Dear Parents and Care-givers,

The next couple of weeks are shaping up to be very busy with the commencement of Swim School and our Stage 3 Bike Education program. We are also putting the finishing touches to preparations for the Stage 2 Camp. Please keep up-to-date by following our Facebook page or using our Skoolbag app. We will also see the last of our Kinder Orientation sessions on Tuesday and our Interrelate information session on Monday night. Last week, Stage 2 held a Science day where they investigated a huge range of natural products and looked at how the products were processed into other products. They investigated milk, wheat and cotton, just to name a few. Students participated in a range of hands on, engaging activities. Well done Stage 2!

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the members of the Senior Choir who travelled to Sydney last Friday, to perform at the Opera House, as part of the Festival of Choral Music. The children behaved beautifully and sung beautifully too. Mrs McLaren said it was a pleasure to work with the choir. Thank you to Mrs McLaren, Miss Lidgard and Mrs Gibbs for providing this opportunity to our students. Thanks also to parents for supporting your children and making this wonderful experience possible.

Well done Sam and Austin in Year 6! Both Sam and Austin were selected for the NSW Futsal team to take part in the National Competition in January 2016. Austin will play as the goal keeper and Sam will be a forward.

Mr Allen has reported that the NSW Girls State Cricket Carnival is going well. The weather hasn’t been great but Gemma, Sophie, Lauren and Zoe are playing well. Stay tuned for more news on the carnival next week.

Just a reminder that guessing competition tickets to fundraise for Callan, are available at the office. In December, Callan is heading off to the National PSSA Competition to represent NSW for Shot Put. Tickets are $2 each. All funds go towards helping athletes, like Callan, pay for his NSW uniform and equipment.

Thank you P&C and all Spring Clean Helpers

On Saturday, we again saw lots of parent and community volunteers here at school working hard to improvement our great school. The helpers were busy gardening, weeding, pressure cleaning and building. It was a very productive day and all goals were achieved. Please take the time to look at the new garden that was built near the 4PW and 4T rooms. Coming soon is a community herb garden; it is the next job on the list. Thank you to all of the volunteers and the P&C for your hard work. Events like this reinforce the wonderful support and the terrific community that we are all lucky to be a part of.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,
Ashleigh Blayden
Relieving Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

2015

- **6th Nov**  CANTEEN CLOSED due to lack of volunteers
- **6th Nov**  Last day for School Leader 2016 nomination forms to Mrs Dimmock
- **6th Nov**  Boys’ cricket vs Telarah PS
- **6th Nov**  Payment due for Aussie Bush Camp
- **9th-11th Nov**  Poppies on sale from the Office - $2
- **9th-20th Nov**  Swimming School
- **9th Nov**  Interrelate 6pm & 7:15pm in the Year 6 Rooms
- **9th-13th Nov**  Stage 3 Bike Education
- **10th Nov**  Kinder 2016 Orientation 9:30am – 11am
- **11th Nov**  School leader eligibility list voting (Years 5 & 6, school staff)
- **17th Nov**  Grossmann High School Year 6 – Parents information session 6pm
- **18th Nov**  Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp information meeting – 5.30pm
- **24th Nov**  Boys’ Choir to perform at Largs Nursing Home
- **25th Nov**  School leader 2016 speeches and voting
- **25th Nov**  Combined Scripture – 12 noon
- **1st Dec**  Cricket Knock Out Finals
- **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 (Evening – time to be advised)
- **11th Dec**  Presentation Day
- **15th Dec**  Year 6 Farewell – 5.45pm
- **15th Dec**  Stage 3 Ten Pin Bowling
- **16th Dec**  Last Day of Term
  - Year 6 ‘Ringing of the Bell’ – 2.30pm

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Boys’ State Cricket Knock Out Competition
Stage 3 MHS Drama Performance
Canteen Closure – Friday 6th November

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

End of Financial Year - School Payments
It is not long now until our financial year rollover and Mrs Rapson is madly finalising outstanding accounts, orders and payments. If you have overlooked paying accounts (such as text books, “voluntary” school contributions, excursions, choir etc), could you pay them by Friday 20th November, please? Thank you for your help and co-operation.

Remembrance Day Poppies
We will be selling Remembrance Day Poppies in the School Office – Monday 9th until Wednesday 11th November at $2 each.

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: Sheridan, James, Penny

Library
The librarians have been very busy preparing our "Christmas Windows" with bright and colourful pictures. The Library is a very well visited place during lunch times. The computer room is very popular, as well as lego, games, drawing and colouring in being favourites. The children are quite enthusiastic about using our Library - a good sign that it is being useful!

Swimming Program
Bolwarra students from Years 2-6 will begin the Swimming School on Monday 9th until Friday 20th November. There are still some outstanding fees for this program and we ask that they be settled by Friday 6th please.

Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Just a reminder - all payments for the Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp are due by Friday 6th November. Please have notes returned and money paid by this date.
Thankyou
Stage 2 teachers
Election of School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2016
We are about to begin the process of electing our Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2016. Please see the time line below for important dates related to our School Leader Election process. **Please note:** Year 5 students interested in standing for election to these school leader positions need to return their self-nomination form to Ms Dimmock by this Friday.

| WEEK 4 – Wednesday, 28\textsuperscript{th} October | Teachers talk to Year 5 students about the qualities and responsibilities of school leaders. Self-nomination forms and parent information handed out. |
| WEEK 5 – Friday, 6\textsuperscript{th} November | Final day for self-nomination forms to be handed in. |
| WEEK 6 – Wednesday, 11\textsuperscript{th} November | All self-nominated students are placed on an eligibility list. Year 5 & 6 students and school staff vote for their top 4 girl candidates and top 4 boy candidates. Votes are tallied. The 8 girls and 8 boys who receive the most votes will be the final candidates whose names will go on the official ballot paper. Nominees will be informed of the successful candidates either Wednesday afternoon or on Thursday morning. |
| WEEK 8 – Wednesday, 25\textsuperscript{th} November | The final 16 candidates will present their nomination speeches. Students in Years 2-6 and school staff vote following the speeches. School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will be announced at a special assembly before home time (if all votes have been counted). |

**Maitland High School Drama Performance – Excursion for Stage 3 Students**
Students in Years 5 & 6 have been invited to attend a matinee performance of Maitland High School’s drama production ‘Red Size 7’. This is a play written by MHS Drama teacher, Ashlea Ross. The excursion will be a terrific opportunity for our students to experience some of the wonderful talent in Creative and Performing Arts from students at Maitland High School. **Please note that we only have 10 positions still available** for this excursion, as we only had 50 tickets to sell in total. Also, students who are participating in Swim School will be unable to attend due to a clash of times.

Details of the ‘Red Size 7’ drama matinee are as follows:
**Day** – Wednesday, 18\textsuperscript{th} November, 2015 (Week 7)
**Time** – Students will depart school at 9.45am and return to school by approx. 1.15pm.
**Venue** – Maitland High School – hall
**Cost:** The cost for the excursion will be $6 per student. This amount is payable to our school office. The cost includes bus travel and a $2 entry fee for the performance.

**Stage 2 Enviro Group**
The Stage 2 Enviro group have been busy this term building a new garden outside of 4PW’s classroom with Mrs Whitehouse. So far, our new plants are thriving with the help of some Year 4 students watering them in the afternoon. We have also started hanging some planter boxes in the seated area to make it a more welcoming space (there are more to go up). We have some nice planter boxes on the tables as well, that the students have planted.

At lunchtimes, some wonderful 4PW monitors have created a quiet area for all students with various activities. Great work Year 4.
Mrs Whitehouse
**Festival of Choral Music**

Last Friday our Senior Choir travelled to the Sydney Opera House to perform in the combined choir at the Festival of Choral Music. The students were excellent representatives of Bolwarra PS and all sang beautifully. It was a big day, with multiple rehearsals and the final performance on Friday night. The students should be very proud of themselves.

Well done Choir!

Mrs McLaren, Miss Lidgard and Mrs Gibbs

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**Kids’ Shed – Sale of Produce**

The Kids’ Shed students held another successful plant and produce stall before school and during Lunch 1 today. $92 was raised and will be put to good use in the Kids’ Shed. Thank you to all who supported our sale.

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**Stage 2 Science Day**

Today Stage 2 participated in a range of science activities learning about the production process of different products we use in everyday life. The students learnt about how cotton, grain, paper, milk and eggs are produced. There was a lot of great information. Did you know that a cow has 4 stomachs? Or that cotton is made from a plant? Or milk has to be pasteurised and homogenised? The kids had a fantastic time and enjoyed all activities. The images below show one of the activities about dairy. The students had a milking contest and learnt how to milk their pretend cows. Lots of fun was had by all.
Spring Clean Up
A very big thank you to the amazing volunteers that attended our Spring Clean on Saturday 31st October, the amount of work achieved by the dedicated helpers was astronomical. From Pressure cleaning to gardening and mulching the results have given us a school we can be proud of. Another big thank you to Valley Tree Works for the mulch supplied, and to the Radford and Milling families, for the plant donations.

Christmas Raffle
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 ie: 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.

Calling all Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandpas and Grandmas!
The front gardens at the school are in need of replanting and we have managed to get some beautiful plants donated. We are now looking for some helpers to plant them one afternoon during the week. If you are interested in helping out, please call Amanda on 0439939934 and we will organise a day that suits. There are a few mini makeovers taking place over the coming weeks where we would love volunteers for just an hour or so before the school day ends. All help is greatly appreciated as we take the time to beautify our school for all to enjoy.

CANTEEN NEWS

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

Kinder Orientation
If you are able to bake a cake or slice for Kinder Orientation on Tuesday 10th November, could you call Tiffany on 0429 402 848, please? Cakes and slices can be left, that morning, at the office.

Due to a lack of volunteers the canteen will be closed THIS FRIDAY 6th November.

There are currently 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 they sound 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!
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