Dear Parents and Care-givers

My apologies for the delay in the newsletter, as we have been having some technical glitzes in our computer systems!! Thank you to the parents who turned up for our fete meeting on Tuesday evening, where a lot of great ideas were discussed and stalls organised. The next fete meeting is Tuesday 24th June (last week of term) from 1-2pm this time to allow parents who can’t make night meetings, to attend. Pie orders were due in yesterday and thank you to the band of hard workers who are organising this. Today see’s our Year 6 Mini-fete with proceeds going towards the end of year activities for our exiting year 6 students (as well as their gift to the school.)

Next week we have the P&C meeting on Monday evening at 6pm in the Staffroom, the University of NSW Writing and Spelling tests, on Tuesday the Festival of Choral Music rehearsal at the Hunter School of Performing Arts and the AFL Gala Day, The NSW Netball Cup on Wednesday and the Multi-Cultural Public Speaking Competition Finals held at Rutherford PS, pie deliveries on Thursday, and on Friday a student led conference for Year 4, 5 and 6 students based around the ‘Tell Them From Me’ survey recently completed.

Staff are busily finalising reports which will be sent home to parents on Thursday 26th June. Due to this term having only nine weeks we will be holding interviews in the first two weeks of next term, which will allow you to have a good look at your child’s report and be ready to discuss their progress. Notes with preferred dates and times will be sent home shortly.

Congratulations to Eddie and Myra who will represent us at the Multi-Cultural Public Speaking Finals, to Nathan for his inclusion in the Hunter Academy of Sport Triathlon Squad, to Aiden and Clancy who represented Bolwarra at the rugby union trials and to Ruby, Myra and Amelia for their entries in the Newcastle University and Maitland Library ‘Write Now’ competition.

Thank you to Rennae and Mathew Coleman for their donation of a 6L Slow Cooker, the first of our donations for the Chocolate Wheel. Thank you.

In closing I would just like to say thank you to you, as parents and care-givers, for all the hard work you do to ensure your child/children are clothed, fed well and nurtured each day. The end result is a school full of delightful, empathetic and beautiful souls who I look forward to spending each day with.

Have a safe week and thank you for your support.

Regards
Sue Swetnam
**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **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**

School Website  
www.bolwarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

P&C Website  
www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com

Online Lunch Orders  
www.flexischools.com.au

**YEAR K – 6 NEWS**

**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: Griffin, Anika, Cerwys and Amber.

**Stage 3 working on the new Lenovo keyboard tablets**
BOLWARRA SPORTS LEGEND

Q: What class are you in?
Jorja: I am in 6L.
Q: So Jorja, what are the Hunter teams that you have been a part of?
Jorja: I have been in a few now. I have made the Hunter Basketball and Netball teams as well as competed at State for Cross Country and Athletics.
Q: What was the most recent team you have been in and where did you go for this?
Jorja: I was in the Hunter Basketball team where we had to travel to Albury. We came 9th overall and I had lots of fun.
Q: What was so fun about it?
Jorja: Well, I got to meet heaps of new friends from other schools and spend the week with them playing basketball. It was really good to play in such a good team as we also learnt new skills from each other which has improved our individual games.
Q: What other exciting news do you have from this event?
Jorja: Well, I was named as a reserve for the NSW State team.
Q: Wow Jorja, that’s awesome! How did you become so good at sports?
Jorja: I just love sport. I play netball on the weekend for RSL and I play for the Mustangs in basketball. I love going to training and I am always trying to get better.
Q: What are your goals and ambitions in the future?
Jorja: I would love to play for Australia and make it to the Olympics!
Q: Who has been a special person who has helped or guided you in your sport?
Jorja: That would be my mum. She always drives me around and supports me in everything I do.
Thanks Jorja for this interview. Bolwarra congratulates you on your achievements and we wish you the best of luck for the future.

CLASSROOM CAPERS

KE We have had a great week this week. We continued to focus on improving our writing skills by looking at adding two simple sentences together with ‘and’. We are getting good at this and this will be a focus over the next week as well. In maths we are still learning about measuring area using informal units and also reining our numbers to 20. Daniel is still amazing us with his quick thinking multiplication skills! We were disappointed about the sports carnival being cancelled but it was better to be warm and dry than out in the rain! Details will come soon about the new date for the carnival! Can’t believe there’s only 2 weeks to go until the end of term! Thanks everyone for another great week.

KT KT have had a great week and settled very well whilst Mrs Turner is away. Our speaking task this week is ‘things I like about winter’ and so far class members of KT have described enjoying winter activities like visiting the snow and toasting marshmallows on fires! The whole class continues to work hard during reading groups with everyone confidently working on a variety of activities every morning. In maths we have been looking at surface area and comparing the surface area of objects in our classroom.

KW This week we have made a start on our concert item for Term 3. Mrs McLaren has taught all the Kindergarten students a song and dance routine and we will continue to practise each Tuesday afternoon. Our Term 3 concert promises to be a lot of fun and KW will be ready for a life on the stage at the conclusion of our item. We are working hard on combining sight words, sounds and meaning when we attack new reading material and progress has been sound. This week our news topic has been ‘things I like about winter’.
We were very impressed with Evelyn's photos of her family at the snow on a toboggan and building a snowman. The class decided they would hire a caravan and go for their 'Gap Year' when they finish Year 12. Xavier gave us a thorough explanation of how rugby is a good winter activity. In maths we are making teen numbers using bundles of pop sticks, MAB blocks and columns of connective blocks. Practising writing our teen numbers has also been a major focus as well.

1B This week 1B students are continuing our learning about Wet and Dry Environments and are now looking at Deserts! This week we are creating our artworks based on what we are learning about the Simpson Desert! Our literacy groups continue to go very well and the children are becoming very adept readers and writers! Every week in our class we select a person to be the ‘Student of the Week’ and we all write about that person! We have created a ‘personality’ word chart and when we find a great new word that describes someone in our class we add it to the wall so others can use the word in their writing! We are using this week in maths to practise some of our number skills and I encourage everyone in 1B to keep practising their Friends of 10 and 20 at home too. Finally, a big thank you to all the beautiful children in 1B, they really looked after me last week when I was not feeling well. Thank you!

1H 1H had a busy start to the week with some impressive long weekend recounts. It sounds like everyone had a well deserved rest. This week we are focusing on being resilient and organised both inside the classroom and on the playground. 1H would like to wish Mia and her family good luck on their new adventure in Sweden and we look forward to receiving email updates over the next few months. Have an amazing time and continue to work hard Mia.

1M We have begun learning about desert environments this week. Everyone was amazed when we looked on a map and saw how much of Australia is desert. After learning about this habitat in our own country we will be doing some comparisons with others deserts across the world. The children are also enjoying our speaking and listening topic this week and we have been entertained by each other’s songs, verse and jokes. It’s been a great confidence builder to do these mini ‘performances’.

2C Congratulations to those students from 2C who participated in the Athletics Carnival last Tuesday. It was a pleasure to take you to the carnival and have teachers comment on how settled and well mannered you were when participating in your activities. Well done to those who were at school and carried on school as usual in a different classroom for the day. With a short week, homework is just set for maths this week, along with preparation for speeches. Please have speeches ready for presentation from Monday. I am most impressed with the effort students (and parents!) are putting into homework - keep up the great effort everyone! This week our focus is on persistence with our writing. Students are being encouraged to think carefully about what they wish to write; complete more in the set time and edit our work to make sure it makes sense and looks right. It is hard to believe we are nearly half way through Year 2!

2H I hope all of our 2H families enjoyed their long weekend! Just a reminder that there are no reading groups or homework this week. Week 7 news is still going ahead this week with our topic being ‘Protecting Our Environment - persuade us about why it is important to look after our environment, what things do we need to do and why?’ 2H have also been practising their word processing skills and are doing a wonderful job of publishing some of their own descriptions of ‘Tashi’ using Microsoft Word. In mathematics this week 2H are working on multiplication and division. We
are talking about dividing a set number into groups. 2H might like to practise doing this at home too using marbles, paddle pop sticks, pieces of lego etc. There are lots of items around home that we can use to practise grouping. Here are some groups to try: 3 groups of 4, 2 groups of 10, 5 groups of 4. How many can you think of?

2W I hope that everyone had a lovely long weekend and enjoyed their extra sleep in! We are wrapping up our unit focused on the text 'The last tree in the city'. This week we have been gathering our information and preparing to write our information reports on orang-utans. We have learnt so much about why we need to value and look after the living things in our environment. We now have a greater awareness about the impact that we have on our environment and we have come up with some really good ideas of ways that we can positively impact on our world. We are moving onto the next area of our Kids Matter unit. We will be exploring hurt feelings and how to identify and care for others who might be feeling hurt.

3L 3L settled back into learning with ease after their well-deserved long weekend. I had a wonderful time reading their diaries which described all of the great activities they took part in. All students have been displaying great confidence in the use of technology this week. We have been researching Australia’s First Explorers and creating information reports and PowerPoint presentations using our findings. I look forward to receiving 3L’s Premier’s Speaking Challenge speeches on Friday and please continue to send in notes for our Tocal excursion.

3T This week we have been exploring fractions in maths. We have worked hard on drawing and representing different fractions. We have continued to improve our number facts and times tables. We have enjoyed our HSIE this week as we have learnt about the planning and building of the Sydney Opera House. Did you know that this was the dwelling of Aboriginal people for about 20 000 years before it was built? We were amazed that the design was from a Danish man who won a worldwide competition. We are well recovered from our Athletics Carnival and had lots of fun. We are glad that we have been practising during PE time over the past 5 weeks. Remember, homework is due this Friday and speeches start on Monday next week. We have talked about what makes a good speech...engaging the audience, tone and pitch of voice as well as being entertaining.

3-4B Well done 3-4B! We have had another productive week. We have continued learning about the impact plastic can have on the environment. We have been writing persuasive texts, convincing litter bugs why they should not litter. Some of us have started to publish them on the computer. We have also been looking at Palm oil plantations and the impact deforestation has on orang-utans. We are looking forward to hearing each other's speeches on endangered animals. In maths we have continued to investigate division. We have been trying to draw representations of the groups we are dividing - our confidence is growing. We realise that we need to know our times tables - it really helps when we are working with division. In science we are investigating biodegradable and non-biodegradable objects. We are thinking about items we can include in our experiment. We enjoyed our special visit from 'the calf' and we are going to attempt to grow some cotton plants in our room! Our Tocal excursion is just two weeks away. Please remember to bring in your permission notes! Keep working hard 3-4B.

4B 4B have been learning about reading and recording time using digital and analog notation. It's a tricky concept for some children. I highly encourage parents to purchase an analog watch so that they may be able to help their children with this concept! Remember children, if you can count by fives, you’re well on your way to learning about analog notation and reading the time! Keep trying! I have added a picture of
what some classrooms and parents use in their rooms/houses to help children learn this concept. We are looking forward to hearing some more speeches by the children in Weeks 8 and 9. I hope everyone has been thinking about a topic that will engage the students at Bolwarra Public School! Remember to make it interesting and different - think outside the square! (Mrs Baxter's favourite saying!!) During writing this past week we have been delving into persuasive texts and looking at some techniques that good writer's use - we call these persuasive devices, and boy have we learnt a few! In the coming weeks I am sure that the students of 4B will be going home to persuade their parents to do or give them something and I have every belief that they will succeed, if it's anything like the persuasive texts that some students have been writing! There's only 3 weeks left of the term, 4B have worked diligently and are trying hard. Well done guys, not long until the holidays now!

4RE 4RE have been busy creating amazing artworks using a variety of curved and wavy lines to form interesting patterns. We have started a new novel study on the C.S. Lewis Classic, ‘The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe’. We have been writing information reports on an imaginary dinosaur and in mathematics we are about to begin a unit on decimals. Well done 4RE!

5A 5A are continuing their study on ‘Antarctica’ and ‘Adaptations’. They are required to research an animal showing how it has adapted to its environment. Children will continue their speech preparation which should be finished by the end of the week.

5PL Our focus this week in maths is ‘time’. We have revised analog and digital time by reading and recording time in minute intervals. Students have also learnt to read 24 hour time, using it to create and interpret timetables. As part of our literature unit 'Ice, Wind, Rock', we have looked at the difference between text written in the 1st and 3rd person. Students have taken on the role of Douglas Mawson and written diary entries about events that occurred during his 2nd expedition to Antarctica. During creative arts, we have drawn some terrific sketches of seals using charcoal. Students explored the concepts of perspective and use of shading when creating their artworks. Many students have been working hard on their speeches as part of their homework. We are looking forward to listening to everyone's speech over the next two weeks.

5-6D We have been very busy this week preparing for the Year 6 mini fete. Through this activity we not only raise funds for the school, but also develop our organisational team work and financial literacy skills. In maths this week we have been learning about 24 hour time. We have been learning to convert from am/pm to 24hour time and to interpret timetables written in 24 hour time. We have also been calculating the duration of events. This week during our reading groups we have loved working on our new Lenovo tablets with attachable keyboards. We have used the tablets to navigate and research on the internet. We have researched natural environments, such as desert and rainforest environments, looking at the climate, food sources and shelters available and the types of adaptations animals have to survive in these environments.

6L I hope everyone had a great long weekend and they are ready for our busy Mini Fete today. Hopefully everyone has their stall organised and everyone is clear about their contribution to their stall. Last Thursday we got to watch our two school debating teams debate against each other. This was a great opportunity to see how confident public speakers present speeches in terms of manner, method and matter. These are the components that everyone will be marked on for their class speeches, which will be presented next week. We continue our work on fractions and decimals this week, looking specifically at adding and subtracting decimals with different numbers of decimal places.
**Sport**

**Netball:** The Girls’ PSSA Netball side played Branxton Public School last Thursday. Our fantastic team which comprised of Grace, Ruby, Lexy, Sophie, Jemma, Libby, Jorja, Lucy and Mersaydes, had a convincing win, downing the Branxton girls 32-11. I was very pleased with the level of commitment that the girls have shown at school in training and we applaud the girls’ behaviour, team work and sportsmanship on the day. It was a pleasure to take the girls to this game. Also a big thankyou to Brooke and Adrian (Lexy’s mum and dad) for supplying our team with netball dresses. We appreciate your donation very much and the girls looked spectacular! A big thanks to the parents who transported the children on the day and also for coming to be our cheer squad and scorers, we couldn't do it without you! Thanks Brooke for the lovely photos! Our next game - round 3 of the PSSA knockout will be against Ashtonfield Public School. Dates and times are still being decided upon. We will let parents know more information when we have the details. NSW Netball Cup will be held next Wednesday 18th June. It is an all day gala day and we will be taking 2 Bolwarra teams to Newcastle netball courts for the entire day to play a round robin competition. We are all looking forward to it, maybe next year we might have a boys or mixed team for this gala day, we've had a few Year 5 boys interested in playing which is fantastic! Good on you boys!

**Music**

The children have been rehearsing their items for our special performance next term - exciting!

**Library**

The Librarians are doing a wonderful job re-painting the Library windows with illustrations from this year's Short Listed Books.

**Choir**

The Cluster Rehearsal for the Senior Choir will be next Tuesday 17th June. It is an important rehearsal as the children rehearse all the songs they will be singing in the Opera House in only two months time! There will be other schools from the Newcastle area attending as well.

**Environment**

If you have any old phones can you please bring them into school and put them in the collection box in the office area. This is a program to support Canteen. Your old phone can help save a young life.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2**

The red day for this term will be held on Monday 23rd June and will be a hot dog day. A separate note has been sent home about this. Please note that there will be no ham and pineapple pizzas available for two weeks due to supplier issues. Friday lunch special for the next two weeks, macaroni cheese or fried rice only $2!
The canteen is running low on brown paper bags. If you are able to donate some please leave them at the office or drop them into the canteen on a Friday. The volunteer forms for Term 3 went home last week. If you could please return these by 18th June so we can plan the roster for next term.

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)

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