Dear Parents and Care-givers,

Term 4 has commenced at full speed. Our children have settled in well to the new term and are enjoying the new learning experiences that are on offer. It is a pleasure to walk around the school and talk to the children about what is going on in the classroom and in the playground. I had the pleasure of talking with Mrs. Swetnam last week. She is recovering well and asking after all of us. Mrs. Swetnam is hoping to be back at school towards the end of Term 4. We are looking forward to having her back. Until Mrs. Swetnam’s return, I will continue to relieve as Principal, Miss Walli, will continue to work with 3B and Mr Leleu, will be relieving Stage 2 Assistant Principal. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Year 7 Enrolment for a government selective high school 2017
It will be here before we even know it. Information regarding enrolment procedures for selective high school is attached in this newsletter. Parents can apply online at and more information can be found at the following address, http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k6assessments/shsplacement/index.php If your child is currently in Year 5, please take note of this information and call the school office, if you have any questions.

Student Achievements
Congratulations to Jack in Year 4 in 3/4L. Last Sunday, Jack competed in a Brazilian Jui Jitsu Competition in Sydney. He came first place in weight and belt division on a point’s decision, this proved that Jack had excellent knowledge of the strategies used. Well done Jack! Amber in Year 5 has been selected to play a role in the latest production of ‘Annie’ for the Young Peoples’ Theatre in Hamilton. Congratulations Amber! I have included a photo of our Stage 3 Girls State Cricket Representatives; they are wearing their new Hunter representative jackets.

Tell them From Me Survey
The Parent survey is closing soon and so far we only have 5% of our 313 families who have responded. Please tell us what you think of our school. We value your feedback and we will use it to write our milestones for 2016. Details are below:

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com

Log in using the following details:
User name: parent16859
Password: Bolw1286
Magpie Warning
Please be aware that it is magpie swooping season. We have spoken to children regarding strategies to avoid being swooped and information about how to stay safe was included in last week’s newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,
Ashleigh Blayden
Relieving Principal

Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Key dates
Tuesday 13 October 2015
Application website opens

Monday 16 November 2015
Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted

Thursday 25 February 2016
Test authority letter sent by mail and email

Thursday 10 March 2016
Selective High School Placement Test

Early July 2016
Placement outcome information

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.
There is more information at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit.

Contact details
High Performing Students Unit
NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au  Telephone: 1300 880 367  Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Selectivehighschoolplacement

^ In this document, Unit refers to the High Performing Students Unit.
‘Parent’ is defined under the Education Act 1990 as a ‘guardian or other person having custody or care of a child’.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**2015**
- 16th Oct  Careers Out of Uniform Day
- 20th Oct  Kinder 2016 Orientation 10am – 11am
- 21st Oct  Year 7 Welcome to Parents Evening – Maitland High School – 6pm
- 27th Oct  Kinder 2016 Orientation 9:30am – 11:30am
- 27th Oct  Girls Cricket vs Lambton PS, to be confirmed
- 30th Oct  Festival of Choral Music – Sydney Opera House – Senior Choir
- 2nd-5th Nov  NSW PSSA Girls Cricket - Dubbo
- 9th Nov  Swimming School
- 9th Nov  Interrelate 6pm – 7:15pm
- 10th Nov  Kinder 2016 Orientation 9:30am – 11:30am
- 17th Nov  Grossmann High School Year 6 – Parents information session 6pm
- 2nd Dec  Maitland High School – Transition Day for Year 6
- 2nd-4th Dec  Great Aussie Bush Camp – Stage 2
- 3rd Dec  Year 6 Grossmann High School Sport Day – Maitland Park
- 9th Dec  Christmas Concert
- 11th Dec  Presentation Day
- 15th Dec  Year 6 Farewell
- 15th Dec  Stage 3 Ten Pin Bowling
- 16th Dec  Last Day of Term

**NOTES IN CIRCULATION**

Mango Fundraiser – Due 28th October
Term 4 Canteen Closure
Swim School Program – Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5, and Yr 6 students
Choir Note - Festival of Coral Music- Sydney Opera House
Spring Clean-Up Day
Stage 3 – Child Protection Education

**WEBSITES**

**School Website**  www.bolwarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**P&C Website**  www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com

**Online Uniform and Lunch Orders**  www.flexischools.com.au

**School Facebook Address**  www.facebook.com/BolwarraPublicSchool

**OFFICE NEWS**

**2016 Enrolments**
We are looking at numbers for years 1-6 for 2016. If you are leaving Bolwarra Public School at any stage, please let the office know.
YEAR K – 6 NEWS

Bolwarra Public School now has Skoolbag!
Skoolbag is a great ‘school-to-parent-communication’
Download the FREE Skoolbag App on your smartphone through the iTunes App Store or Google Play.

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. After paying, the children can come to the library and select a birthday book. 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: Ivy, Travis, Declan, Noah, Van, Myah, Phoebe and Ella.

School Horsesports
School Horsesports was held on the 9th October; the event was hosted by St Joseph’s Primary School and supported by Dungog Pony Club.

Over 140 children representing numerous schools from across the region attended the event.

Events on the day included hack and pleasure classes as well as sporting competitions such as barrel races, in and out of paddock, ball race, flag and western pole bend.

Bolwarra Public had 2 children represent at Dungog Horse sports with great Results:

Chloe - Taking out 10yr Girls Champion Point score - Placing in all 8 events - 3 x 1sts, 3 x 2nds & 2 x 4ths, Chloe had a fantastic result with her best result at a school horse sports yet.

Emily – Achieving her best ever result while competing in the 9yr girls events - 1 x 4th, 2 x 5ths & 1 x 6th.

Well done girls, both competing in very competitive age groups.
SPRING CLEAN – 31ST OCTOBER, 2015 FROM 8AM.
There are many small jobs to be done including high pressure cleaning, gardening and mulching around our school to bring it back to looking its best. Bring along gloves, tools, wheelbarrows and pressure cleaners if you have them for a fun productive day and lunch is on us!

MANGOES – WOW 7KG FRESH MANGOES FOR ONLY $25.00, ORDERS DUE BY 28TH OCTOBER. Don't forget to ask, friends, family, workmates and neighbors as I am sure they will thank you for the beautiful healthy delivery of fresh yummy mangoes when they arrive. Mango order forms can be collected from the front office and one is also included in this newsletter.

Raffle Donations
The Christmas season is on its way. We are beginning to put together our raffles to be drawn on presentation day and have already secured some exciting prizes. We are putting the call out to anyone that would like to donate anything no matter how large or small to our raffles i.e.: gift vouchers, products, Christmas groceries or toys. These can be handed in to the office for collection. We sincerely thank you in advance for your contributions.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club orders for Issue 7 are due back at school by Friday 16/10/15. Scholastic has a new easy order and payment system called LOOP. This means you can complete your full order and make a secure credit card payment online. You no longer have to fill in order forms to send back.

HOW TO PAY VIA LOOP
Simply log onto the Scholastic Website
Click on Parent Payments and then Book clubs – pay now
Click on Order in the top menu and select Register to save your details for next time.
Select your school and your child's class
Add each child's name and last initial
Enter the books you wish to order and follow the prompts for payment.
Did you know if any items are for a gift please put a note on your order or let the office know and we will call you when the item arrives for collection.

Other payment methods are still available:
Cheque payable to Scholastic Australia – NOT TO THE SCHOOL.
Credit card: pay by phone and the receipt number must be written on the order form and returned to school.
CASH PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED and will be returned.
All orders earn reward points for our school which will be utilised to buy resources for our kids.
Beck Croese, Amanda Barber and Elsabe Van de Merwe.
Book Club Co-ordinators
**The MANGO FUNDRAISER**

Fresh North Queensland Mangoes  
Direct from the farm to you!

**NOTE:** Orders must be paid before delivery.

**Order Form**

Name:  
Address:  
Email address:  
Contact Number:  

Payment Method:  
- [ ] Cash  
- [ ] Cheque made payable to: Bolwarra Public School P & C

- [ ] If you wish to order online, go to www.flexischools.com.au

**Note:** You still need to complete the order form, tick the payment method above and hand it in at the school office.

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Dear Bolwarra Parents and Carers,

Please support the Bolwarra Public School Mango Fundraiser!

If you love mangoes here is your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive at the same time.

The feedback from last year was magnificent. We had the freshest, most delicious fruit delivered direct from the farm. The Mango Fundraiser picks and packs trays of fresh North Queensland mangoes during their premium harvest period and delivers them directly to our school.

$25 per 7kg tray
So please, help us raise even more money for our great school this year. This is what you have to do:

1. **Remember to offer this to your family, co-workers, friends and neighbours.**
2. Pick up or copy a few order forms and fill them up – all money raised goes to the school.
3. Not able to visit the school to either order or pick up? No problems, please just call the number below and we can make alternative arrangements.
4. Please return this form and payment to Colette Gutsch-Berry/ School Office.

**By: Wednesday 28th October.**

1. Mangoes should be ready for collection at the end of November. This date may vary slightly depending on the mangoes ripening.
2. We will advise you of the exact delivery date through the school newsletter, notes as well as facebook.
3. About the mangoes: These delicious mangoes are directly delivered from a family owned Queensland farm to us. The mangoes are pesticide free and the farm uses a variety of eco-friendly and sustainable farming methods to minimise their carbon footprint!
4. Each $25 tray contains 7kg of delicious fruit. This is between 14-20 mangoes which is only $1.25-$1.80 per mango.
5. **NOTE:** All orders must be paid before delivery.
6. It is so easy. Fill up your freezers for Summer and help the school.

Still got questions? Contact Colette on 0418 454 352

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**Canteen News**

**Flexischools Update:**
If you have any queries regarding this process please phone Flexischools directly on 1300 361 769.

Due to a lack of volunteers in the canteen on Fridays the canteen will be closed some Fridays for lunch orders.

The canteen will **definitely operate on the following Fridays**, the 23/10, 27/11 and 11/12 however Flexischools will not be available on these days. Children will need to place their lunch orders on the day through class.

We know term 4 is a busy time for parents but if you could help with any days in the canteen or to make Anzacs please contact Tiffany on 0429402848.
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There currently are a number of Anzac and shift vacancies in our Term 4 canteen roster that we need to fill in order to keep the canteen open. Canteen shifts although sounding daunting can be a rewarding experience for any parent or caregiver and are not as stressful as you may think. As our canteen is a major fundraiser for our school we function solely on our friends and families giving up their precious time to volunteer. We ask you to please look over the Term 4 roster and help us to fill these vacancies. If you are able please contact Tiffany on 0429 402 848. Let’s keep the canteen open!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Try Softball

Season begins October 10, 2015
Juniors: U10 T-Ball, U12, U15, U18
Seniors: Men & Women
1st, 2nd & 3rd grades
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**City United DCC Registration Days 2015-16**

“Come play cricket at The Park in 2015-16”

City United is looking for players in the following age groups

- 5-7 yrs – Milo in2cricket program
- Under 12, 13 and 15’s

If you are interested contact any of the people below for further information

Andrew – 0427 385460 ampherson@bigpond.com
Gary – 0410 629 056 gmowbray@iprimus.com.au
Paul – 0419 294 033 kritpaul@bigpond.net.au

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**CLARENCE TOWN COMETS SWIMMING CLUB**

Pool opens from 21/9/15
Durham St Clarence Town

**First Club night 9/10/15**
6pm to 7.30pm

$75 for swimmers, $25 for non-swimmers

Season Passes available

Meet and greet on the 1st October
For all people registering
Also available are
Learn to swim, Squad Training
Swimming Club is a great family night.

An excellent way to give your children skills, whilst having a fun time with friends.

- BBQ and other food available
- Pool Hours 7am to 5pm
- See or Phone Dave on 49964586
- Registrations can be done online

https://memberdesq.imgur.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=2089
From early September

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**MOPS (Mums of Preschoolers)**

Join us for MOPS (Mums of Preschoolers) this Thursday from 10-12 at St Mary's Parish Hall (68 Church St Maitland) to hear Guided Imagery Psychologist Patricia Hamilton on "The Tree of Life". We'll also be having a delicious morning tea, doing some beautiful scrapbooking, and we even entertain the littlies so you can enjoy some "Mum-time"! $5 per session. Give me a call on 0427865106 for further info. All Mums of young children welcome.

Patricia Hamilton is a psychologist in private practice in Newcastle. She was widowed in her early thirties with five children to raise and at the time feeling very much out of her depth, and while her community did their best to support her, she still felt very much alone in the struggle. Her professional life started when her children were well on their way to adulthood, and since then she has been exposed to much that life has to offer. At the same time, she has not forgotten how difficult it was being responsible for small children and she takes every opportunity to encourage and support young mothers as they do they tackle the most difficult job in the world, and by the way, the most rewarding! Her subject matter for the upcoming sessions with MOPS will be “The Tree of Life” which is a very old symbol regarded as sacred in every culture dating from the Garden of Eden to Calvary and beyond. It is a very wide and diverse subject and also very personal. We will be looking at how it relates to us now, in this day and in this culture.
When kids ask "the" questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

**Session 1: Where did I come from?**
1-hour session: years 3-6

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty**
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

**Date:** Monday, 9th November 2015

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night. Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

Information will be sent home shortly
ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

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