Dear Parents and Caregivers

‘RAIN DROPS ON ROSES’: Welcome to Week 6 and hasn’t it been great to hear the rain falling on our roofs at night! Another busy week with a P&C meeting, fete meeting, musical meeting, Kindergarten interviews continuing, a Women’s Health Talk, an orientation presentation at Nillop Public School, Book Week library visit, Trash and Treasure Day, State Soccer and staff training in the new Maths curriculum. We did not have a book parade or book fair this year as we felt with the musical only a couple of weeks away and the increasing costs to parents that this term has brought, we celebrate in-house with a Maitland Library visit and various literary activities held throughout the week. Tomorrow is Daffodil Day and the P&C moved last Monday evening to donate the Canteen takings tomorrow to the Cancer Council. Currently we have three families battling cancer and the P&C agreed it was a fitting gesture to donate these. Many thanks to our hardworking and supportive parent body.

MUSICAL: The circus is coming to town, in the form of our “Bolwarra Big Top”. Seats for our school musical will go on sale next Monday. Due to the number of students and seating capacity of the hall it has been decided to hold four performances (two for each group of students):

- Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3: Wednesday 10th September.
- Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: Thursday 11th September.

Matinee at 12noon and Evening performance at 6pm.

Tickets will be on sale for $2.50 a seat and there will only be 200 seats offered for each performance. Seats will not be numbered but simply sold as a seat and families can decide where they would like to sit. Thank you.

FETE: Thank you to the hard working parents who are busily co-ordinating our school fete. Don’t forget this week is ‘Save our Jars and Bottles’ so start thinking what you may be filling them with. So far I’ve made some tomato relish, filled a couple with hair bands, matchbox cars, nuts and bolts (with a mini screwdriver) and others with lollies. Keep an eye out next week for the Mega mania bundles that will go on sale. At our last fete these proved to be a big success as many parents paid $5 a week for a number of weeks so a large amount wasn’t taken out of the budget in one go. Next week is ‘lolly week’ and if you are out shopping and bags of lollies are on sale you might like to throw an extra one in the trolley for our fete. Thank you once again for the donations that have been coming in, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FATHERS’ DAY: After numerous discussions at staff meetings and the P&C it has been decided to change the way we run the Fathers’ Day stall this year. I am acutely aware of the huge drain on family incomes over the last few months so it has been decided to simply run the stalls as a community service and ‘not for profit’. Mrs Rodrick has kindly offered to co-ordinate the stall and is busily sourcing gifts for our students to buy. So the children simply have to bring along some money ($1-$5) on 4th September (K-2) and 5th September (Years 3-6) and they can purchase a gift for dad. No bringing one and then buying it back this year and everyone can purchase from the stalls. If you are able to help Mrs Rodrick wrap and prepare presents it would be greatly appreciated, simply pop your name into Sally in the Office.
STAFF: Ms Dimmock returns from her sick leave next Monday and I would like to thank Mrs Linda Mills for her professionalism and hard work on 5-6D during her absence. My long service leave starts next Monday and Ms Blayden will be the Relieving Principal in my absence. Mrs Mills will be replacing Ms Blayden on 3-4B.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Sybylla, Amara, Jada, Elliot, Tea, Damon, Payton, Mia, Myra, Eddie and Rose for their inclusion in the Hunter/Central Coast Creative Arts camp which will be held from 1st-5th September. This camp is highly prestigious and inclusion is by ‘invitation only’, following on from the local drama workshops that were held across the Hunter a couple of weeks ago. Well done!

CREATIVITY: Finally we will be trialling some new play break times next term in response to increasing student numbers, the length of the lunch breaks and the number of staff required for supervision. We feel that the current recess break doesn’t provide enough time for the students to eat and then have a decent play period following 2 hours of intensive Literacy learning. On any given day we need twenty staff on rotation to cover the play breaks and with trialling this model, it will allow two significant play periods and staff will have more opportunities to offer extra curricula activities during these play periods. Over the next four weeks we will be having a number of discussions with staff, students, canteen and parents to further clarify the trial.

Have a safe week.
Regards

Sue Swetnam

IMPORTANT DATES

- 22nd Aug  Girls’ State Knockout Soccer - Singleton
- 22nd Aug  Trash and Treasure Day
- 29th Aug  Final payment due for Canberra Excursion
- 29th Aug  Hunter Athletics - Glendale
- 4th Sept  Fathers’ Day Stall
- 5th Sept  Fathers’ Day Stall
- 10th Sept  School Musical - ‘Bolwarra Big Top’
- 11th Sept  School Musical - ‘Bolwarra Big Top’
- 11th Sept  Premier’s Spelling Bee - Tenambit
- 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
COME ONE COME ALL

SCHOOL MUSICAL

BOLWARRA BIG TOP

Where: Bolwarra Public School Hall

When:
- K-3: Matinee 12noon, Wednesday 10th September 2014
- Evening 6pm, Wednesday 10th September 2014
- Years 4-6: Matinee 12noon, Thursday 11th September 2014
- Evening 6pm, Thursday 11th September 2014

Cost: $2.50 per seat – non allocated

Tickets: Tickets go on sale Monday 25th August 2014 from the office

Additional Information:

- Doors open for seating half an hour before performances.
- Students to be at school by 5.30pm for the evening performances. They will go to their specified rooms until it is time to perform.
- All students to wear class concert t-shirts (these will be given out prior to the performances), black pants, shoes and socks for the performances.
- On the day of the performances the children will wear black pants, shoes and socks and their school sports shirt to school. They will then change into their class t-shirt prior to the performance. After the performance they will change back into their sports shirts and take their class t-shirt home to wear to the evening performance.
- Any additional props will be kept at school.
Aussie of the Month
Congratulations to Denmen and Isabella who have received our latest Aussie of the Month awards. These two outstanding students have displayed the 5 Keys to Success within our school. Denmen said, "I was very proud to win this award. It made me feel very happy and awesome about myself." On receiving her award, Isabella stated that, "I was quite surprised that I was a winner. I think I'll be buying a chapter book with my gift voucher when I go to McDonald’s Booksellers at Maitland Mall." Well done Denmen and Isabella!

Premier's Reading Challenge
Today is the last day for students to enter their details for this year's challenge. Well done to all the students who read the required number of books. Your certificates will arrive later in the year.

Library Stocktake
Please return all books to the library. We are in the process of stocktaking.

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: James, Cooper and Emmerson

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club order forms and payment are due back at school by Wednesday 27th August 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
KE  It was great this week to have everyone here for the first time since last term! The Water Saving Show last Friday was great. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed it and seemed to take some great knowledge from it too. I am assessing reading skills again this week and I am so impressed with more improvement from many students. Everybody's hard work is showing. In Literacy I have also been really focusing on revising our double sounds this week as many children are not remembering them when it comes to reading and writing. Thanks for a great week!

KT  KT have been reading the text, 'One Hungry Spider' by Jeanie Baker this week and investigating the patterns in sentences within the text. Our news topic this week is 'interesting facts about a spider' and we have definitely learnt some new and interesting things. Have you ever heard of the happy-faced spider found in Hawaii? We have, thanks to Mats. Mats gave us some facts about this spider and showed us some great photos of it. In Maths we are continuing to work on grouping and sharing. We are busy practising our performances for the School Musical and they are looking great.

KW  Hello to KW. I am sitting in front of my lovely, warm fire thinking about you all. Unfortunately I will need to be away for the next few weeks due to flu and some surgery, but I know you will be well looked after. Routines are well established and reading, writing and mathematics activities will all continue. PE activities have been lots of fun with quoits, ribbon twirlers, scooter boards and gymnastics. Concert practice will focus on refining movement and expression and I know how excited the kindergarten classes will be on their night. Our computer sessions in the computer lab are progressing and many of the students can now independently log on and find a favourite program. Well done KW.

This week KW have been working with Miss Baron in Mrs Wells’ absence. KW have been exploring the world of spiders. They have been using their descriptions of spiders to create a spider artwork. KW has been practising for the School Musical and are very excited to perform for their parents. KW are WONDERFUL!

1B  1B have been working hard on writing again this week. The children are becoming increasingly confident with their story writing and it is wonderful to see the development in creativity. We proudly hang our artwork and writing up in the room, so please feel free to pop in and check out the talent within this class! Our dance for the Big Top Performance is coming along really well, we only have a few more practices before the big day and night! In Maths this week we have been learning about money and time. We are learning to read an analogue and a digital clock, telling time to the hour and half hour. Quiz your child about Australian coins, they are pretty knowledgeable when it comes to identifying what is on each of our coins.

1H  This week 1H have been practising our ‘getting along skills’ and discussing what it means to be kind, caring and thoughtful friends. Each day I have set students a challenge of reporting back after lunch about one thing they were able to do that day that showed others that they were kind and caring. It is wonderful to hear so many positive stories and also witness this in the playground. We loved going to the computer lab this week and it was great to see everyone becoming more confident with logging on and navigating programs. Awesome work Year 1.
1M  This week 1M have been looking at the text ‘Mirror’ by Jeannie Baker. I am amazed at the superb vocabulary and understanding that the students are displaying in relation to the literacy unit on Landscapes we are working on. There is a Youtube video on Mirror that I am sure your child would enjoy watching with you. We have completed city landscape art works and are writing captions to accompany these.

2C  This week we have learnt to check our school email and download a file. In writing, students are learning to expand nouns using adjectives. Students know that writers need to be able to describe something well in an information report (we have also been learning about an!). Fractions and multiplication have been our focus in Maths this week. Students have had fun playing maths games to consolidate skills with multiplication and arrays. They have also shared pizzas equally between 2, 4 and 8 people, recognising how many parts make a whole. Our dance for the musical is looking AMAZING! The audience is in for a real treat - very professional performance - well done Year 2!

2W  Things have been very egg-citing in 2W!! On Tuesday Mark from Henny Penny Hatchings delivered 3 chicks and 12 fertile eggs! The eggs need to be kept in the incubator until they hatch. It is important that the temperature of the incubator is kept between 32 and 38 degrees Celsius to ensure that the eggs will hatch. So far 5 eggs have hatched and we were so lucky to see one of the chicks pecking its way out of the egg! The chicks have to stay in the incubator for around 2 hours before they can be moved into the brooding pen because they are too wet and weak to be with the other chicks. The 3 black chicks are the eldest in the brooding pen and we have noticed how confident and inquisitive they are becoming! The 5 yellow chicks are still very shy and spend most of their time huddled together under the heat lamp! The chicks have been a wonderful real life learning experience to support Year 2’s unit of work ‘Investigating Eggs in Stories and Science’. Please make sure that you come for a visit!!
3L  This week 3L have been very busy learning about factors, multiples and division. We have completed many hands on activities about these concepts and all students are showing progress. It is a very busy time of year with preparations for our Big Top Musical continuing, Book Week and the Trash and Treasure stalls. These wonderful events have caused lots of excitement in the classroom and I am very proud of the dedication of my class. Keep up the fantastic effort 3L!

3T  What a great week in 3T! There has been excellent engagement in all areas this week as we come to an end of Week 6. We are really making strong progress within our spelling and sentence structure. Now it’s time to put these skills into action and make our writing exciting, creative and entertaining for the reader. Maths has been tricky this week as we have been exploring equivalent fractions as well as ordering fractions on a number line. We are able to convert between halves, quarters and eighths as well as from fifths to tenths. In Literacy, our ability to make inferences from print and illustrations has made me very proud. We are able to make our own interpretations from why and how illustrators use features such as tone and contrast. Lachlan loved ‘The Tin Forest’ this week and commented that he has loved the idea of imagination and dreams and how the old man built a forest full of exotic birds and flowers from tin! Caitlin loved ‘Rowan of Rin’ and has made the prediction that one of the group who are climbing the mountain will turn around and go home because they are too afraid of the silken spider web that confronts the group.

3-4B  We have had a busy week in 3-4B! This week in Numeracy we have been looking at decimals. We have learnt that a decimal shows us whole numbers and parts of a number, decimals are a short way to write a fraction. We have been investigating language such as tenths and hundredths. We have also been looking at using decimals when measuring in metres and centimetres. In Literacy we have been continuing our study of Visual Literacy, this week we have started to look at the book ‘The Great Bear’ by Libby Gleeson. We are having some great discussions about the techniques the illustrator has used and we are finding it challenging and fun to analyse the pictures and make inferences. 3-4B have made very impressive progress in this area and I am very proud of them! Please pop into our room and check out our morphing artwork which was inspired by our study of the book ‘An Ordinary Day’. We are enjoying our musical rehearsals and we are improving each week. In Sport we are really enjoying learning about a range of fundamental movement skills in our rotational house groups. Keep working hard 3-4B!

4B  4B have been working really hard again this week. In Literacy we have continued to work on our skills of inferring when reading texts, a skill required in visual literacy. As a reader we have the ability to use our imagination and background knowledge to interpret what the author and illustrators message is and the purpose of the text. In Maths we have been exploring the concept of mass. 4B have had fun estimating and measuring all different objects found around our classroom and from home. In Science we are continuing to learn about simple machines, this week we learnt all about pulleys. We even had a go at designing our own and the students did a fabulous job. Well done 4B!

4E  This week in Maths 4E have been learning about symmetry and how to identify shapes that have symmetry and how to create an exact reflection of patterns. We have also learnt about tessellations and created our own tessellating pattern. In Literacy we have been learning about expanding our vocabulary particularly in writing and we thoroughly enjoyed reading the picture book and watching the animated film, ‘Varmints’ by Helen Ward. In Science we
have learnt about the pulley and incline plane and even made our own pulleys that could lift a ball of blue-tac the height of our desks. In Art we have created split image artworks of our favourite sports stars. Keep it up 4E!

5A 5A continue to learn about 'Weather and Natural Disasters'. This week we are looking at 'Fires', in particular the effect bush fires have on all Australians.

5PL Our focus this week in Maths is 'Chance and Probability'. We have described the likelihood of certain events using language such as impossible, unlikely, equal chance, likely and certain. We have also conducted a range of chance experiments and learnt how to express the probability of events in the form of fractions. Our class has continued to read our class text, finishing the final chapter, 'The Tale of Koobar'. This chapter was an Indigenous Australian Dreamtime legend about a drought. We created a comic strip to depict important events in the text and illustrate character dialogue. Students have also started planning and writing their own version of a myth or legend to describe a natural phenomenon. The Year 5 Students are looking forward to visiting Maitland High School next Wednesday to participate in a Science lesson delivered by one of the Science faculty members at the High School.

5-6D This week in 5-6D we looked at probability and chance in Mathematics, focusing on expressing probability as fractions, decimals and percentages. We also continued looking at our focus text ‘Flood’, studying text features such as similes, metaphors and personifications, as well as creating our own blurb to describe the text. We are also busy rehearsing for the School Musical which is only a few weeks away. We will be practising our performances to ensure they are ready and perfected for the big night! In HSIE, we continued learning about important people in Australian democracy, this week’s focus was Sir Edmund Barton (Australia’s first Prime Minister). Ms Dimmock will be back with us next week, therefore we would like to thank Mrs Mills for her time on class for the past 3 weeks. Remember Canberra is only a matter of weeks away, money is due in by next Friday, 29th August.

6L We have been busy rehearsing for our School Musical during P.E. sessions, with students showing great enthusiasm. This week in HSIE we have been looking at the different levels of government in Australia and what each level is responsible for. Our excursion to Canberra is fast approaching and thank you for returning all medical forms. Just a reminder that full payment for the excursion is due by the end of next week. We have enjoyed being weather reporters when presenting our mock weather reports to the class. After analysing real life weather reports, we wrote our own reports using technical weather terms. In Art, we recreated the destruction of cyclones using charcoal.
Library
This week it’s Book Week! Maitland City Library is visiting with a small presentation today. The wonderful librarians have been having a wonderful time dressing up for the children during lunch time. Some of our wonderful writers were entered into the Write Now competition. Myra gained an Honourable Mention (second place!). Congratulations to ALL the entrants.

Choir
Some of the Junior Choir will be travelling to the Sydney Town Hall in the next few weeks for the Primary Proms - information for the parents will be out soon. The Senior Choir are busy rehearsing for their audition for next year’s festival of Choral Music. The Boys Choir are rehearsing for our School Musical - Bolwarra Big Top.

Enviro
Trash and Treasure - Enviro Program is on tomorrow at lunch time. The stall holders are from Years 4, 5 and 6. This is a whole school activity. All children will have paper money to spend. The paper money from school will be given to the children on Friday. Some children will have more because they have been bringing things in, eg. cans, ring pulls, corks, batteries and helping me with different school enviro activities. Stall holders need to bring their stall items in on Friday, ice cream containers for money and something to put around students if they are using hair spray or nail polish. Looking forward to a great lunchtime of fun. Thanks for your support. Marilyn Yeend.

**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3**

Thank you to all our volunteers so far this term. We have a few vacancies left to fill for this term, including one next Tuesday 26th August. If you can help out please give me a call or send a text. Please note that Macaroni Cheese and Fried Rice have now SOLD OUT.

This Friday our canteen will donate 100% of the profit to show our support for Daffodil Day and the Cancer Council, such a worthy cause. Come and make a lunch order or grab a snack and let’s make a difference!

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**
"Messy Church" is on this Sunday at St. Mary's (opp Pender Place) at 4-6pm for parents & children, activities & meal, no charge, donation if desired, all welcome.

Confirmation classes will begin at St. Mary's (opp Pender Place) on Saturday 30th August at 4pm for year 6 & over, if interested please contact Fr. Chris on 49335302.