Dear Parents and Care-givers,
As we are all busily working towards Christmas and the end of the school year, our Stage 2 students are enjoying their camp experience at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. You will see some of the photos in the newsletter which show what a great time they are having. I have spoken with Ms Blayden this morning and she assured me she has been fully immersed in the action and has some unflattering photos to prove it! She also spoke of the high energy levels amongst the students and how excited they all are. Parents can expect some weary children to return home at the end of the week!

**Student Reports**
You can expect to receive your child’s school report next Thursday, 10th December. If you have any questions after reading your child’s report, you are welcome to contact your child’s teacher for a meeting. All reports will be sent home in a sealed envelope.

**Stockland Christmas Tree**
Last Friday Mrs McLaren and Mrs Potts accompanied some of the students from 4PT and 4T to Stockland Greenhills. They entertained shoppers with singing and also decorated a Christmas tree in our school colours. Our school is in the running to win $1,000 through this venture so please take a few moments to log on to the Stockland Greenhills Facebook page to vote.

**Year 6 High School Transition**
Over the last two weeks our Year 6 students have been involved with transition visits with the high school they will be attending next year. Today Maitland High School held an Orientation Day for students entering Year 7 in 2016. Students were involved in various activities based around areas they will need to be familiar with when they start high school. Students attending Grossman High School in 2016 have also attended a Transition Gala Day at Maitland Park.

**Christmas Concert**
Don’t forget our whole school Christmas concert will be held in the school courtyard next Wednesday at 6.00pm. All students are involved in this event and even the staff have been rehearsing a spectacular item to entertain you with! All grades have received a note home advising what they should wear for their performance.

**Afternoon Tea with Mrs Swetnam**
Prior to our Christmas Concert, there will be an afternoon tea held to farewell Mrs Swetnam in the school hall. You are invited to come along from 5pm onwards to acknowledge and show your appreciation for the work of Mrs Swetnam at our school. A note detailing this event was sent home earlier this week.

**Welcome Back, Mrs Swetnam**
We are all eagerly looking forward to welcoming Mrs Swetnam back this Friday for the remainder of the school year. Make sure you drop in and say hello. I know Mrs Swetnam has missed everyone, especially the students.

Thank you for your continued support.
Lee Moore
Assistant Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

2015
- 4th Dec  Bike Ed
- 4th Dec  P&C Gingerbread House Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm. (pick up or make)
- 8th Dec  Canteen – Sorbet for $1
- 8th Dec  Boys Choir to Largs Nursing Home
- 9th Dec  Christmas Concert – 6pm.
- 10th Dec School Reports go home
- 10th Dec Choir Group to sing at McDonald’s, Rutherford
- 11th Dec  Presentation Day- 9.30am (K-2), 11.30am (3-6)
- 15th Dec  Stage 2 Party Day – Snoopy: The Peanuts Movie
- 15th Dec  Stage 3 Party Day - Ten Pin Bowling
- 15th Dec  Year 6 Farewell – 5.45pm
- 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
- 23rd Feb  Zone Swimming

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Term 1 2016 Canteen Roster
Year 6 Farewell – note for Year 6
Christmas Concert
McDonald’s Choir Performance
Stage 3 Ten Pin Bowling – please return by Friday, 11th December
Stage 2 Movie – please return by Monday, 7th December
Kinder, Years 1 and 2 Christmas – please return by tomorrow, Friday 4th

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

Parent Online Payments (POP) is coming to Bolwarra Public School from 28th January 2016.
For basic information, see at the end of this newsletter. More detailed information will be sent home and included in next week’s newsletter.
2016 School Bus Passes
The OPAL Card is replacing bus passes from Term 1 2016. Many students with a current bus pass won’t need to reapply, as a new pass will be issued automatically. However, you will need to complete an application form if:

- Applying for a bus pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changing name, school and/or address
- Requesting a new additional pass as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation

For further information, see the fact sheet at the end of the newsletter.

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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.**

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**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: Bella, Wil, Marlee, Michael, Ruby-Rose

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**Library**

Thank you to all students and staff who have so promptly returned their books. With less than 2 weeks until the end of the year, if you haven’t already done so, could you please return any outstanding loans as soon as possible?

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**Volunteer Morning Tea**

If you have been one of our wonderful volunteers this year, you are invited to attend a morning tea to say thank you, on behalf of the students, for volunteering your valuable time to help us. It’s on Wednesday 9th December at 10am in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

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National dance competition
Last week a number of our Bolwarra PS students travelled to Melbourne to participate in the biggest dance competition in Australia! Ella and Edith won Youth Level 2 Cheer, Youth Jazz, Youth Hip Hop and Youth Lyrical. April and Cooper placed second in Youth Level 2 Cheer and Cooper won Junior Level 3 Cheer. Congratulations to all our talented students.

Choir
Some children from our junior and senior choirs will be performing at Rutherford McDonalds on Thursday 10th December. This is also a fundraiser for Bolwarra PS P&C. Our boys’ choir will be entertaining the residents of the Largs Nursing Home next Tuesday 8th December.

Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp
What a day yesterday! After arriving and getting sorted into our groups we were off to our first activity. Lots of water and lots of fun! We came back and had some yummy snow cones and then went to our next activity. We had Spaghetti Bolognaise for dinner and then off to the county fair. The county fair was great. We had jumping castles, fairy bread, milkshakes, face painting and much more. We had some very tired campers last night. More photos will come as activities are completed.
All is well and everyone is having a great time.
Kid's Shed, Week 9 Term 4
Well, didn’t Kid’s Shed have a Doozy Day last Thursday!! Not only was it like a furnace in the little tin shed but we were nearly blown away too! Several escapes for water were required and excuses found to retire to the Staff Room air-conditioner to discuss the invisible marvels of oxygenic photosynthesis.

We managed to fight the wind to remove the greenhouse plastic cover (well done, Declan, we were nearly swept away) so that the zips can be repaired during Christmas, ready for next year. We removed the remaining plants, mostly cooked and dehydrated by the hot, hot days, to recover potting soil. The veg garden struggles on days such as this, so kids made mercy dashes to water and cool the soil and add extra mulch. Snow peas are kaput now but spinach, Bok Choi, tomatoes, Colonel Arthur Sanderson purple potatoes, spring onions and yellow zucchini seedlings soldier on. If any parents and children, who live nearby are able to spare a moment during the Christmas holidays to give the vegetables some water – well, plants blow kisses too, you know…. and reward yourself with some of the produce.

Stage 3 have been exploring the science of air, its characteristics and how air behaves. We have been making a vehicle propelled by a blown-up balloon to demonstrate Newton’s Third Law of Motion (action and reaction). We encountered some difficulties along the way but this added to the experiment! Finally, the most successful (car?), Beccy’s, made a bold run…. of about 18 inches….

Stage 2’s task this term has been to invent a new or to construct existing games which use mathematics or patterns. The children had, so far, constructed a Mancala board from Styrofoam. Mancala is an African dusty village kids’ game of strategy and guile requiring anticipation of your opponent’s moves, similar to chess. The board has troughs, that hold your stones, or counters. We also discovered that spray paint, being a form of solvent, dissolves styrofoam!! The children, too, learned a lot. Just not quite what we anticipated. And they’re the days we remember.
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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Oh Christmas Tree’ Promotion - Stockland Greenhills
Students from 4PT and 4T joined Mrs Potts, Mrs McLaren and Mrs Perry today at Stockland Greenhills to sing Christmas carols and decorate our school's tree. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who came to cheer us on. It was great to see so many familiar, happy faces in the crowd. Our tree is now adorned with an array of blue and gold decorations. It will be on display at the Stockland Greenhills shopping complex during the Christmas period. Please stay tuned for more information on how you can vote for our tree on the Stockland Greenhills Facebook page to put our school in the running for $1000.

Wildlife Warrior at BPS
Last week some students noticed a small bird had fallen out of its nest that was situated in the big tree in the Courtyard. Mr Allen, the bird extraordinaire that he is, found a way to safely return the bird to its home.
McDonalds Rutherford Christmas Night
Proudly supporting Bolwarra Public School and Ronald McDonald House
Come and join us for a spectacular Christmas Night at Rutherford McDonalds from 5pm.
Have your Santa photos taken or face painting for a gold coin donation to Ronald McDonald House.
Join us for a special performances and Christmas carols by Bolwarra Public School Choir starting from 6pm.
Be sure to grab a bite to eat and 10% of all takings from the restaurant between 6-7pm will be donated directly back to Bolwarra Public School.
Awesome Christmas raffle and entertainment for the whole family.

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 theses 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. You can collect your orders from the hall from 3pm.
With the help of some wonderful volunteers, the canteen will be OPEN THIS FRIDAY 4th December, with limited food on offer. The Term 1, 2016 roster was sent home recently. Thank you to the wonderful people who volunteered their valuable time to support our school.

Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} December – Sorbet $1 each (no pre-orders)

### TERM 4 CANTEEN ROSTER

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### COMMUNITY NOTICES
Experience the quality services offered by local Remedial Massage Therapist, Reflexologist and Yoga teacher Camille/Sahaja Adams. Visit her nourishing treatment space set in a quiet nook of Bolwarra. Treatments are professional, excellent value & can help you to reduce stress, relieve tension & gently rest.

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**Maitland Anglican Parish presents**

**“Christmas Crèche”**

Thursday 3rd, 10th & 17th December 2015  
From 6-6pm  
at  
St Mary’s Parish Hall, 68 Church St, Maitland.

Conveniently located opposite Pender Place – just drive in sign the kids into our Christmas program, then go and finish your late night Christmas shopping!

**CRAFT – GAMES – MUSIC - SUPPER**

For ages ‘preschool’ to 12 years.  
Bookings essential.  
Call Joanne – 0427 865 106
ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

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

POSITIONS VACANT AT Paterson Pre-School

We are a small, community based Pre-School located approximately 20 minutes from Maitland. We provide a Pre-School program for families in the many small communities that surround the Paterson area. We are open form 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

We are currently looking for enthusiastic and friendly Certificate 111 and Diploma casual staff to work within our Pre-School.

We are also looking for a permanent part-time Cleaner/Grounds Assistant.
This is a five day a fortnight position, Thursday and Friday and alternate Wednesdays, 4.30 – 6.30pm for cleaning with additional hours allocated for general garden and lawn maintenance and property and equipment maintenance. If you are interested, please contact the Director, Karen Bradbury Ph. 4938 5454 after 3.30pm Mon to Fri
Own transport required.
PARENTAL ONLINE PAYMENTS - POP

Just some basic information to let you know some of the functions that will be available. We will have more detailed information for you next week.

Did you know that you can make payments to your child’s school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

When?

This payment method will go live on 28th January 2016.

How?

Log onto School site at bolwarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.