Dear Parents and Care-givers

Welcome to the second last week of Term 2, and what a busy week it has been. Monday saw our P&C meeting; the AFL Gala Day was held on Tuesday as was the Festival of Choral Music practice; Wednesday the NSW Netball Cup and the Multi-Cultural Public Speaking Finals were held; Thursday pies will be delivered and Friday Bolwarra will debate Clarence Town PS (at Bolwarra) and the next Girls Cricket match against Scone will be at Seaham Oval. The University of NSW Spelling and Writing are also scheduled for this week as well as training and development for staff on the Maths syllabus. I'll be at the Maitland Principal's Conference at East Maitland on Friday.

Next week there is a Stage 3 Gala Day on Tuesday and a fete meeting at 1pm; Stage 2 will be going to Tocal Homestead (Year 4-Tuesday/Year 3 Wednesday) as part of their history unit titled ‘First Contact’; the SRC is holding a Red Nose Day on Wednesday with proceeds going to the SIDS Council; the K-2 Sports Carnival is on Thursday (weather permitting) and Friday is the last day of term. Reports for K-2 will go home Wednesday and Years 3-6 will receive their reports on Thursday. Interviews are scheduled for the first two weeks of next term so keep an eye out for preferred time slots.

We are currently in the process of organising the 2015 Kindergarten interview times so if you haven’t put your child’s name down yet please do so as soon as possible, as places are filling up fast. The first interviews start on Wednesday 16th July and will continue for all of Term 3. Kinder Orientation Days are being finalised for Term 4 and we will let you know the dates shortly.

Yesterday a parent reported a number of students who have been ignoring our road safety rules at the front of the school. These children were throwing a hat onto the road and then running out between the cars to retrieve it. A father dropping his children to school almost ran them over. Incidents like these serve as a timely reminder to check if our children are coming to school safely, especially if they are walkers.

Congratulations, and thank you to Edith and Amelia (Stage 2) and Eddie and Myra (Stage 3) for representing Bolwarra at the Multi-Cultural Public Speaking Finals that were held at Rutherford PS yesterday. Amelia won her finals and was selected to participate in the Regional Finals to be held in Newcastle next term. Edith was awarded a ‘Highly Commended’ for her efforts as well. Both Eddie and Myra were also awarded ‘Highly Commended’ awards. Well done! Congratulations also goes to Lexie (Year 6) who ventured off to Sydney on Tuesday to attend the Prize giving Presentation at NSW Parliament for her entry in the Harmony Day Poster Competition. Well done to all students.

I came across this recipe last week and tried it at the weekend. My grandchildren loved them!

**Lunchbox idea - Gluten-free pear muffins** (Free of egg, dairy, gluten, nuts and soy)

- Canola oil for greasing or use silicone tray
- 2 cups soy-free gluten-free self-raising flour
- 2 tsp gluten-free baking powder
- ¾ cup lightly packed soft brown sugar
- ½ cup rice milk
- ½ cup canola oil
- 2 eggs or equivalent egg replacer
• 2 ripe pears peeled, cored and mashed
  (Skinless pears, followed by golden delicious apples have the least natural chemicals which some people may react to)

**Method:** Preheat oven to 180°C. Lightly grease a 12-hole muffin tray with canola oil. Sift flour and baking powder into a large bowl and add the sugar. In a separate bowl, combine the rice milk, oil and egg (or replacer). Add the wet ingredients and mashed pears to the flour mixture and use a metal spoon to mix until just combined. Spoon the mixture into the muffin pan. Bake for 18-20 minutes until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Leave for 5 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack. **Variation:** If your child is tolerant to moderate food chemicals, replace the pears with two large ripe bananas mashed, or ½ bunch of rhubarb washed and cut into 2cm pieces. Increase the rice milk to ¾ cup if using rhubarb.

The tree has been removed from the Infants Playground area and we are so excited it’s been re-opened.

We welcome to our school Macey Dixon (2C) and Jacqueline Stone (4T), who are studying to be teachers at Newcastle University, and are currently undertaking their ‘practical experience’ phase of their degree. Welcome.

Have a safe week and thank you for your support.

Regards
Sue Swetnam

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 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
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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: Molly, Grace, Damon, Harriette and Angus

EXCURSION REMINDER

Stage 2 Tocal Homestead excursion reminder. Year 4 will be going on Tuesday 24th June and Wednesday 25th for Year 3 day. Notes need to be in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, please.

CLASSROOM CAPERS

KE  KE have had a great week. In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and doing lots of fun activities with them. We even learnt a rhyme about how 3D shapes are fat not flat! In writing we have been using an image as stimulus. We have written about things you would find on a farm like tractors, sheep, hay etc. Our sentences have been really good! We have also been talking about healthy eating and we looked at the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating. It has been interesting to hear about what we do/don't eat! We all agreed that we would try to eat more veggies... I wonder whether many of us will keep our word! We can't wait for the athletics carnival next week and have been enjoying our PE activities lately. There was huge excitement in KE with the infants’ equipment being reopened this week. It is a favourite lunchtime activity for many of us! Only one week to go until holidays!

KT  KT has worked very hard this week. It was great to watch the class participate in Dance2bFit on Monday, there are certainly some fabulous movers in KT! During writing, the class wrote some excellent weekend recounts – looking back in their books it is wonderful to see the development of their writing skills. In maths we have been working on becoming faster and more confident in recognising and combining groups up to 10. There are some very quick thinking mathematicians in KT. Thanks for a great week.

KW  In the next few weeks we will be using lined paper for handwriting sessions and as the children become more proficient, we will progress to using lined books for all our handwriting. This will further improve the children’s letter formation skills. The fete run by
Year 6 last Friday was greatly enjoyed with lots of fun for all. Our craft sessions have also been enjoyed and all the children are now competent in their use of scissors and in assembling items. We have made, and written about puppies, pigs and scarecrows during the last few weeks. There have been lots of coughs and sore throats again this week and we are hoping to have everyone back at school soon.

1B 1B have been learning about some of the animals that live in the Simpson Desert! We have discovered so many interesting facts about the Thorny Devil. During Literacy we are writing Information Reports about the Desert Devils. In maths, we are learning all about money, where it comes from, how it is made and what we can buy with it! We are also learning to add up and subtract using money and how to write our answers using $ and c. This week in art we are creating a sandstorm by blowing paint with a straw! Next week we will add some desert animals to our sandstorm landscape! The public speaking is going well, we have some very talented speakers in our class and I think I am going to find it hard to select only two. Well done to everyone who did a speech.

1H In 1H this week we have been exploring coral reefs and some of the weird and wonderful creatures who call them home. Clown fish, sharks and eels are our favourites so far. In writing, we have been creating descriptive passages about Gumtrees and Peacocks using adjectives and conjunctions. Our maths focus this week was money, with children identifying coins by name and value. Week 8 has been a busy week for us but we have worked hard and had an enjoyable week. Well done 1H keep up the hard work!

1M This week our research has been based on two desert dwelling animals - the thorny-necked lizard and the bilby. We have looked at these animals in their natural habitat as well as logged on to some video clips from zoos around the country. As well, the children have produced some amazing art work which displays both their creativity and persistence. The news items this week have been visually interesting as well as allowing the children to express the things they like about the natural environment. Great job, everyone!

2C We have welcomed Miss Dixon into our classroom for the remainder of the term and the first 2 weeks of next term. This week we continue learning to read with expression and change our voice to make it interesting. Thank you for helping your child select a small group of ‘good fit’ books to bring into class for their ‘Read to Self’ time. Our focus in maths has been using a number line to work out subtraction problems. With determination and persistence, students are becoming more confident when working in maths. Well done 2C.

2H This week 2H have presented some fantastic news presentations! We have enjoyed listening to some lovely singing by several 2H members, heard some great jokes and learnt to recite some poems. We also heard a very enjoyable speech from Meisha which she prepared for the Hunter Inter Schools Public Speaking competition. It is terrific to see the students’ confidence growing when they present their weekly news. 2H have also been working hard to interpret some tricky maths problems! Here is one that tricked them this week: Which is heavier? 1kg of feathers, or 1kg of stones? See if you can make up some of your own tricky maths problems at home this week.

2W We have been busy writing information reports on orang-utans. We have been learning how to research a topic using the Internet. 2W have done a fabulous job at organising their information into paragraphs. Here is some of the information that we have discovered about the orang-utans:
Orang-utans can live for 60 years or even longer (Ava)
People think that orang-utans are monkeys, but they are great apes (Makaydee)
Orang-utans are extremely patient and intelligent mammals (Soph)
Orang-utans are becoming extinct because people are destroying their homes (Kaitlyn)
Their favourite foods are durians, nuts, leaves and fruit (Emily)
They use their razor, sharp teeth to cut open their fruit (Mason)
Orang-utans live in the tropical forests of Indonesia on the islands of Sumatra and Borneo (Lucas)
The word orang-utan means 'person of the forest' (Jackson)

3L This week 3L has been working on their presentation skills involved with stage performances. All students have been working in groups to learn and present an interesting and dramatic play. I have been astounded by the wonderful talent! We have also created a class Totem Pole, each student’s totem includes images which remind them of their family and heritage, and together they make 3L’s Totem. In Numeracy, 3L is becoming more confident with fractions through using hands on examples, this is a very tricky concept but I have seen a great improvements. We are all looking forward to our Tocal Excursion next Wednesday so please continue to send in permission notes.

3T This week, 3T has welcomed Ms Stone to our classroom. Ms Stone is a Newcastle Uni student who will be with us for the next 4 weeks. We have been exploring volume and capacity this week in maths. We have enjoyed learning about ml and l, along with converting between the two units of measurement. We have built up our skills in writing complex sentences and discussed how good writers use a range of sentence structures within their writing. We are looking forward to our excursion to Tocal next week. Thank you for returning notes and money so quickly. Homework is due Wednesday next week.

3-4B 3/4B have continued to work hard this week. We have been creating imaginative texts based on our investigations into endangered animals and human impact on the environment. We have been working on our personification skills by pretending to be an endangered animal and we are telling 'our' story through the eyes of the endangered animal. Some of us are even pretending to be a piece of plastic that is floating around in our oceans or waterways. In maths we are looking at capacity, estimating and measuring the capacity of different objects and thinking about the how much water we use in a day, a week and even a year. We are very excited about our Tocal Homestead Excursion next week. We have been looking at the history of Tocal Homestead and learning about the convicts that lived and worked there. Year 4 will be visiting Tocal on Tuesday 24th June and Year 3 will be visiting on Wednesday 25th June. Have you returned your permission note? Keep working hard 3/4B!

4B 4B have been very busy the past week. We have been looking at fractions and decimals in class and have had a good time at our Dance2bFit lessons doing some partner dances......although some of the girls and boys are a bit hesitant to hold hands with each other!! Yesterday Edith went to the Public Speaking Multicultural Public Speaking Competition and was rewarded with a highly commended for her speech. Well done Edith! In class we have also been working on our speeches that will be presented in class next week. Keep practising! Two students from each class will be chosen to compete in our Stage final next term. Holidays are nearly here, keep working hard!

4E 4E have been busy as usual. In mathematics, we have started a new unit on decimals. In English we have been thoroughly enjoying reading our new class novel, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. We have also been learning how to write procedures and we produced our very own treasure map, complete with directions. In science, we have been learning how Indigenous Australians protect the land by using fire-stick farming. 4E also enjoyed performing their drama pieces in front of the class. Who knew we had so many good actors at Bolwarra. Well done 4E!
5A 5A are working on some 'Antarctic' artworks. Their killer whales are very effective. Speeches have started and children are asked to bring in their research for their project to complete in class.

5PL We have been focusing on improper fractions and mixed numerals in maths this week. We have revised terms such as denominator, numerator and equivalence. The students have completed a range of activities that have required them to draw diagrams and create paper models which represent improper fractions and mixed numerals. During the Grammar component of our literacy group rotation we have been focusing on the use of prepositional phrases to indicate the direction, time and location of nouns and pronouns in our sentences. The students have enjoyed listening to the adventures of Sophie Scott in the text 'Sophie Scott goes South' by Allison Lester. The text is about a young girl who travels to Antarctica with her father on board the ice breaker, Aurora Australis. We were particularly impressed by the fact that the crew and visitors on board the ship spend approximately two weeks travelling the 5475km to get from Hobart to Mawson Station in Antarctica. The students have looked at the amazing illustrations in the text and have attempted to recreate some of these during Art.

5-6D Congratulations to classes 5/6D and 6L for raising over $1700 at the mini fete last Friday. Well done to all of our students and thank you to all parents who were so generous with their time and purchasing of goods for the fete. This week in Maths we have been learning about fractions and decimals. We have revised adding and subtracting decimals that have a different number of decimal places. We have also been modelling, drawing and calculating equivalent fractions. In writing this week we have been producing information reports on penguins. We have read and summarised information, as well as viewed documentaries to gather information and plan our writing. We have also recycled plastic bottles to make our own penguins during craft. We have painted the bottles black, used polar-fleece fabric to make the wings and felt for the beak and feet. Students have also shown their creativity to make accessories for their penguins. With only a week to go of Term 2 we are busy completing our units of work on ‘Antarctica’ and ‘Plant and Animal Adaptations’.

6L What a fantastic mini-fete we had last week. Thank you to all students and families who organised wonderful activities, which resulted in us raising $1771. This money will go towards our end of year present for the school, as well as reducing the cost of our Year 6 Farewell. We are very busy with many extra-curricular activities this week. I am impressed that students are coming back to school and asking for the work that they have missed - this is a very important skill to be taking to High School. We are finalising our units on Adaptations and Antarctica, which our class has really enjoyed. Many great speeches presented this week and it will be a difficult decision to choose our finalists for the Stage final which will be held early next term. Thank you to our reading helpers this term. There will be no reading groups next week and we will recommence groups Week 2 next term.

Music KT and KW are enjoying moving to a musical beat (going faster and slower) and learnt a new term called, "scatting" that means to sing nonsense words. We were echoing some of these to use in our song, "The Melbourne Train". Year 1 are working on a new tune, "Bop in the Bath". We have made up our own actions including body percussion, for each verse, and played a tricky rhythmic ostinato using some percussion instruments while the CD played the main tune. Year 2 are working hard to learn the dance moves for our musical. 4B and 4R have been composing individual musical scores (4 different bars or 2 bars repeated) and using a percussion instrument to play it to the class. Well done everyone.
Sport

The K-2 Sports Day that had to be postponed has been re-scheduled for next Thursday 26th June. Starts at 9.30 am on the bottom oval and will run until lunch time.

Bolwarra had both a girls and boys senior AFL team compete at this Tuesday's Paul Kelly Cup sub-regional finals. Both teams performed remarkably well both on and off the field, representing Bolwarra with pride and passion. The boys won their first 2 games against Wirreanda and Dudley but unfortunately were knocked out by Wallsend South in the final. The Girls won all 3 matches against Dudley, Shortland and Belmont Christian College and will now move on to the Newcastle regional finals next Tuesday. Well done to both teams.

The two girls’ netball teams participated yesterday in the NSW Netball Schools Cup. We had a great day going undefeated throughout. We move onto the next round to be played at Maitland Netball Courts on 12th August. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and gave us great support during the day.

Library

The children will be writing some poetry based on their senses. We will explore different ways of representing mood in our writing and try to represent our writing with illustrations. We have some very creative students!

Choir

The Senior Choir travelled to the Hunter School of Performing Arts on Tuesday for a Cluster Rehearsal for the Festival of Choral Music, to be held in August, at the Sydney Opera House. The children were magnificent! They sang beautifully and their behaviour was excellent. It is always a pleasure to take the students to perform as they represent our school so well.

Debating

This Friday at 1:30, our school debating team will be debating against Clarencetown in our school hall. This will be our third debate in the competition, and so far we are undefeated. Audience members are welcome to attend. Good luck debaters!

Environment

How lovely it is to see the number of children who love to help with the different activities in the enviro area. Picking up rubbish with our pick-up sticks, looking after the chooks, helping Mr A in the bridge area, etc. Thanks heaps.

SRC News

Hello everyone. Would any of the classes who haven't held their class fundraiser yet, be interested in conducting a fundraiser for Devil Ark, to support the Tasmanian Devil Breeding Program (a local program)? This was approved by the SRC on the initiative of Ella, who addressed the Week 2 meeting about the Tasmanian Devil Breeding Program.
The Student Representative Council has organised a Red Nose Day fundraiser, to be held on Wednesday 25th June. A gold coin donation will buy a red spot (on nose or cheeks) and the right to add a red item of clothing to our uniforms for the day. We are asking that you support this very important charity. With thanks. SRC

P&C NEWS

Thank you for the donations and to those who have volunteered to work on the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. We still need more donations and helpers, please?

Our next meeting is Monday 16th starting at 6pm in the staff room. Keep an eye out however for details about our July meeting as we are looking to do something a little different.

Our next fete meeting will be Tuesday 24th at 1pm for those who find night meetings a little hard to get to.

Thank you
P&C committee

CANTEEN NEWS

A reminder that Hot Dog day is this Monday 23rd June. Please note that there will be no ham and pineapple pizzas available this week due to supplier issues. Friday lunch special for this week - macaroni cheese or fried rice only $2! The canteen will be closed on the last day of term, Friday 27th June.

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. If you haven’t already done so, could you please return your volunteer form for Term 3, please? The number of volunteers will determine how many days we are able to open the canteen.

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)

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