Dear Parents and Caregivers

September already, the year is just flying by! We have just six days left till the opening performance of our BOLWARRA BIG TOP musical next Wednesday 10th September. The Wednesday performances will feature our K-3 students and Thursday 11th September will feature our Years 4-6 students. We are all very excited and we are busily preparing, props, costumes and putting the finishing touches on all of the items. There are still matinee tickets available for sale at the office for both shows. Please call the school or drop into the office if you haven’t yet purchased your tickets as there will be no tickets sold at the door before the performances begin.

This week is SASS Recognition Week. This is the week where we highlight and celebrate the work of our School Administration and Support Staff. The theme for 2014 is ‘Stepping up to the Challenge’. We thank the Administration and Support Staff of Bolwarra Public School who help the teachers and the students each and every day, making our school a wonderful place to be. Thank you!

Congratulations to Mrs Merena McLaren who has won a Teachers Mutual Bank Recognition Award for service to The Performing Arts. Please see the article below that was published in this month’s edition of The Arts Newsletter.

A big congratulations to our students who participated in the Hunter Athletics Carnival at Glendale last week. They did a great job and had lots of fun representing our school. Jorja in Year 6 will go on to represent Hunter at the State Carnival in the 200m event in October at Homebush in Sydney.

Today and tomorrow we will be holding our Fathers’ Day Stall. Thank you to the P&C for organising this and a big thank you to Ethan and Caitlin’s Mum for sourcing and wrapping the gifts. Today is the day for K-2 students to shop and tomorrow will be the day for Years 3-6 students. There will be gifts for $2.00, $3.00 and $5.00.

Organisation for our Bolwarra Country Fair is coming along nicely. We are preparing a range of exciting, interesting and delicious stalls. Thank you to the fete committee who have been working hard to prepare for this fantastic fundraising opportunity. We will use the proceeds to rejuvenate our Literacy resources and hopefully upgrade some of our technology resources too. We also thank all of our parents and students for the donations of chocolate, lollies, jars etc that keep coming in daily. On our donations calendar for the next two weeks we have pot plants and herbs down, you may want to keep these donations at home till our Country Fair draws a little closer but we will happily take care of them here if you want to send them in. Information about the Megamania ride bands went out last week, please contact our office if you have any further enquires.

This week our teachers have been involved in a series of planning days, using the Literacy and Numeracy Continuums to look at the progress our children are making. Teachers have been released from their class to work in small groups to plan explicit teaching and learning activities.
These days have enabled teachers to highlight the strengths of our students and target identified areas that we would like to work on in Term 4.

Tomorrow Year 3 and Year 5 parents will receive their child’s NAPLAN Student Report. The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests were held earlier this year in May. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s report with their class teacher.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the BOLWARRA BIG TOP performances next week!

Best regards,
Ashleigh Blayden
Relieving Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS MERENA McLaren!

Teachers Mutual Bank Performing Arts Teacher Recognition Award

“Teachers Mutual Bank is acknowledging the important contribution our teachers make to the performing arts by the introduction of the Teachers Mutual Bank Performing Arts Teacher Recognition Award. Six teachers will be recognised for their outstanding contribution to The Arts Unit’s programs this year and will receive a $100 gift card and a Teachers Mutual Bank prize pack. Teachers Mutual Bank is proud to announce Merena McLaren as the third recipient of the award. Merena McLaren teaches at Bolwarra Public School. She has demonstrated an enormous commitment to music education in public schools by producing student ensembles of a consistently high standard for the Primary Proms. She has also shown longstanding commitment over many years. Teachers Mutual Bank would like to thank Merena for her commitment and passion for the arts and for her ongoing support for public school students.”

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4th Sept  Fathers’ Day Stall - Kinder, Years 1 and 2
- 5th Sept  Fathers’ Day Stall - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- 10th Sept  School Musical - ‘Bolwarra Big Top’
- 11th Sept  School Musical - ‘Bolwarra Big Top’
- 11th Sept  Premier’s Spelling Bee – Tenambit
- 15th Sept  P&C Meeting at 6pm in Staffroom
- 16th Sept  Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- 17th Sept  Junior Choir Primary Proms Kakadu Concert at Sydney Town Hall
- 19th Sept  Enviro – Dress in your Favourite Footy Team – Gold Coin Donation
- 19th Sept  Last day of Term 3
- 7th Oct  Students and Staff Return for Term 4
- 13th Oct  School Photos
- 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

YEAR K – 6 NEWS

Musical
Only one week to go before the wonderful children of Bolwarra Public School get to show their singing, dancing and acting talents. They're very excited and all the teachers are very proud of all the children's hard work.

Debating
Congratulations to our debating team on a wonderful performance in the 'Premier's Debating Challenge'. This was our first year in the competition and we were successful in winning our zone and being in the last 16 teams in the Hunter Central Coast. Last week our team was defeated by Ashtonfield in a very close debate. We are looking forward to entering the competition again next year.

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: Mia and Finn.

CLASSROOM CAPERS

KE
Well with our musical fast approaching we have been having extra practices and it is all coming together really well. I am so impressed with how the children are acting so ‘professionally’ and many seem at home on the stage! Fathers’ Day is coming up so we have been doing lots of talking/work around our dads/uncles/grandads. We were very excited to buy from the stall today and we hope all the dads have a great day and get very spoilt! See you all next week for the musical. If you have any questions read back through the notes we have sent home as we tried to cover everything - if not just catch me sometime and hopefully I can help. Thanks everyone!

KT
KT have been fine tuning their items for the musical with KW and KE and are very excited to perform for you next week. In Maths we are looking at data and continuing to improve our numeracy skills. Our reading groups continue to run smoothly with the assistance of our dedicated parent helpers. We have enjoyed making Fathers’ Day cards for our wonderful dads and loved buying gifts at our Fathers’ Day stall. A big happy Fathers' Day to all our KT dads!
KW have been continuing their ‘patterns’ Literacy unit this week, we have been reading a new book called ‘One Hungry Spider’ by Jeanie Baker. In the book we have been focusing on sentence structure including the use of punctuation such as capital letters and full stops. This week KW has wowed Miss Baron with their amazing writing abilities. KW have also been enjoying a new game ‘balloon pop’ which helps us to learn our weekly sounds.

1B This week in 1B we have been very busy with our concert preparation! The children are getting very excited about their performance! In Maths groups this week we have been doing the jump strategy to solve two digit addition and subtraction problems as well as exploring measurement! We have been enjoying reading a text called ‘Mirror’ by Jeannie Baker. The book has no words and it tells the story of two boys living in different parts of the world. In Art this week Mrs G got the children to make a book about a favourite text, ‘Going on a Bear Hunt’. They selected a favourite landscape they were familiar with and added people going on a bear hunt! Was a hit I think as when I returned to class they were all talking about it! Thanks Mrs G.

1H In Week 8 1H have been continuing our discussions about landscapes around the world including Germany, England, Japan and America. Some 1H students have been lucky enough to have visited these destinations and have been able to provide us with first hand information. We have been comparing the landscapes of these countries to those found here in Australia. In Maths we have been revising multiplication and division with some great success. We had another busy week preparing for our school musical which is now only a matter of days away and are just so excited to share our hard work with our families and friends. 1H will not have reading groups in Weeks 9 and 10 so we look forward to welcoming our helpers back next term.

1M Our Maths work this week has centred on measurement, with a focus on length. We know that you need a consistent tool to measure length and that things like paperclips and blocks can be useful things to use when making comparisons. In between our regular school work we have been working hard at fine-tuning our performance ready for the musical next week. We are very excited about dressing up for our rehearsal on Tuesday and then for our performances on Wednesday.

2C We are getting very excited about performing in our musical next week! This week we have been using mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction problems. We have also been exploring length this week, with students actively measuring, recording, comparing and estimating lengths using metres and centimetres. In writing, editing has been our focus. Students are improving in their ability to reread and edit text for spelling, punctuation and sentence structure - keep up the great work 2C! Students have also improved in their ability to reflect on their reading: asking questions such as ‘What reading have I done today/this week?’, ‘Which part of my reading do I like best?’, ‘What do I want/need to read about? ’What skills do I need to work on?’ 2C are becoming such independent, self regulated learners!

2H This week 2H have been consolidating their learning about eggs and egg laying animals. They have done a wonderful job of writing information reports in small groups about snakes, emus, turtles, spiders and frogs. They have been ensuring that their sentences are well structured, they have been grouping information by using paragraphs and including labelled diagrams as part of their reports. In Mathematics our focus for the week has been on the measurement topic length. We are really excited about both our matinee and evening performances of Bolwarra Big Top. We look forward to performing for you all next week!
2W We have a big week next week and are all looking forward to busting a move at Bolwarra Big Top! Our dance looks amazing now that it has all come together and we can’t wait to perform for our families! Last week we said goodbye to our 11 chickens - congratulations to Kurtis, Will, Anika, James, Adriaan and Lucas for winning our Year 2 raffle! This week we have been learning an inverse strategy to change a subtraction into an addition problem. I am so impressed with the persistence that everyone has shown to grasp this concept! You are all so clever!

3L I would like to say thank you to all of 3L for their dedication and persistence in our Bolwarra Big Top performances. Students have been very busy learning their dances and adapting to minor changes. Their behaviour during our rehearsals has been exemplary. In class 3L have been refining their skills in predicting the outcome of chance events which has been a fun, hands on Maths topic. We are continuing to develop our multiplication strategies. Students have been very creative in Literacy, writing a prequel to the book ‘Free to a Good Home’. I am looking forward to seeing their finished products! I hope to see you all at our musical next week.

3-4B This week has been a busy one for 3-4B as we have groups of students in both the Years K-3 and the Years 4-6 Bolwarra Big Top with all the students rehearsing at different times throughout the week. Our class Literacy activities continue to focus on the book ‘In my Backyard’, with students using the knowledge they have gained from both reading the text and viewing the wonderful illustrations to write a sequel to the story to describe what it would be like to spend a day with a whole city as your backyard. We are also enjoying reading our class novel ‘My Dad’s a Birdman’ by David Almond and are starting to wonder if Lizzie’s Dad is really going to be able to fly! In Science we conducted an experiment to see the effect that raising or lowering an inclined plane has on moving an object. The students learnt how a scientific report is set out, including how to draw and label a diagram and how to predict what they thought would happen. Some of these skills will be helpful in completing the ‘Simple Machines’ project that was sent home this week – with all students excited about what they might design and create! In Maths we are beginning our unit on mass and students have had the opportunity to estimate the mass of a range of objects in the classroom and then check to see how accurate they were. Keep working hard 3-4B!

4B Wow - Mrs Baxter is so happy to be back at school, there is buzz of excitement in the air for our musical and the children are so looking forward to performing for you all on stage. We have had many practices this week to prepare ourselves for next Thursday. This week in Maths we have been looking at fractions and decimals and adverbs and adverbial phrases in our writing.

4E This week 4E have been writing narratives, including their very own myth about an animal. In Mathematics, we have been learning about multiplication, in particular factors and multiples. In Art, we have created our very own ‘Warm Rays of Sunshine’ artworks, using warm colours. We have been working very hard on our musical performance and are very excited to perform it next week. Well done 4E.
5A 5A are beginning to study the picture book 'Flood' by Jackie French. The story is based on the disastrous Brisbane floods a few years back. Students will complete a range of activities across the different learning areas to increase their knowledge of natural disasters in Australia and the resilience shown by Australians in tough situations.

5PL With our school musical only one week away, students have been busily practising in preparation for the event. We are all looking forward to performing on the night. We have continued to focus on decimals this week in Maths, using multiplication and division strategies to solve decimal related problems. In Literacy, we have been looking at the structure of newspaper articles and analysing their use of specific language and grammatical features. Students have viewed the video clip 'The Lighthouse' on the Literacy Shed website and have written a newspaper article detailing the events that occurred at the fictitious village lighthouse. All students enjoyed their 2nd visit to Maitland High School yesterday afternoon. Many Students returned to school with batches of chocolate spiders and creative 'Bad Hair Day' artworks.

5-6D In 5-6D this week we are working hard to finalise and 'polish' our dances for the school musical, conducting practices once a day this week. We cannot wait to showcase our hard efforts and talent on the big night! In Maths this week we are looking at mass, measuring the weight of our lunches and calculating how much food we would eat in a week, a term and a year. In Science we conducted an experiment investigating how weather and weather events are measured, building a Seismograph out of recycled materials. In Art, we again used recycled materials to make an artwork based on our studies text, ‘Home’ by Narelle Oliver. Another very busy and yet enjoyable week for 5-6D!

6L On Tuesday we had a visit from Amanda, an Education Officer at the SES. We learnt why the SES was established, the roles of the SES and some important emergency planning strategies. Interestingly, we found out that one responsibility of the SES is tsunami watch. In the last 200 years, there have been 44 recorded tsunamis in Australia - thankfully they have only been small ones! In English, we have planned and written information reports about peregrine falcons. Our ability to use topic specific, scientific language has shown great improvement. We are at the exciting conclusion of our novel 'Now', by Morris Gleitzman. Zelda and her grandfather have just survived a devastating bushfire that has claimed their house.

Library
The Library is open for borrowing again! The children have been patiently waiting for the stocktake to finish so they could begin to borrow. Our stocktake was held up because it took quite a while for books to be returned. There are still quite a number of overdue books that need to be returned. Could you please double check and make sure if any Bolwarra Public School library books are hiding amongst your books at home.

Music
Classes that are working with Mrs Price for music are continuing to build and strengthen musical knowledge about the concepts that we have been exploring in the last few weeks. We have become very good at waiting patiently while we have been trialling our ‘Quaver music’ units as our older computers sometimes take a long time to load the activities but they are well worth the wait with the rich graphics and sound activities that the program provides. Year 1 have become very clever at working out how many beats there are in a piece of music by listening for the strong beat which is then followed by a number of weak beats. Year 2 are exploring a new unit from the program this week that looks at ‘My Voice as an instrument’.
Choir
The Senior Choir are busy auditioning for the Festival of Choral Music 2015. We need to make sure we sing as perfectly as we possibly can. Some Junior Choir children will be travelling to the Sydney Town Hall in two weeks to be a part of the Primary Proms. All the choirs are busy rehearsing the eleven songs - for memory! The Boys Choir are getting ready for their Bolwarra Big Top performance. We can't wait!

Enviro
Enviro table is on Wednesdays and Fridays. 😊

**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3**

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

**The canteen will be CLOSED next Thursday 11th September** due to the school musical performance being on at lunchtime.

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.

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)

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**BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**COUNTRY FAIR**

**SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER – 10 - 2PM**

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3rd - 5th October 2014

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Saturday 4 October
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Milroy Cocktail Party
Saturday 4 October
Cocktails under the stars at Milroy Observatory with special guest Astronomers Prof Brian Schmidt, Prof Fred Watson and Dr David Mallin. Star gazing and talks about the history of the 40s.

Bok Lecture
Sunday 5 October
Enjoy Q&A with Australia’s own NASA Astronaut, Andy Thomas. Andy will describe what it’s really like to live and work in space.

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<td>Wear a red shirt!</td>
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<td>Clown-face painting...</td>
<td>Games...activities...</td>
<td>Disney Planes: Fire &amp; Rescue</td>
<td>Hands-on needle work...</td>
<td>Maltaena Festival</td>
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<td>Clown-walking...</td>
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<td>Refer to excursion information sheet for full details</td>
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<td>Learn how to juggle</td>
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<td>and lots of fun!</td>
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Childcare benefit/rebate available for eligible families.

Contact your nearest Centrelink office for information regarding reduced fees and CRN no. prior to returning

YWCA Vacation Care Enrolment Form.

Annual family enrolment fee—$10.00

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

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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More information - www.ywcahunterregion.org.au

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24 Dawson Street, COOKS HILL
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Centre operating hours
7.30am to 6.00pm
Scheduled program runs from
9.30am to 4.30pm

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

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

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