Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a fantastic couple of days we have had here at Bolwarra Public School. Once again our students have been given the opportunity to showcase their many and varied skills through the BOLWARRA BIG TOP performances. “The best $2.50 I’ve ever spent!” was one of the comments reported after the matinee performance yesterday. Thanks again to all of the parents, students, staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to ensure our event was another wonderful success. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Coates Hire at Maitland for loaning the school a ladder that was high enough for us to decorate the hall. Thanks again for this donation. The hall looked amazing!

On Monday we will see the Bolwarra Public School PSSA Netball team head down to Lidcombe in Sydney for the NSW State Finals. Congratulations to the students involved - Jorja, Amara, Lexy, Libby, Sophie, Jemma, Mersaydes, Grace, Lucy and Ruby. This is a fantastic achievement; we wish you the best of luck. Thank you to Mrs Baxter and Mrs Turner for your work in coaching the students and to the parents involved for your continued support.

Next week Year 6 is off to Canberra for four days. Departing on Tuesday and returning on Friday. The students will be accompanied by Ms Dimmock, Mrs Lange and Mr Hemsworth. They have lots of fun and educational activities on the itinerary. These activities complement the learning that has been occurring in the classrooms throughout the term. Have a great time Year 6!

We have had an extra busy term for Creative Arts this year. On Wednesday the Junior Choir will head down to Sydney to take part in the Primary Proms. This is another wonderful opportunity for the students here at Bolwarra Public School. Thank you to Mrs McLaren and Miss Lidgard for their work in preparing the Choir for this event.

Just a reminder you are able to send your children to school in their summer uniforms towards the end of Term 3. During the middle of the day it can get quite warm and some students are hot and uncomfortable in their winter uniforms. The mornings are still quiet cool but wearing a jumper that they can take off when it warms up is probably the best option.

Tomorrow you will receive a note informing you of the changes to break times we will be trialling in Term 4. We will trial a Lunch 1 which is currently our Recess time and a Lunch 2 which is currently our Lunchtime. The note outlines the change in bell times, the reasons why we are trialling the changes and also makes suggestions as to what types of food you may think about packing for your child as Lunch 2 will be a little bit later in the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,
Ashleigh Blayden
Relieving Principal
**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 15th Sept  Fete Meeting at 5pm in Staffroom
- 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
- 8th Oct    Closing date for return of envelopes and money for School Photos
- 13th Oct   School Photos – Summer Uniform
- 25th Oct   Country Fair

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be on Monday 13th October 2014. All envelopes and money must be returned to the school office by Wednesday 8th October 2014. An information note and photo envelope will be sent home.

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**say cheese**

School Photo Day is 13 October 2014

*Have your child’s school memories captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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Online Lunch Orders  www.flexischools.com.au

YEAR K – 6 NEWS

Birthday Book Club
When it is your child’s birthday, they have the opportunity to donate a book of their choice (already purchased by the library) for the small cost of $6.00. The books will be presented to the children on assembly. Each book will have a special message inside saying who has donated the book. The birthday child will be the first to borrow the book. The following children have recently joined the Bolwarra Birthday Book Club: Bailey, Issara, Laila, Mia and Jett.

CLASSROOM CAPERS

KE  What an incredible week! Our children performed fabulously at the musical last night and we are all very proud of them. Thank you for your support, we couldn't have done it without you. Our room has had a big make over this week and so far it is working really well. I can't believe there's only one week to go until holidays!

KT  What a big week it has been! KT were awesome performers in the School Musical last night, we hoped you enjoyed watching them as much as they enjoyed performing for you. Thank you to all the wonderful reading parent helpers this term, reading groups will conclude this week. If your situation has changed and you are no longer able to help out in the KT classroom or require a different day, please let me know.

KW  KW have been busy, busy, busy this week! We have been focusing on the ‘oi’ sound and are beginning to recognise the sound in lots of words around our classroom and in the books we have read. We were all extremely excited for our concert and absolutely love our costumes. We cannot wait to take them home! Miss Baron is so super proud of everyone for all their hard work. 😊

1B  Well what a week we have had! The children did a wonderful job with their concert item and I am so proud of everyone. They all brought their smiles and showmanship, well done Year 1 Afro Circus Students. In between all of our concert preparation and performance, we have managed to do some fantastic work with our independent writing! The students in 1B have been learning how to include alliteration in their imaginative story writing! We have been practising an old favourite tongue twister ...‘she sells sea shells by the seashore’ and ‘Peter
Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers’. Those two tongue twisters gave us all a good laugh. In Maths this week we have been revising multiplication, division and chance.

1H Fabulous work this week 1H! We had a wonderful and exciting time with the musical this week. I am so very proud of everyone’s effort and participation in the musical. Our costumes were show stoppers and our moves were outstanding and sharp. Well done Year 1!

1M Circus fever has certainly taken over this week and the children have been so excited to be able to FINALLY perform in front of their family and friends. I know that their hard work has paid off with everyone being delighted by their colourful rendition of "Afro Circus". Thanks for your support everyone.

2C Vocabulary knowledge and adjectives have been our focus this week when reading and writing. We have learnt some interesting adjectives this week such as ‘furtive’ and ‘garish’. We have been kept busy with our musical performance and hope you enjoyed seeing your children shine. Students have worked well within a team environment to learn and perform their routines. Well done 'Muscle Men' and 'Clowns'! We are looking forward to our news next week, with a 2 minute talk on an egg laying animal to help consolidate our knowledge of information reports this term.

3L Musical week has arrived and 3L are extremely excited to showcase all of their hard work. We have been rehearsing and preparing for this event all term and the whole class is over the moon that the time to perform has finally arrived. Thank you parents for supporting 3L in the preparation for the Big Top and we hope you enjoy the show!

3T It’s been a busy week preparing for the Bolwarra Big Top performance. I have been so proud of all our 3T performers. It is such a great opportunity for children to shine! Thank you to parents for being so organised with arranging outfits and make-up. We looked amazing and performed out of this world. We have discussed volcanoes this week and will be continuing with this theme next week. We will learn about dormant and active volcanoes, along with looking at tectonic plates. Also, we will research information on continents. Thank you to all reading group helpers this term. The children have appreciated your assistance in improving our reading and comprehension. No reading groups for next week, nor the first 2 weeks of Term 4. A reminder that Science projects are due on the first Friday of Term 4. This date is 10th October.

3-4B What a fantastic and exciting time it has been with the Bolwarra Big Top shows. Both the Year 3 and Year 4 students should be so proud of what they achieved this week, both in terms of their behaviour during rehearsals and the day and evening shows, but most importantly their absolutely stunning performances! Whilst not performing, the students have still been busy in the classroom with a daily routine of Literacy and Numeracy activities, all of which have completed to a high standard. Well done 3-4B!

4B 4B have been practising their musical pieces like mad! We will enjoy being on the stage wowing you soon! Thank you to all the students for their efforts and the parents for allowing their children to experience such a performance. Holidays are edging closer and I think we will deserve a break after the last few weeks! Remember that homework this fortnight is due tomorrow, there will not be any homework next week, but the children should be working on their Science Fair ‘simple machine’ project. Spend some time during the holiday period to put something together. Good luck to Molly when she competes at the Premier’s Spelling Bee at Tenambit Public School today. Next week we will begin to present our ‘All About Me’ PowerPoint projects that we have been working on from the start of the term.
5A  5A are prepared and eagerly awaiting the concert on Thursday. Their dress rehearsal suggests some very successful acts. NAPLAN results were sent home on Monday. With the term almost at its end we will try to complete some assessment tasks before the break.

5PL  We are very proud of how each and every student conducted themselves throughout performance week. Their enthusiasm, dedication, organisational skills and excitement to perform was a delight to see. This week in Maths, we have focused on ‘mass’. Students have used kitchen scales to weigh their lunch in grams and have used this data to find the total mass of our class’ lunch in kilograms. We have also looked at the use and value of a tonne and have compared, ordered and converted different units of mass. During Literacy groups we have read texts about bush fires in reciprocal reading and have practised our editing skills during our grammar rotation.

5-6D  This week has been a very exciting week for our senior students. We were all involved in the dress rehearsal for our Big Top performance on Monday and we are looking forward to the matinee and evening performances today. Many of our students were also involved in dancing, playing instruments, acting and drumming during the K-3 Big Top performance as well. We certainly have a talented group of students here at Bolwarra!! Our Year 6 students will be travelling to Canberra next week and we have been finalising our organisation for this wonderful excursion. During our Canberra excursion we will visit Parliament House, so we have been learning about the Federal Government including The House of Representatives, The Senate, voting in Federal elections and the roles and responsibilities of Members of Parliament.

6L  What a fantastic effort we have put into our items for the school musical. The final performance will be spectacular! We are all looking forward to Canberra next week and we are busily completing our ‘Government and Democracy’ work to support the excursion. Don’t forget to be at school by 7:10am next Tuesday, so we can pack the bus to leave by 7:30am. In Art, we have examined the ‘Ned Kelly’ series of artworks by Sidney Nolan and we will be visiting the special exhibition area at The National Gallery to view his work. Thank you to our group helpers this term. Reading groups will recommence in Week 2 next term.

Library

The Library has been very busy, doubling as a place to ‘drop into’ during lunch times and as a dressing room/green room for our Year 3 children performing in the Bolwarra Big Top. The computer room is VERY popular with the children, so a roster of grade days has been organised.

Choir

Next week on Wednesday 17th September, some children from the Junior Choir will be travelling to Sydney to perform in the Primary Proms.
Music

It’s here and finally happening! Bolwarra Big Top! There are some VERY excited children ready to entertain you and show how talented they are. A BIG thank you to all the parents who have given up their time and helped us out. It must be all the parents who have passed on their talents to their children!

![Bolwarra Big Top](image)

Sport

Netball: Congratulations to the Girls’ Netball Team, who have gone through to the State Quarter Finals (last 8 in the State) in the PSSA Netball Knockout. They will compete at the Anne Clark Centre in Sydney this coming Monday, 15th September. To get through to the final 8 we played two knockout games last Thursday. The first game was against Caves Beach Public School. This was a very close encounter, with the Bolwarra girls coming from 5 behind in the final quarter to win by 3 goals. We were very proud of them, they showed persistence and resilience and fought to the end of the game, which paid off. The next game saw us playing against Singleton Heights Public School. This game was not as close, but we still had to play well to win. We convincingly won the game and showed true sportsmanship and skill. Good luck next Monday girls, I’m sure the whole school community will be cheering you on, and win or lose you have done yourself and the school proud. Look out for a story on the girls in the Maitland Mercury tomorrow.

![Netball](image)

### CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3

The canteen will be CLOSED next Friday 19th September as it is the last day of term. Thank you to all of the volunteers this term. Without these wonderful volunteers we are unable to keep the canteen open.

The request form for Term 4 went home last week but only a few have been returned. Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to get involved in the school community, to meet other parents and to help fundraise for our school. I know my children love to see me in the canteen! If you could please return your form as soon as possible or send me a text and let me know of your availability it would be much appreciated.

Please note that due to supplier issues that cheese and bacon pizzas are not available this week.

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)

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BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

COUNTRY FAIR

STALLS
- PHOTO BOOTH
- CAKES & SLICES
- RAID MY WARDROBE
- PRE-LOVED TOYS
- BOOK STALL
- JARS GALORE
- HOMEMADE GOODIES
- RELISHES & JAMS
- BALLOONS
- PLANTS

FOOD
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- STEAK SANGERS
- COFFEE VAN
- SLUSHIES
- CANS OF DRINK
- FAIRY FLOSS
- LOLLY STALL

ACTIVITIES
- TATTOO SLEEVES
- MEGAMANIA RIDES
- FACE PAINTING
- HAIR FUNTASTIC
- LUCKY DIP
- PETTING ZOO
- DISCO ROOM
- SCHOOLPERFORMANCES
- OXYGEN ALL STARS
- GUYS KARATE SCHOOL
- SCOUTS

GAMES
- WET SPONGE
- KNOCK'EM DOWN
- CHOCOLATE COIN ROLL
- HOOPLA

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER → 10 - 2PM

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Competition played October – December (12 Rounds)
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Thursday 11th & Thursday 18th September 14
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Registration $80 per player
*INTRODUCTORY OFFER – INCLUDES OZTAG SHORTS*
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U/12 & U/16 - Commence Thursday, 9/10 to 27/11 at 6pm. 7 a side, half field, no Goalies.

Women: Commence Wednesday 19/10 /14 to 17/12/14, from 6pm, 7 a side, half field, no Goalies. Juniors wishing to play in this competition must be 13 years of age or older and deemed capable of holding their own within the competition. [Ask if unsure]

Mixed: Commence Monday 13/10 /14 to 15/12/14, from 6pm, 6 a side, half field, no Goalies. Juniors wishing to play in this competition must be 13 years of age or older and deemed capable of holding their own within the competition. [Ask if unsure]. Each team must have 2 women on the field at all times.

Calling all:
FAMILIES, CARERS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS, & THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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2014 Expo for Families & Carers

What’s in it for you?

- Support & Information for Families & Carers in their caring role
- Information for Professionals to support Families & Carers
- Opportunities to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

Guest Speakers:

10.00am – 10.30am: Keynote Speakers: Hunter New England Local Health District & Private Aged Care Services
   “Aged Care Reforms: ACH Legislation, Home Care Packages & Residential Aged Care”

12.00pm – 1:00pm: Dr Lee Sturgeon – Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist
   “Managing the Mental Health and General Wellbeing of Parents, Caregivers and Siblings of Children with Developmental Disorders Including Autism Spectrum Disorders”

Children’s Entertainment:
   “Loopy the Clown”
   “Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Magic”

Details:

Date: Thursday 9 October 2014
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle
Cost: Free

This is a Collaborative Event supported by Hunter New England Local Health District.
For more information or to Register
Phone: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
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PRIMARY: 7 – 12 Years
YOUTH: 12 – 16 Years

Venue: Maitland Polish Hall (Grant St)

Enrolments now being taken for PRODUCTION TERM
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Principal: Shane Skerly
Ph: 02 49 692338 for details - drama@bigpond.com
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Full-day Kids Creative Writing Workshop – get inspired to write!
Thursday 25 September 9.30am - 3.00pm For 10-13 year olds
Join Jess Black, popular author of The Bindi Wildlife Adventure Series, RSPCA Animal Tales series as well as the upcoming The Kaboom Kid series. Jess will take you on a journey to create stories around her favourite subject – animals and nature. With the stunning backdrop of the Wetlands Centre as inspiration you will write about the birds, animals, reptiles and plants you see and use them as characters in your stories. Discover how to inject humour, surprise, tension and loving characters into your own stories.
Cost: $40 per student Places are limited!
Bookings close 22 September. Ph: 02 4951 6466

Weaving at the Wetlands
Tuesday 23 September 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years
Decorate the wetlands - create a colourful outdoor art gallery among the trees! Gather reeds, flowers and other natural material and using the trees as frames get weaving.
Cost: $20 per child Bookings Ph: 02 4951 6466

Bush Skills Adventure
Wednesday 24 September 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.
Cost: $20 per child Bookings Ph: 02 4951 6466

Wriggly Wetlanders
Wednesday 24 September & Wednesday 1 October 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years
Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.
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GET THE KIDS ACTIVE!

Do you find it challenging to get the kids away from their computer or TV to play outside?

We all know how important it is for a child’s health, growth and development to be physically active each day, but with increasing technology in our lives, this can sometimes be a real challenge!

We may have the answer for you!

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It is run after school hours by a qualified Dietitian and Exercise Leader. To see if your child qualifies for the Go4Fun program, or for more information, visit the Go4Fun website at http://go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900.

Go4Fun is being offered at the following venues in Term 4:

St Pius X High School, Adamstown on WEDNESDAY afternoons (3.30pm-5.30pm).
Tenambit Public School on THURSDAY afternoons (4.00pm-6.00pm)
And New Vine Church Maryland on SATURDAY afternoons (2.00pm-4.00pm)

The Saturday afternoon program has been introduced for families who find it difficult to make it to Go4Fun in normal business hours. Please note that bookings will not be taken at the schools.

DON’T MISS OUT - REGISTER BEFORE THE END OF TERM 3!!!!

Encourage your child to be active, happy and healthy TODAY!