JUNE 2014

Next Tuesday 3rd June, the P&C will be running the canteen for the school at Smyth Oval for the Athletics carnival. There will be drinks and snacks for the children and those who are there to cheer them on. We are asking for people to spend one hour of the day to help make this possible. A roster will be sent out via email on Monday. All help is appreciated and all money made goes straight back into the school for your children. Please return the below slip as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support,
Bolwarra Public School P&C Committee

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS FOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Name: __________________________ Email: ______________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: __________________

I can help from: (please circle)

10.30am to 11.30am 11.30am to 12.30pm
12.30pm to 1.30pm 1.30pm to 2.30pm