Dear Parents and Care-givers

Welcome to winter with cooler mornings and evenings. On Tuesday we were fortunate to have great weather for our Athletics Carnival held at Smyth Oval in Maitland. Thank you to the parents, care-givers and grandparents who ventured out in the crisp wind to cheer on their children. A huge thank you to the parents who provided a ‘snacks’ canteen for the day and who assisted with the activities, your time was appreciated. Mr Taylor’s organisation was evident on the day as the children moved smoothly between each station and the children had a great time cheering on their class mates. Behaviour was exemplary as usual and many teachers commented on this. Well done everyone.

On Monday evening the School Council AGM was held and a new Executive was voted in. Melissa Boucher is now the President of the School Council with Stuart Holle the Secretary. Many thanks to Louise Trist and Robyn Scott who have relinquished their positions of President and Community Member. Louise had her two children attend Bolwarra and despite being a vet and working full-time she was always available to man BBQ’s, organise fetes and attend meetings as the P&C President and the School Council President. Robyn also had her children attend Bolwarra and served our community in the same way as Louise. On behalf of the community I would like to say ‘Thank You’ for your years of service to the students of Bolwarra and welcome Melissa to her new role.

Mrs Rodgers has reluctantly decided to retire due to health reasons. She has immensely enjoyed her sixteen years at Bolwarra and has asked me to extend her thanks for your support and understanding. She wishes all students and their families every happiness and success for the future. Her retirement becomes effective from Term 3 2014.

You would have noticed that the Infants playground equipment is roped off. Apparently when the soft fall mulch was being laid as the foundation it has come into contact with the tree roots of a large gum that is nearby. The tree has died quite quickly and is dangerous at the moment. It has been assessed by a qualified arborist and we are waiting for the Department to approve its removal. Please ensure of an afternoon and at the weekend that you don’t let your children play on the equipment.

Recently the Department of Education and Communities has changed some of the requirements needed for children with health needs. Some families who have children who suffer from asthma have been sent a package home to be completed. Could you please return these as soon as possible so our records, risk assessments and excursion files can be updated.

What family doesn’t have old glasses and outdated mobile phones lying around the house or hidden in drawers. We are currently running a campaign to collect old phones and glasses to support CanTeen, a childhood cancer organisation. If you have any glasses or phones just simply give them to your children and they can pop them into the boxes in the foyer.
Its only 16 weeks till our School Fete or Country Fair as we are calling it. If you are cleaning out your children’s toy boxes or wardrobes don’t throw the items out but bag them for the various stalls. Used toys were a huge hit at the last fete and so was the clothing and white elephant stall.

Have a safe week and thank you for your support.

Regards
Sue Swetnam

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- **6th June**: Athletics Carnival - K - 2
- **9th June**: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- **10th June**: Fete Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- **11th June**: Book Club Order Forms and Payment Due
- **11th June**: Final Day for Pie Drive Order Forms and Money
- **13th June**: Year 6 Mini Fete
- **16th June**: University Writing Test
- **16th June**: P&C Meeting - 6pm in Staffroom
- **17th June**: University Spelling Test
- **19th June**: Pie Drive Orders Pick Up Between 2pm and 4pm
- **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
- **14th July**: Pupil Free Day
- **15th July**: Students Return for Term 3

### WEBSITES

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

### YEAR K – 6 NEWS

**K-2 Athletics Carnival**

K-2 Athletics Carnival is on tomorrow. It will take place on bottom playground from 10am-1pm. Parents are most welcome. Parents can check the facebook page tomorrow morning if the weather is not good to see if it is still going ahead.
**Year 6 Mini Fete**

Year 6 will be holding a mini fete next week on Friday 13th June. This is our major fundraiser to purchase a present for the school at the end of the year. Students have been busy planning and organising some creative stalls, with activities and items ranging from 50c to $2. Look out for stalls such as ‘Moes and Bows', ‘Colour Splash' and many more. We are having a combined trash and treasure stall, so if you are cleaning out at home and would like to donate something, please bring it in to 6L’s room before next Friday.

**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: Riley, Jorja, Stephanie and Luca.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Book club order forms and payment are due back at school by **Wednesday 11th June 2014**.

**PAYMENT METHODS:**

Please DO NOT SEND CASH

- **Cheque/Money Orders**: payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’ – **NOT** to the school
- **Credit Card**: pay by **PHONE** or **ON LINE** (details on order form). Receipt number **MUST** be written onto order form to enable order to be processed. Please separate ‘order form’ and ‘credit card receipt details’ and place both sections into envelope
- Please write child’s name and class at the top of the order form
- On an envelope, write child’s name, class and ‘Scholastic Book Order’
- Inside envelope place order form and cheque/money order/credit card receipt
- **No cash orders will be accepted**

Please note that all orders placed will earn points for the school to purchase valuable resources for students.

Melinda Cooke & Kerry Hendrie
Book Club Co-ordinators

**CLASSROOM CAPERS**

**KE** We are really excited for the Athletics Carnival and can’t wait to wear our coloured shirts and compete in all of the events! Our writing is continuing to improve and we are still focusing on keeping our letters small and even. We have had a reshuffle of our reading groups this week as most children’s reading is improving immensely. Thanks again to all of our parent helpers who are making reading groups run smoothly, it is a big help. In Dance2bfit we are practising our Smurf dance ready for the concert later in the term. We are so cute! Winter has set in and there are a few colds and coughs going around the class (including me!) so we are talking about hygiene and how to stop spreading germs. Please discuss this with your child so we can all stay as healthy as possible! Thanks again for a great week.
**KT**  
KT are looking forward to their sport's carnival on Friday, we hope the weather is kind to us. Mums and dads, make sure you have your running shoes on to join us in a few activities. We are finishing our much loved farming/sustainability unit this week. We have drawn and painted pigs in visual arts, they look very cute! Our reading continues to improve and in maths we have been continuing work on ordering numbers. Keep a check on Edmodo for more numeracy and literacy games, along with photos of our Oakvale Farm excursion. For those who haven't yet registered for Edmodo, the original class code has expired, so I have sent home a new note to children with an updated code. Hope you can join us in our Edmodo adventure.

**KW**  
Our speaking task this week is poetry. Each child will be encouraged to recite a nursery rhyme or poem in front of the group. No pressure is placed on any child to perform. Mostly it is a case of the opposite and it is hard to politely bring items to a close!! KW are enjoying having the Oakvale Farm booklets at their home for a night and it would be appreciated if you could return the copy so other families can enjoy the excursion notes together. We will be writing reports about our adventures this week and designing a farm using a variety of media. Homework is not meant to be onerous. A little each night is always a help. If your child is unwilling, remember we practise every day at school and your child will benefit more from hearing a favourite/quality book read aloud to them. Please drop me a note if homework concerns you.

**1B**  
1B have been enjoying learning about rainforests and some of the animals that live in them. We have been discussing deforestation this week and the general consensus in our class is that it is not really a good thing to do! We had a great day last Friday at the opening of the Totem Poles. We all enjoyed watching the Aboriginal dancers from Maitland High School and some of us in 1B got to join in some of the dances. Our Reconciliation art work was on display in the hall so we were quite proud of that. This week at sport we have been able to get another practice in for the Athletics Carnival tomorrow. We are all very excited and have our fingers and toes crossed for fine weather!

**1H**  
1H have been studying lyre birds this week as a part of our rainforest study and have written some fantastic descriptive sentences about the lyre bird. We have also been conducting an experiment looking at the stages of the water cycle and have been able to watch as the sun turned our water into vapour. In maths 1H have been looking at mass and have been using a pan balance to measure objects from around our classroom and find things that are equal.

**1M**  
1M have been busy practising for their sports day on Friday. There is energy to burn and enthusiasm to match! It's great to see them having so much fun practising the races. Let's hope the sun continues to shine. The Reconciliation Week activities were very well received last week with the class particularly enjoying the Aboriginal dancers from Maitland High School. We also spent some time on our own in the Heritage Garden, appreciating the contributions of those who have painted the totem poles and made it such an inviting area in our school.

**2C**  
With our HSIE unit of work our focus has moved on to the wet environment of oceans. Students have recognised the importance of protecting our oceans and 'Taking 3 for the Sea' to help nurture plant and animal life. We have started our new book 'Last Tree in the City' and have also noticed the way people in the 'busyness' of their lives become careless with rubbish. Students have been sharing two digit numbers between 2 and have been using the formal algorithm to work out division problems. We are looking forward to the K-2 Athletics Carnival on Friday.
2H 2H have had a very busy week! On Mondays they have been getting fit and learning lots of dance moves to Kung Fu Fighting during Dance2bfit sessions. Most of the 2H students greatly enjoyed attending their first Primary Athletics Carnival on Tuesday and the remaining students enjoyed their day with Mrs Wright. All of 2H are also looking forward to the K-2 Athletics Carnival which is taking place on Friday. So, Week 6 has been a fitness filled week for 2H! Just a few reminders - homework and home readers are still due back to school tomorrow, 2H will have their Library day with Mrs Price today instead of Tuesday due to the sports carnival, there will be no reading groups or homework for 2H next week due to the short week. Have a happy and safe long weekend!

3L This week in 3L we have been working on our skills in reading the time; we have even made our own paper clocks to help us! It has been a challenge for lots of students but they are all becoming more confident in using analogue clocks. We have completed and published our information reports which were all so interesting and set out wonderfully. The whole class enjoyed researching an animal of their own choice and published them to a high standard. I would like to congratulate 3L on their wonderful efforts at the Athletics Carnival. All students gave it their best and competed in a range of activities. Well done 3L!

3-4B Congratulations 3-4B on another productive week! We have been working hard on our Take 3 for the Sea initiative thinking about the impact humans can have on the environment. We have been practising taking notes and using this information to create persuasive and informative texts. We are looking forward to creating a persuasive multimodal text that promotes positive environmental message. In maths we have been investigating arrays and multiplication and further investigating the operation that undoes multiplication, which is division!! We are really looking forward to our Tocal excursion in Week 9! We had a great time at our Athletics Carnival on Tuesday!! Thank you teachers and parent helpers for making this day possible. Keep working hard 3-4B!!

4B This week 4B really enjoyed the Athletics Carnival. We all enthusiastically participated and had a wonderful time. In our sustainability unit we have been discussing carbon and its effects on the earth. We watched a short movie about the carbon monster and what it does to our environment, we really learnt a lot from this multi modal text. Our bottle cap art is coming along - we have made a large Bolwarra School emblem and hope to have it hanging around the school soon. We are looking forward to a little rest this weekend, happy birthday to the Queen!!

4RE 4RE are loving Dance2bfit and thoroughly enjoyed the Athletics Carnival. We are learning about how living things become endangered through destruction of habitat, hunting, pollution and the introduction of new species. 4RE have continued to give outstanding presentations on an animal of our choice. In maths we are learning about time and how to read an analogue clock. We are about to start our new class novel, 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe’. Keep it up 4RE.

5PL It was great to see students in 5PL having a terrific time at this week’s Athletics Carnival. Everyone who attended gave a mighty effort to compete in all the track and field events with many students coming to school on Wednesday with sore, tied muscles. As part of our literacy unit on the text 'Ice, Wind, Rock', we have written poems about Douglas Mawson’s Antarctic expedition. We tried to put ourselves in Mawson's shoes, writing descriptively about the sights, sounds and feelings he would have encountered on his treacherous journey. In HSIE, students have looked at the average monthly temperatures at Mawson Station in Antarctica. We are graphing the temperatures on a line graph to show temperature fluctuations over an entire year.
5-6D What a terrific day we all had at our annual Athletics Carnival on Tuesday! We had beautiful weather, outstanding behaviour and lots of fun and participation. Congratulations everyone for making this day so successful. In the classroom we have been working very hard as well. In maths this week have been learning about Cartesian planes (plotting coordinates using an x and y axis). We have also revised adding and subtracting decimals with a different number of decimal places. We have been looking at examples of newspaper articles and writing our own newspaper articles about our Athletics Carnival and our Reconciliation Week celebrations. In science, we have been drawing/designing ‘alien creatures’ based on a given set of physical features. We then have to write about the characteristics of our creature considering its physical features, such as what it eats, where it lives, how it survives etc. We are all looking forward to the Year 6 Mini Fete next Friday.

6L We had a fantastic day at the Athletics Carnival and the feedback from the teachers was that the 11 and 12 years groups were wonderful to organise - well done Stage 3! Fractions and decimals are again our focus in maths, as we have a considerable amount of work to cover in the strand before High School. We will be looking at improper and mixed numerals, multiplying and dividing decimals by 10 and 100, adding and subtracting fractions and decimals and finding the lowest common denominator for fractions. In English, we have begun the book, ‘Sophie Scott Goes South’ by Alison Lester, as we continue our journey in Antarctica. The book follows the journey of an eight year old girl aboard an icebreaker ship and it will provide the stimulus for many language, writing and art activities. All groups are busy planning for the Year 6 Mini Fete on Friday 13th June.

Music
As well as preparations for our musical, ES1 are continuing to respond to different songs, using instruments to practise keeping a beat and learning about the different aspects of music. Stage 1 are beginning to learn about time names and the association to crotchets, pairs of quavers and crotchet rests. These are then used to create a musical score to play as an ostinato against a recorded song. Stage 2 are applying the knowledge that Stage 1 are beginning to learn about and will present a short performance they have created using selected non tuned percussion instruments they have chosen.

Sport
**Soccer:** On Tuesday the boys’ soccer team competed in the State knockout at Maitland Park. The boys played extremely well, but unfortunately were eliminated by Rutherford. The boys went on to win their last 2 games against Greta and Ashtonfield. They all represented the school with great pride and maturity. Well done boys!

Library
The children are being introduced to some of this year’s Short Listed Books. They are looking at the illustrations and the different ways of producing them in the picture books as well as listening to the stories.

Environment
How lovely was it to see the rain. Some children have been using the pick-up sticks each lunch time cleaning up the playground. What a great help they have been! The chooks are having a great scratch around and being looked after by the children. Thanks heaps!
Choir

The Senior Choir should have received information about tickets for the Opera House Concert and allocation of seats on the bus to the Opera House in August. If your child is performing and has not received this information yet, could you contact me as soon as possible please. ALL Senior Choir children will receive a note with information about a cluster rehearsal being held at the Hunter School of Performing Arts. The Junior Choir has been busy starting to learn all 11 songs that some of the children will be performing at the Primary Proms in September. The Boys Choir have been busy trying to select some new songs to sing. It's been a hard choice as there are so many great songs, but not all of them are suitable to sing.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to those who helped at the canteen at the sports carnival. Also a big thank you to the Hill family for getting the eskies to and from the field for us.

Bolwarra Public School have a Bunnings BBQ coming up. We are booked in for the 19th July. Closer to the date volunteer forms will be sent out. For the day we will need to purchase 1,000 serviettes, 5 litres of tomato sauce, 5 litres of BBQ sauce, 20kg of frozen onions and a LOT of cans of coke, coke zero, lemonade, fanta and solo. If anyone wishes to help out with something small even a packet of serviettes, a bottle of sauce or a small carton of cans it will mean the less we need to spend and more money we will raise for the school.

Thank you
P&C Committee

PIE DRIVE

Thompson’s Pie Drive order forms have been sent home. All money and order forms must be returned to the school office by Wednesday 11th June 2014. All orders will be available for pick up at the school hall on Thursday 19th June 2014 between 2pm and 4pm.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2

The canteen will only be open for drinks and snacks tomorrow (6th June). NO LUNCH ORDERS will be available, due to lack of volunteers. If you able to assist with any vacancies for the remainder of the term or are available to be contacted for last minute vacancies then please give me a call or send a text. Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to get involved in the school community, to meet other parents and to help fundraise for our school. I know my children love to see me in the canteen!

The new ‘Winter’ menu is now operating. Just to note that there have 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. Added to the menu is banana bread for $1.50 a slice and hot Milo for $1.

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - YEARS 3-6
COMMUNITY NOTICES

NAIDOC Week 2014
Sunday 6th July - Friday 11th July

Mindaribba LALC
1A Chelmsford Drive
Metford NSW 2323
Phone: (02) 4015 7000

Corroboree: Sunday 6th July
Where: Mindaribba Corroboree Ground
Time: 4:00pm - 8:00pm
There will be a BBQ and light refreshments

March: Monday 7th July
Where: Maitland Court House walk to Maitland Information Centre
Time: 9:00am
After the march please come back to Mindaribba LALC for a BBQ, Cake Cutting and raising of the Flag

Elders Luncheon: Tuesday 8th July  INVITE ONLY
Where: Mindaribba LALC
Time: 10:30am - 2:00pm

Kids Disco: Wednesday 9th July
Where: Mindaribba LALC
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Re Launch of the Museum: Thursday 10th July
Where: Mindaribba LALC
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
There will be light refreshments

Family Fun Day: Friday 11th July
Where: Mindaribba LALC
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Black & Deadly Masquerade Ball: Friday 11th July
Where: Maitland District Leagues Club
Time: 6:30pm - 11:00pm
Cost: $35 pp or a table of 10 for $300
There will be a Live Band, Lucky door Prizes and also a 3 Course Meal

If you need more information or you are a Service Provider and would like to be more involved please Contact Tamika on: 4015 7000
YWCA Vacation Care
School holiday fun
for children aged 5-12 years
Games - Theme Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking
Enquiries: 4929 2954 - yncle@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)

Monday, 30th June 2014 - Friday, 11th July 2014

Monday, 30th June
- Y Creative
  - Playdough making
  - Scrapbooking
  - ...and lots more!

Tuesday, 1st July
- It's time for some
  - Laser Tag Action at...

Wednesday, 2nd July
- MOSAIC
  - Make your own mosaic!

Thursday, 3rd July
- Y-kids Gym
  - Basketball, yoga, indoor soccer, cricket,
  - Games, and lots of fun activities!

Friday, 4th July
- Children in Kinder, years 1 & 2
  - Art Workshop
  - Newcastle Art Gallery

Monday, 7th July
- Winter Wonderland at the Y!
  - Cooking, craft, games, activities

Tuesday, 8th July
- RAW ART
  - Screen printing & art activities

Wednesday, 9th July
- MOVIE DAY
  - How to Train Your Dragon 2

Thursday, 10th July
- Y. NAIDOC
  - Indigenous music, art, and storytelling activities

Friday, 11th July
- Children in Kinder, years 1 & 2
  - Movie Day
  - Drink & snack provided

YWCA Hunter Region Inc.
24 Dawson Street, COOKS HILL
CRN 555 010 881v
Centre operating hours
7.30am to 6.00pm
Scheduled program runs from
9.30am to 4.30pm

Childcare benefit/rebate available for eligible families.
Contact your nearest Centrelink office for information regarding reduced fees and CRN no. prior to returning.
YWCA Vacation Care Enrolment Form.
Annual family enrolment fee—$10.00

Cancellations available on selection of alternative day prior to day of care if position available. All other cancellations and/or non-attendance deemed as absent and fees will apply.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
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ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

Parent signature: ........................................................................................................................................