Dear Parents and Care-givers,

This term is flying by at an incredible rate. Stage 2 students are on the countdown to camp. This time next week, Stage 2 will be enjoying a huge range of activities. Look in next week’s newsletter for photos of the children (and teachers) participating in these exciting activities. We were very lucky yesterday to use our beloved hall for the very first time since the April super storm. We have been very patiently waiting for over seven months for the repair work to be completed. The finished product looks beautiful! The hall roller door was up yesterday morning as students arrived at school and they were very excited to see that our hall was completed, they could not take their eyes off our glorious new wooden floorboards! Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period. We have many special events in the lead up to the end of the school year and our hall will be fully utilised throughout this time!

Student Leaders 2016

Yesterday, a very special event was held in our hall. 18 wonderful Year 5 students stood up in front of the whole school, and special guests, to present their leadership speeches. Each and every student did a wonderful job and made all of us here at Bolwarra feel very proud. Students delivered excellent speeches on their skills and attributes and were able to eloquently explain why they would make a terrific school leader. Thank you to all of the students for putting their hands up and having a go as leadership can be a challenging job.

I have included a quote below and I truly believe that all of the students who spoke yesterday inspired the listeners. Out of the 18 children that spoke, 6 children were elected leaders.

Our School leaders for 2016 are:
School Captains - Edith Mallon and Henry McDonald
Vice Captains - Zoe Murdoch and Flinders Cobley
Prefects - Madeline Sellens and Ben Wilcher

Congratulations to our newly elected school leaders and I encourage all Year 5 students to think about the myriad of other leadership opportunities that we have on offer at Bolwarra. You are all treasured assets to our school.

Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you to everyone that has already donated to the Samaritans Christmas Hamper Appeal. We are taking donations of long life food products at the office and it is great to see that we will soon need a bigger box for all of the donations.

Please keep up-to-date with all of the upcoming events by utilising our highly effective Facebook page or the Skoolbag app.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ashleigh Blayden
Relieving Principal
**IMPORTANT DATES**

### 2015

- **27th Nov** Bike Ed
- **27th Nov** Year 4 Group to decorate the Christmas Tree and sing at Greenhills
- **1st Dec** Cricket Knock Out Finals
- **2nd-4th Dec** Great Aussie Bush Camp – Stage 2
- **3rd Dec** Year 6 Grossmann High School Sport Day – Maitland Park
- **3rd Dec** **Maitland High School – Transition Day for Year 6**
- **4th Dec** Bike Ed
- **4th Dec** P&C Gingerbread House Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm. (pick up or make)
- **8th Dec** Boys Choir to Largs Nursing Home
- **9th Dec** Christmas Concert – 6pm. More news next week
- **10th Dec** Choir Group to sing at McDonald's, Rutherford
- **11th Dec** Presentation Day- 9.30am (K-2), 11.30am (3-6)
- **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

### 2016

- **28th Jan** Years 1 to 6 return to school
- **1st Feb** Kinder start school

**NOTES IN CIRCULATION**

Term 1 2016 Canteen Roster
Year 6 Transition Day to Maitland High School

**WEBSITES**

- **P&C Website** [www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com](http://www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com)
- **School Facebook Address** [www.facebook.com/BolwarraPublicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/BolwarraPublicSchool)

**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: Trai, Molly, Harry, Georgia, Maddie, Mia.

Maitland High School Orientation Day for Year 6 Students

Maitland High School Orientation Day for Year 6 students transitioning into Year 7 will be held next Thursday, 3rd December. Students attending Maitland High School next year have received a permission note home today. Students will travel by bus to and from the high school, departing Bolwarra School at 9.30am and returning by 3pm. Students should wear full school uniform for the visit. Further details about the Orientation Day are outlined on the permission note.

Bike Education – Stage 3

Stage 3 Bike Education will commence this Friday. Please see below for dates for each session. Sessions will run from 9.10-10.10am (Session 1) and from 10.15 – 11.15am (Session 2). Students attending Swim School will participate in Session 1. Students may bring along their own bike and helmet for each session, however bikes and helmets will be provided by the instructor if required. If you have any questions regarding Bike Education, please speak to the Stage 3 teachers.

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Newcastle Herald School Newspaper Competition

Myra received highly commended for her ANZAC cartoon in the Newcastle herald school newspaper competition today. Well done Myra!

Thanks to the parents for driving students to the event and congratulations to all students who did a wonderful job.

Miss Harris

1B students doing a bit of gardening today! Don't mind if we do!! Everything is growing well in the vegetable garden..tomatoes, carrots, capsicum, zucchini, peas AND weeds!
Final Preparations for Stage 2 Camp
Please make sure that you complete a new medication form for any changes to medication or new medications. We will be finalising all information for camp this week ready to go next week. If there is anything that has changed since filling out the forms, please let the office know.
Thanks, Stage 2 Teachers.

Some of our waste-free lunch photos

P&C NEWS

Save the Date! Thursday 10th December, 2015 between 5-7pm.
McDonalds Rutherford have given us the opportunity to have our choir children perform Christmas Carols in store. This night will be extra special as there will be face painting and Santa photos available for a gold coin donation with money going to the Ronald McDonald House and McDonalds will be generously donating 10% of counter sales between 6-7pm to our school.
More details will be sent home over the coming days.

Christmas Raffle
Have you returned your raffle tickets yet? We have some amazing prizes this year with many thanks going to those that have donated prizes as well as the wonderful people that have Bolwarra Public School recorded when they shop at Rebel Sport allowing us to earn valuable points to purchase some terrific prizes the children will love! Just a few of these prizes are on show in the office and there are many more tickets available for those eager to buy more.

Uniform Shop News – will be open 8.30 – 9.30am Friday
What exciting news! The hall is finally repaired and the uniform shop is back looking more beautiful than ever. We would like to thank our hard working and patient Uniform shop ladies that have been working out of storage boxes even through the recent orientation sessions and also for their efforts putting the uniform shop back together after the storm. An extra big thank you to Mr Radford for all his time and effort refurbishing the space and Mr Sjostedt and his lovely models for the portraits on display. Be sure to pop your head in and have a look as well as getting in early for any 2016 uniform needs.
Mango Delivery
We expect delivery the week beginning 7th December and apologise for any inconvenience with not having a firm date but the grower lost some of his crop in the storms earlier in the year. We will advise when we have a firm date.

Gingerbread House Evening
Save the date. On Friday 4th December 3.30 – 7.30pm.
Don’t forget if you can’t stay for the night, you are more than welcome to order your house and take it home to decorate at a later date. Orders have now closed. Don’t forget to bring your lollies and great ideas. Orders have closed now for 2015.

Canteen News
With the help of some wonderful volunteers, the canteen will be OPEN THIS FRIDAY 27th November. The Term 1, 2016 roster was sent home today. Thank you to the wonderful people who volunteered their valuable time to support our school.

Term 4 Canteen Roster

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