Dear Parents and Care-givers

EDUCATION WEEK: Education Week is about celebrating the power of public education and the role that this school plays in teaching the next generation of leaders and citizens never to take for granted their right to education and freedom. During this week we should all take a moment to stop and appreciate the opportunities and possibilities that our public education system presents to our children. Each and every day our schools hold the transformational power to nurture and support our young people in a caring environment and to inspire and create equality of opportunity. Our school would not be able to do this without the rich and extensive support you give our staff and your children. Thank you.

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress in our school and public education. The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: ‘Lighting the way to a better world’. Thank you to those parents, grandparents and care-givers who took time out of their busy schedules to visit classrooms yesterday to view their children’s work and share some morning tea. You could see the pride in the children’s eyes as they took their visitors on guided tours around the classroom and playground. Some parents said they didn’t know it was on but it has been mentioned in the newsletter and it’s on the noticeboard at the front of the school. I wonder if our newsletter is relevant in our modern age, despite offering the option of email and or paper copies. Next term the school will be undertaking a number of discussions with parents, students and staff as we set the directions for the school for the next three years. Communicating to our parents and care-givers will definitely be a topic for discussion.

Last night we attended the Maitland Learning Community Awards night where eight students, two community members and a school program were recognised with Public Education Awards. Congratulations go to Abbie, Edith, Kaitlyn, Zephyr, Grace, Flinders, Julia and Hannah for academic excellence and outstanding citizenship. Dr Louise Trist and Robyn Scott were awarded the Community Awards for their long and dedicated service to Bolwarra and the School Excellence Award was given to our Music Program, under the guidance of the very experienced Merena McLaren. A huge thank you to our Boys’ Choir who entertained us with two very moving songs titled ‘Lest We Forget’ and ‘Ordinary Miracles’. Matthew Tranter, a past student of Maitland High, spoke about his educational journey and the importance of setting goals, perseverance and courage. Matthew’s dream was to become a lawyer and run his own practice and he achieved this by the age of 30.

URGENT REQUEST: Any parent/caregiver who received a request to update their child’s medical records - e.g. Asthma Plan, Request to Administer Medication, Health Care Plan, etc. please return the completed paperwork to the front office as a matter of urgency. This is a Departmental requirement and without signed consent, etc. medication should not be given.

Currently, we have 23 Asthma Plans outstanding and 29 Requests to Administer Medication. Please give this matter your urgent attention. Thank you.
SCHOOL COMPUTER SYSTEM CHANGES: The Department is busily upgrading our state-wide computer system and the way data is recorded. There are quite a few changes which will need to be made over the coming months; one of these is the ‘Permission to Publish and Online Services’. This week a separate note and a form will be sent home to every student and we ask parents/caregivers to please complete the form, sign and return to school as soon as possible. This information is vital, so we would appreciate your support. Thank you.

FETE: Thank you to the small band of parents who came to the fete meeting on Tuesday. The small group of parents who are seeking donations from local businesses are reporting that many are not able to donate any goods due to the poor retail economy at present. If you have a business, or know someone that has, could you help us out and perhaps ask for a donation, however small, for our chocolate wheel. Here is a list of donations so far:

- **‘Sally and Patrick’s Fruit and Veg’:** $48 gourmet box
- **Simple Miracle Photography:** voucher
- **Commonwealth Bank Maitland:** 50 water bottles
- **Fast Cleaning Solutions:** $200 cash
- **Crema Coffee:** Coffee beans, coffee mugs
- **Lifestyle Cleaning Services:** $200 voucher
- **Maitland Basketball:** bag, ball, socks, $50 voucher
- **Cherie Mission Photography:** $120 voucher and a $695 voucher
- **‘I talk Travel’ Maitland:** 3 piece luggage set, umbrella, and water bottle
- **Simple Miracle Photography:** vouchers – pet photo shoot and nature print

Next week I will be sending out a more detailed note outlining a calendar of things that need doing as we make our run up to the fete, as it is only 12 weeks away! I will also be sending recipes home along with a cake box that the children can decorate and then return filled with goodies for the cake stall. A huge thank you to all of the families so far who have popped that extra block of chocolate or bag of lollies into the shopping trolley, or donated wine and items for the chocolate wheel, it is much appreciated. We have also had some very beautiful crocheted and knitted items generously donated by grandparents (e.g. Charlotte and James’ nan). The next Fete meeting is **19th August at 1pm.** I’m getting excited!!

STAFF: Mrs Moore returns from her long service leave next week whilst Ms Dimmock will start four weeks of sick leave. You probably have seen Penny hobbling around the school over the last few weeks and tomorrow she is scheduled for an operation on her back. We wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs Mills will replace Ms Dimmock and Mrs Lange will be the relieving Assistant Principal during this time. I would also like to thank Mrs Henry for acting in the relieving Assistant Principal role whilst Mrs Moore is on leave. We have a fantastic leadership team at Bolwarra!

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to our Debating Team who will now proceed to the next stage of the competition, the Maitland Saints Junior side (Ollie, Matthew, Eddie, Nathan and Tyler) and Jorja and Grace who represented the Hunter at State Netball. Well done!

NEXT WEEK: Next week our Kindergarten interviews continue, our Senior Choir performs at the Sydney Opera House, eleven students will attend Maitland Drama workshop, our Public Speaking finals will be held at various locations during the week, our student executive will accompany me to the Lord Mayor’s Breakfast to celebrate Local Government Week, Stage 3 students will travel to Maitland Town Hall to hear the author Morris Gleitzman speak and the State Library will visit Stage 2 students.

Have a safe week.
Regards
Sue Swetnam

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st Aug  Zone Athletics at Woodberry Oval
- 4th Aug  Senior Choir Argyle Concert at Sydney Opera House
- 18th Aug  Book Week - Connect to Reading
- 19th Aug  Fete meeting at 1pm
- 19th Aug  Mums Health Chat in Staffroom from 4pm - 6pm
- 22nd Aug  Trash and Treasure Day
- 4th Sept  Fathers' Day Stall
- 5th Sept  Fathers' Day Stall
- 10th Sept  School Musical
- 11th Sept  School Musical
- 16th Sept  Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- 17th Sept  Junior Choir Primary Proms Kakadu Concert at Sydney Town Hall
- 19th Sept  Last day of Term 3
- 25th Oct  Country Fair

WEBSITES

School Website  www.bolwarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
P&C Website  www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com
Online Lunch Orders  www.flexischools.com.au

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FAMILIES - SCHOOL AUDIT

An Audit will be conducted at Bolwarra Public School on 18th August. We ask any family who may have any outstanding accounts to pay (e.g. workbooks, school activities, excursions (except Canberra which is due 29th August) to please pay by Friday 8th August, or contact the school office. Also, any outstanding parental consent forms - e.g. medical, are to be completed and signed and returned by 8th August. This will ensure our records are up to date and meet audit requirements. Thank you for your assistance.

YEAR K – 6 NEWS

Debating
Congratulations to our debating team who were successful in winning their latest debate against Vacy. Our team of Georgia, Myra, Ruby and Lexie as advisor, debated the topic, ‘It should be compulsory for all primary children to do volunteer work after school’. After winning the four round robin debates, our team are the winners of Zone 19. We now move on to the knockout rounds of the competition against other zone winners. Congratulations to our debaters who willingly give up lunchtimes to train.

Library Stocktake
Please return all Junior Fiction and Fiction books to the library. There will be a stocktake of these books over the following weeks.
Naidoc Week
Thank you to those students who have purchased wrist bands for Naidoc Week. The funds raised go towards supporting children to attend many different educational and sporting opportunities that they would otherwise not be able to engage in. If anyone would like to make a donation by purchasing a wrist band, please see Mrs Price or fill in the note at the end of the newsletter and send $2.50 for your child to deposit in the red letter box in the foyer or hand to his/her teacher. Alternatively if any adults would like to purchase please see the front office.
Many thanks, Committee for Aboriginal Education.

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: Milla, Shelby, Siobhon and Josie.

CLASSROOM CAPERS

KE What a great week we've had again! There have been lots of colds and coughs going around the class again so please be mindful of this when sending your child to school. Please remind them to cover when they cough! We loved having the parents come into our classroom yesterday for Education Week Open Day. I hope you enjoyed the visit as much as we did! Our reading groups are still running well and I can see that many of the children are continuing to improve. I will conduct assessments in the next few weeks and adjust the groups accordingly. Keep practising the sounds and sight words as these are the basis for reading and writing. Thanks everyone!

KT KT have been exploring the patterns in language this week through the new focus text, ‘For All Creatures’. We have looked at the patterns in language by exploring the use of alliteration. In Maths we have been practising our addition and subtraction and are improving our skills. We loved having our mums and dads in our classroom yesterday for Open Day and particularly enjoyed sharing morning tea with them. Our item for the musical is well underway and looking great - you will be in for a real treat!

KW The class loved sharing their classroom activities with family members yesterday for Education Week. We also take pleasure in acknowledging the contribution of parents in providing your children with a positive attitude to learning and developing their ability to co-operate with their peers. Thank you too to our band of reading mums and dads who give up time to supervise groups. The class shared the activities they enjoy in maths groups and showed their art work. It was great to look at Van’s puppy and Isla’s ‘Rosie Rabbit’ this week.

1B This week we have been learning about fractions! We experimented with different shapes to see if we could make half, quarter and eighths. Some of the clever children in 1B worked out how to make 16ths as well. In Geography we have been reading a beautiful Bronwyn Bancroft book called ‘Patterns of Australia’. We made some copies of our favourite pages and the children wrote complex sentences to go with the illustrations. It was lovely to see some parents come into the class yesterday for Education Week and of course we understand that not all parents can make it so you are more than welcome to pop in and look at what we are doing in class when you have spare time. The children enjoyed sharing their work and showing off their spelling skills in a game of ‘spell off’ We even had a parent ‘spell off’ - lots of fun!
1H  Aloha! It's great to be back and see all of the lovely smiling faces in 1H after a week off in Hawaii. This week we have been looking at and constructing adverbial phrases as a part of our cross curricular study. I have been blown away with the quality of writing I have been shown. WELL DONE 1H! Fractions are our numeracy focus this week and we have been revising halves and have begun looking at quarters and eighths. It was lovely to touch base with all of the parents this week in our parent/teacher interviews and I shared with them some of our outstanding work.

1M  1M has had a fantastic week, working really hard and giving 100 percent. This week 1M have been learning more about the wonderful landscapes we have in Australia, looking closely at the text ‘Patterns of Australia’ by Bronwyn Bancroft. The children have produced fantastic writing and created wonderful artwork based on this text. In Maths we have been learning about fractions. The children also enjoyed a visit from their families yesterday, giving them an opportunity to show off how hard they have been working in class.

2C  Another great week of learning, particularly with our Daily Five reading time. Students are demonstrating independent reading behaviours and are working hard to improve their fluency. Well done!! Our dance for the musical is looking FANTASTIC with Year 2 students performing with great rhythm and timing. We have learnt to identify halves, quarters, thirds and eighths this week in Maths. We have also explored strategies to use when we are feeling shy. Thank you for returning notes so promptly, including the notes for participation in our school musical.

2H  2H greatly enjoyed having their parents and grandparents come and visit our classroom for Education Day. It was lovely to see so many families who took the time to come and see what their children have been learning about in 2H this year. 2H have also been having lots of fun practising our dance moves for the upcoming circus performance. Thank you to all of the 2H parents who have returned their child's Big Top Performance permission note indicating their child’s t-shirt size. Next week 2H will also be attending a video conference at school related to our current unit ‘Eggs in Stories and Science’.

2W  Thank you to everyone who came to visit our classroom yesterday to celebrate Education Week! We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did!! This week we have been exploring the life cycle of an echidna. We found it very interesting that an echidna is an egg laying mammal!! We also discovered another mammal that lays eggs - the platypus! Fractions and mass has been our focus this week in Maths, where we have been learning how to split a collection of objects into halves, thirds, quarters and eighths. We have been dancing up a storm in 2W and have been practising our dance for the school musical. Keep up the hard work everyone!

3L  3L have had a very busy Week 3! Thank you to the students who attended the Cluster Choir Rehearsal at Hunter School of Performing Arts, your manners were impeccable and it was a wonderful day. I would also like to thank the parents and grandparents who came into the classroom for our Education Week celebrations. It is always lovely to share our hard work and to display our artwork. This week we have begun to delve into our unit on ‘Simple Machines’ and this has led to many interesting discussions. Keep up the great work 3L!
3-4B  Happy Education Week to everyone! Congratulations to all the Bolwarra Public School Education Week award recipients. We have had another busy week in 3-4B with children representing our school in lots of different areas. Good luck to our Zone Athletics Carnival representatives. This week we have continued to investigate visual literacy through the study of the text ‘The Little Refugee’ by Anh Doh. We have been discussing the concept of ‘salience’, looking at why illustrators place objects and characters in certain positions. We have also been looking at the use of contrasting colours in texts. Thank you to parents who have returned the Bolwarra Big Top permission notes and money. Thank you for your continued support. Keep working hard 3-4B!

4B  4B had a great day yesterday with our parents and grandparents visiting for Education Day. We made them work hard! First we taught them a game of salute and then we tried to extend their minds with the number of the day! We all had a great time, sharing our work and having fun playing math and spelling games! Good luck to all the 4B students who are going to the zone carnival tomorrow.

4E  In Mathematics 4E have been learning how to use extended multiplication algorithms to solve problems. We are learning about levers in our ‘simple machines’ unit and the different types: 1st class, 2nd class and 3rd class. In Literacy we are continuing to write explanations and learn how to make inferences in our reading. We have started a computer assignment ‘all about me’, using PowerPoint. 4E will deliver these at the end of the term. Keep it up 4E!

5PL  Thank you to all the parents and relatives who joined us yesterday for our Open Day. It was great to see so many familiar faces being welcomed into our classroom. This week in Maths, we have focused on using addition and subtraction strategies to solve a range of written problems. Students also enjoyed using catalogues to create a shopping list, investigating how many items they could purchase with $1500. Many students found themselves using multiplication strategies as well as addition and subtraction to purchase more than one of the same item in order to spend the total of their budget. We have continued to read our class text ‘Tales of Disaster’ during our literacy sessions. Chapter 3, ‘The Tale of the Water Pot’ was about a flood legend based on stories from the Kwaya people of Africa. Students have analysed the text and created a flow chart to demonstrate the integral events in the story. As part of our HSIE unit ‘Australian Democracy’, we have looked at the difference between rules and laws, discussing examples of each in our daily lives.

5-6D  This week we celebrated Education Week. Many students from our class travelled to Maitland High School on Tuesday to watch the ‘Showcase’ performance. This included a variety of dance, drama and musical performances that demonstrated the creative and artistic skills of the Maitland High School students. Yesterday we enjoyed having parents, grandparents, family and friends visit our classroom for our ‘Open Classroom’ time. This week in Maths we have been drawing circles using a compass and identifying parts of the circle including the radius, diameter and circumference. In Science we have been learning about the water cycle and in art we have created artworks around the theme ‘Fire’.

6L  Thank you to the parents who came along to our Open Classroom yesterday, where the students enjoyed sharing their work. In English we have been looking at the use of figurative language such as similes and metaphors in our book ‘Flood'. Students then went on to write their own descriptive examples. Last week, we also created ‘Flood’ artworks that are displayed on our veranda window and contrast the ‘Fire’ artworks on 5-6D’s windows. In Science we are investigating the role of the water cycle in weather patterns. We have enjoyed drawing large examples of the water cycle.
Music
Music times are back to normal routines again after parent/teacher interviews. Our music lessons this week have used technology to do part of the instruction. We are using a site called, ‘arts live’. Firstly we watched a video clip where a teacher instructs and we follow. After that, we practise the song with Mrs Price. Early Stage 1 have begun to learn a partner dance called ‘The Hello Song’, Year 1 classes, a song called, ‘Sing, Scat and Scoo Be Doo’, using actions that reflect the rhythms in the song and Year 2, an African song called, ‘Funga Alafya’, which we practised as a round and also played instruments to the beat of the song.

Library
Thank you for all the books being returned to the Library for our Stocktake. Borrowing should return to normal in a few weeks.

Environment
National Tree Day was celebrated at our school last Friday. Two students from each class and the Enviro Leaders planted our trees and shrubs that were donated by Maitland City Council. A great afternoon was had by all. How nice it was to see the rain Friday afternoon and Saturday.
Trash and Treasure is on Friday 22nd August, more on this later.

Choir
On Tuesday, the Junior Choir travelled to the Hunter School of Performing Arts for a Cluster Rehearsal. All 54 children showed excellent manners and singing talent! It is always a privilege to take our children out to different venues as they show our school in a positive light - well done! The Boys Choir performed at the Education Week Ceremony last night and the Senior Choir are busy preparing for their performance at the Sydney Opera House next Monday.
Sport

Pickers Cup: Last Wednesday Bolwarra Public School competed in the Pickers Cup Rugby League Gala Day. The team played 4 games over the course of the day against Metford, Thornton, Dungog and St Pauls of Rutherford. With only a handful of the boys having actually played the game before, unfortunately they came away without a win but played with passion and enthusiasm. All the boys had fun and represented Bolwarra with pride. Well done boys!

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3

Thank you to all our volunteers so far this term. We only have a few vacancies left to fill for this term. If you can help out please give me a call or send a text.

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

- Aussie Outdoor Blinds perform the best
- 8 Great Reasons to use Aussie Outdoor:
  - Locally made and owned (prompt service)
  - Custom made to give a tasteful fit
  - Unique locking rail system. No straps, No flapping!
  - Easy to use and maintain
  - Help keep out flint and mozzies as well as the elements
  - Professionally trained staff for installation (no contractors)
  - Withstands winds up to 50 knots
  - 3 Year Manufacturers Warranty up to 50 knot winds

- Seven Electrical & Communications
  - Residential & Commercial New Homes & Renovations
  - Competitive Rates

- Kirkwood's
  - The Farm & Pet Food People
  - Since 1921
ZNB CANDLES
BOOK A PARTY TODAY
SALT LAMPS, CANDLES, CLAMSHELLS,
OIL BURNERS & MUCH MORE
CALL NATARSHA
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CONSULTANT
www.facebook.com/znbcandles2013

HELEN O’GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY
2014 MAITLAND

"Increase your child’s communication skills, self-confidence and creative talents."
(Speech, Improvisation, Movement, Scriptwork and Productions.)

DRAMA CLASSES:
Maitland Polish Hall - Thursdays
(Established for 23 years in Maitland)

PRIMARY : 7 – 11 YEARS
YOUTH : 12 – 16 YEARS

Enrolments now being taken for 2014 Term 3

( CLASSES CONDUCTED IN THE HUNTER FOR THE PAST 23 YEARS.)

Principal: Shane Skerly
Ph: 02 49 692338 for details.
Email: dramacorp@bigpond.com

OPEN EVERY DAY 9.30am - 5.00pm

play 4 kids

BOOK A PARTY!

AWESOME HOSTED PARTIES 2 hour hosted party in themed party room including all food, entry, games & unlimited play.
PAMPER PARTIES 2 hr hosted party for Divas aged 7-12.
Facials, footspa, nails & chocolate.
Our cafe serves delicious Merlo coffee, healthy sandwiches, light meals and food 4 kids.

4932 9862
3/321 New England Hwy, Rutherford (behind Eagles Plumbing)
play4kids.com.au
I enclose $2.50 to purchase a Naidoc Wrist Band.

Child's name: _______________________________ class: ____________

Parents signature: _______________________________

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Ladies! Time for a chat?

Join us for a light-hearted chat about the women's health matters that we don't pay enough attention to. No excuses - it's time to look after ourselves!

A Women's health specialist from community health is offering our mums a free interactive Q & A session. Come along for a cuppa, ask all those niggling questions, learn how to do breast checks properly.

Tuesday 19th August, 4 till 6pm
Bolwarra Primary School staff room
Refreshments provided
Family & friends welcome!

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 12TH AUGUST FOR CATERING PURPOSES

YES I have marked the chat in my dairy and will be there
Name: _________________________ No. attending □

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