Dear Parents and Care-givers

Week 7 has started with cooler, darker mornings but very humid days as the earth starts to cool and prepare for winter. It also signifies that the term is drawing to a close and holidays are almost here. We have however quite a few things happening at Bolwarra before the holidays: the Year 6 Mini-fete tomorrow, public speaking auditions for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students, the P&C AGM next Monday 16th March at 6pm in the Staffroom, Harmony Day Friday 20th March, School Council meeting on Monday 23rd March, Zone Cross Country on Friday 27th March, parent-teacher interviews in Weeks 9/10 and Grandparents Day on Thursday 2nd April. Busy, busy busy!

BBQ/Disco: What a great night last Monday’s BBQ and Disco was! Thank you for taking the time to join us and especially to the large band of helpers that assisted on the night. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and thank you to staff for joining us and dancing the night away!

Grandparents Day: On Thursday 2nd April (last day of the term) it is a long held tradition that we combine Grandparents Day and Easter into one celebration. Grandparents, parents and care-givers are invited along to the school, around 10am, to join in the celebrations. We have decided to move it to an earlier time slot as traditionally it is always a very hot day. As our school is getting larger and larger each year it won’t be possible for every class to perform, so we will be having a couple of snapshots of students performing, class raffle draws and then the choir will perform in the hall whilst all students return to their classes. Grandparents, parents, and visitors are invited to visit their child’s class, view the grandparent portraits and their work. We will then finish with a picnic lunch around 11.30am. See you there!

Kiss and Drop Zone: Maitland Council recently approved the extension of the 24m “Kiss and Drop Zone” by a further 18m that will only operate in the morning period (8.00-9.30am). The Council has now erected the new signs and we are ready to go! The sign says “No Parking” between 8.00-9.30am meaning that cars can stop for up to 2 minutes to drop off in this period. A gate is now installed in the fence roughly halfway along the zone for students to enter the school via this gate if dropped in the Zone. In the afternoon it will revert to a parking area.

Walkabout: In my walk around the school yesterday, I came across some very interesting learning experiences, both within and outside the classroom! I saw Year 1 students watching a Youtube video on tigers and lions to support their book study on ‘The Lion and the Monkey (Fables), a group of Year 5 students using technology to enhance their learning with yet another group working with the teacher on summarising slabs of information and a 5/6 class working in small groups on ‘fracturing’ fractions.
As I walked further around the school I spied “spelling chains’ over a seat, Year 6 ‘memorial trees’ and posters commemorating the Anzacs and a magnificent ‘city scape’ made from maths shapes.

### Interesting websites:


**Facts about tutors:** Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it's also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors)


**Science starters:** Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know)

**Thank you:** I have four names for our ‘Parent Taskforce’ so a huge thank-you to Kristina Lowe (who suggested it sounded like a crime fighting gang!), Amanda Rodrick, Bec Croese and Leah Robson. I look forward to planning some exciting parent workshops this term. It’s not too late to put your name forward!

**ACORN** (The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network): Last Friday I spent an interesting training session with the Police Department on the release of a new national database to report cybercrime. Cybercrime is a growing threat and includes crimes directed at computers or other devices (such as hacking) and crimes where computers or other devices are integral to an offence (online scams, fraud, sexting, harassment etc). It can be found on [www.acorn.gov.au](http://www.acorn.gov.au). It also contains a great deal of information about apps, websites, responsible access to the internet and so much more. However it is such a huge database it can be confusing to negotiate so it will be one of the parent workshops the Taskforce will discuss to run next term.

Have a safe week and I'll see you all at the P&C AGM on Monday night!!

Have a safe week.

Regards

Sue Swetnam
IMPORTANT DATES

2015
- 13th Mar  Hunter Basketball
- 13th Mar  Year 6 Mini Fete
- 16th Mar  P&C AGM – 6pm
- 17th Mar  Zone Winter Trials
- 20th Mar  Harmony Day
- 20th Mar  Hunter Rugby League
- 25th Mar  NSW PSSA Swimming
- 26th Mar  NSW PSSA Swimming
- 27th Mar  Zone Cross Country
- 1st Apr  Hunter Winter Trials
- 2nd Apr  Grandparents Day
- 2nd Apr  End of Term 1
- 27-29th Apr  NSW PSSA Basketball – boys
- 30th Apr  MLC Music Festival
- 5-7th May  NSW PSSA Basketball – girls
- 8th May  Hunter Cross Country

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

OFFICE NEWS

Pink Forms: Parent information update forms were sent home recently. Thank you to all the families who have promptly returned their completed forms. We ask all families complete and return both pages, please, as a matter of urgency (this includes the ‘white permission to publish’ form) so we can update our records. This is very important! If we don’t have your updated details, we are not able to contact you if a problem occurs involving your child/ren. Please return even if no changes, just write no changes on the form. We still have about 100 students who haven’t returned their forms. Contact the office if you require another copy, please.

Money and Note return: For your convenience, there is a red box in the school foyer where you can place money and notes instead of sending them into the classroom. Please make sure you put forms and/or money in an envelope or clip lock bag with a description of what is enclosed, the amount enclosed if applicable, your child/ren’s names and their class.

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: Ella, Thomas, Hannah, Kate, Evie

Year 6 Mini –Fete
Year 6 will be holding a Mini-Fete tomorrow, Friday 13th March, during Lunch 2. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are able to purchase items from the stalls. Items will be between 50 cents and $2.
There will be a Trash and Treasure stall at the Mini-Fete which we require donations for. If you have any old toys, books or sporting equipment that you would like to clean out, they can be dropped at Mrs Lange’s room.

Talent Quest
The Bolwarra Talent Quest is on again! 6L and 6D run the Talent quest as their Student Council Fundraiser. This week (Week 7) during Lunch 1, students are able to sign up to showcase their talent. Entry is $1 per student. Performances will be held during Lunch 1 in Weeks 8, 9 and 10.
Students K-6 will be able to view the great talent as audience members during Lunch 1. Entry to watch the Talent Quest is 50c per session.

EASTER EGG RAFFLES
Easter Egg Raffle draws will be held for the children in each class during Week 10 this term.
This year we are kindly asking for a $2 donation by each child, given to class teachers (instead of an Easter egg donation as previously done in past years). This donation will enable many Easter prizes to be drawn for the children. Each class will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize draw and all students will receive a small Easter egg gift. $2 donations may be brought into school from Wednesday 11th March (Week 7) and handed to class teachers until Friday 20th March. The selling of tickets will commence on Monday 30th March (Week 10) and will be run by the student councillors in each class daily. Tickets are 50c each. We look forward to seeing all of our families and meeting lots of grandparents to celebrate Grandparent’s Day on Thursday the 2nd April.
Thank you once again for your generous support.
Kylie Caffery, Melody Henry.

Cross Country
Enviro News
The enviro table will be open in the covered area near the office on Wednesday’s and Friday’s 8.40 until 9.00 am.

Items bought in help students add to their funds for the Trash and Treasure Day in 3rd term. We have had some great help from students over the past few weeks with watering, cleaning up, taking cardboard boxes to the recycle bin, to name some of the help they have given.

Furneys Rural at Rutherford is now sponsoring the food for our chickens. They are giving us an excellent discount on our purchases. See the advertisement in the community notices and please support this company if at all possible.

Thank you
Mrs Yeend

Application for Trials for Hunter Sports High School 2016
Parents /Caregivers of Year 6 students who are interested in applying to attend Hunter Sports High School in 2016, need to visit the Hunter Sports High school website for further information regarding the student application and trials process. This website is www.huntersports.com.au All application details and forms are available from this website or by contacting Hunter Sports High school directly. Applications for 2016 close on 1st May, 2015. Please see Ms Dimmock if you need further assistance.
CampOut With Kids – it’s more than camping!

CampOut is happening at our school on 27\textsuperscript{th} March 2015 for students in Year 3 and you’re invited! Join others on this fantastic, engaging experience where one parent (or mentor) and child camp overnight on the school grounds.

Take part in a facilitated program where you and your child will:
- Have fun, play games and share meaningful stories
- Spend rewarding one-on-one time together
- Invest in the wellbeing of your child
- Learn strategies to support your child’s development
- Acknowledge your child for their qualities
- Build lifelong memories

CampOut with Kids costs $15 for both child & parent to attend. This includes participating in the CampOut program and a fantastic CampOut Bag filled with CampOut activities, learning materials, keepsakes, treats and surprises.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club orders for Issue 2 are due back at school by Monday 16/3/15.

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.
Your order will be completed and posted directly to the school for delivery to your child.

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

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P&C NEWS

**Rebel Sport**
Join Rebel Active and secure funding for our school. 5% of your purchases are paid back to us to improve our facilities. All you need to do is join Rebel Active, Rebel Sports Loyalty Program instore or online. It’s free! Identify yourself as a Rebel Active member at the checkout in store and tell them you want to support Bolwarra Public School.

**P&C AGM**
2015 P&C Annual General Meeting Monday 16th March 2015 at 6pm in the staffroom. Please come along and support your school.

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CANTEEN NEWS

1. **FLEXISCHOOLS UPDATE**: If you are a Flexischool user please ensure you have updated your child’s class for 2015 before their next lunch order, new class lists are now available. If you have any queries regarding this process please phone Flexischools directly on 1300 361 769.
Thanks to some wonderful volunteers the Canteen will be open for lunch this Friday. Remember you can order online via Flexi-schools. Non Flexi-school orders are collected in your child’s class as part of morning roll taking. Each classroom and the front office are equipped with a menu and brown paper bags if your child needs to write out their lunch order.
We are looking for an experienced volunteer next Friday 20th March. If you can help please contact me.
It is a legal requirement for all volunteers to fill in and sign the working with children check form. It is also a requirement to provide identification to accompany this form. Please attend the office to complete this form. If you need any more information please phone Alison or ask in the office. Please look at the roster and if you can help to fill any vacancy please contact me.

Thanks, Alison (0409 653 868)
Your school banking day with The Mutual is Tuesday. School banking is collected each week of the school year.
Simply place banking into the secure school banking box located at the school office.
If you would like to open a Mighty Mutual account for your child simply visit any branch of The Mutual or call our Member Service Department on 1300 688 825

FREE Carer Connections Information Session for Carers
to be held at East Maitland Bowling Club on Monday 23 March 2015. 10am until 12noon.
If you have a parent or family member with a disability, mental health issues or chronic illness in your family, additional support is available If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us.
Kathryn Jones

See school notice board for full details
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RUTHERFORD NSW 2320

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Child Dental Benefits Schedule
Families that receive Family Tax Benefit A or other eligible government payments can receive $1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
YWCA Vacation Care
School holiday fun for children aged 5-12 years
Games - Themed Days - Excursions - Movies - Cooking
Enquiries: 6293 2954 - yncle@bigpond.com
(Child Care Benefit Available)

Tuesday, 7th April—Friday, 17th April 2015

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Ph - 4939 1549
Email - yncle@bigpond.com.au
More information - www.ywcahunterregion.org.au

YWCA Hunter Region Inc
24 Dawson Street, COOKS HILL
CRN 551 019 881V
Centre operating hours
7.30am to 6.00pm
SIf you cancel a booking less than 48 hours before the booking is due, 50% of the booking fee will be deducted.

Vacation Care
Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.
PAID/USER APPROVAL NUMBER: NP-00007679
Ph 4939 1549 83 - 85 Weebands St Rutherford 2320
Fax 4939 1949 ABN 94 288 377 301

7th - 17th April 2015 - Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton
Pupil Free Day — Monday 20th April 2015 - Ashtonfield, Rutherford, & Thornton Centres Open
Open: 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
Closed Monday 6th April — Easter Monday Public Holiday

Quality care for children 3-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.
Organised activities such as Craft, Sports, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Movies and Excursions.

4 convenient locations - Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton
"Child Care Benefit (CCB)" and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available pending eligibility
Full fees will apply until CCB and/or CCR is authorised by "Dept of Human Services" (adjustments will then be made)
Daily fees after CCB range from $5.92 (1 child with 100% CCB) to $45.50 per child
Plus excursion fee if applicable. Fees are to be paid on first day of care each week.

Bookings can be made at our centres and Main office from Monday 9th March 2015.
Please remember a 2015 yellow enrolment form and a vacation care booking sheet must be completed before acceptance of any bookings.

No phone bookings.

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

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Office of Sport, NSW Government

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Are you looking to play netball or know someone who is ???

Maitland Rugby Blacks Netball Club are looking for players for 11/s and seniors (18+) who would like to play for the exercise and have fun at the same time.

If you are interested, please phone Nicola on 0438 347 930 or Megan on 0428 601 046
Chisholm Pastoral Region: Sacraments of Initiation 2015

Session 3—Sacrament of Reconciliation, Parent Formation

Tuesday 3rd March 2015  
7.00pm St Pauls Church Rutherford

Wednesday 4th March 2015  
7.00pm OLOL Church Beresfield

Thursday 5th March 2015  
5.00pm St Mary’s Hall Dungog

Thursday 5th March 2015  
7.00pm St Joseph’s Church East Maitland

Friday 6th March 2015  
10.30am Therry Centre East Maitland

PRESENTATION OF THE “OUR FATHER” - all Mass Centres, Saturday/Sunday 14th/15th March

CHILDREN’S FIRST RECONCILIATION - 2ND RITE Please note children need only attend one of the five

CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT

Wednesday 18th March 2015  
7.00pm St Pauls Church Rutherford

Thursday 19th March 2015  
7.00pm OLOL Church Beresfield

Tuesday 24th March 2015  
7.00pm St Patrick’s Church Lochinvar

Wednesday 25th March 2015  
7.00pm Holy Family Church Largs

Thursday 26th March 2015  
7.00pm St Joseph’s Church East Maitland

CHRISM MASS  
SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL HAMILTON  
7.00pm TUESDAY 31st March

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Clarence Town  
Sunday 15th Mar 7.40am (before Mass)

Dungog  
Tuesday 17th Mar 7.00pm

Rutherford  
Wednesday 18th Mar 7.00pm

Beresfield  
Thursday 19th Mar 7.00pm

Lochinvar  
Tuesday 24th Mar 7.00pm

Gresford  
Wednesday 25th Mar 9.30am (followed by Mass)

Largs  
Wednesday 25th Mar 7.00pm

East Maitland  
Thursday 26th Mar 7.00pm

HOLY THURSDAY  
2nd April

MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
St Helen’s Gresford 5.30pm

St Mary’s Dungog 7.00pm

St Joseph’s East Maitland 7.00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield 7.00pm

Sacred Heart Campbell’s Hill 7.00pm

Evening Prayer 10.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY  
3rd April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield 10.00am

St. Columba’s Paterson 10.00am

Immaculate Conception Morpeth 10.00am

St Mary’s Dungog 10.00am

St. Joseph’s East Maitland 10.00am

St. Paul’s Rutherford 10.00am

Sacred Heart Campbell’s Hill 10.00am

St. Patrick’s Clarence Town 10.00am

St. Helen’s Gresford 10.00am

# Denote outdoor youth dramatisation

The Passion of the Lord

Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield 3.00pm +

Immaculate Conception Morpeth 3.00pm +

St. Joseph’s East Maitland 3.00pm +

St. Paul’s Rutherford 3.00pm +

St Mary’s Dungog 3.00pm +

Sacred Heart Campbell’s Hill 3.00pm +

Holy Family Largs 3.00pm

St Patrick’s Clarence Town 3.00pm

St. Helen’s Gresford 3.00pm

+ Denotes Clergy in Attendance

Holy Saturday  
4th April

Prayer of the Church (morning prayer)  
St. Joseph’s East Maitland 9.00am

Easter Vigil  
St. Joseph’s East Maitland 7.00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield 7.00pm

Sacred Heart Campbell’s Hill 7.00pm

St. Mary’s Dungog 7.00pm

Easter Sunday  
5th April

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Services  
Stockade Hill, East Maitland 6.00am

Immaculate Conception Morpeth 7.15am

St. Patrick’s Clarence Town 8.00am

St. Paul’s Rutherford 8.00am

Holy Family Largs 8.20am

St. Joseph’s East Maitland 8.30am

St. Patrick’s Lochinvar 9.30am

St. Columba’s Paterson 9.30am

St. Helen’s Gresford 10.00am

NO EVENING MASS EAST MAITLAND

Please tell your friends and relatives, everyone welcome!
EASTER FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday 26th March 2015
6pm-8pm

You're invited
to our FUN FILLED EASTER FAMILY NIGHT with
FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!
There will be a JUMPING CASTLE, ROCK CLIMBING, BUNGEEM TRAMPS, CUP & SAUCER RIDE,
FACE PAINTING, EASTER CRAFT, AN EASTER EGG HUNT, SUPPLIER/ D.I.Y DEMOS and a
special visit from the EASTER BUNNY and PEPPA PIG.
There will be a sausage sizzle and refreshments available on the night for a gold coin

donation to
Maitland R.S.L Sub-Branch
Bookings essential by Monday 23rd March on 49391400 or email to
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Can't wait to see you there!!!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARENT/SCHOOL TASKFORCE
I am interested in becoming a member of the Parent/School Taskforce.

Name: ................................................................. Contact No: ..............................................

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

For the following reason ........................................................................................................
Parent signature: ..................................................................................................................