Dear Parents and Care-givers

Thank You: Where has the term gone!! As we near the end, we have some very tired staff and students as you can see below!! I would like to thank our school community for making the school term so successful; from the parents who took the time to come along to parent-teacher interviews, volunteered, offered support, bought raffle tickets, paid fees, welcomed a new family, smiled at a teacher and said well done; to my wonderful staff who have worked tirelessly this term to establish routines, settled children, learnt new things, programme for challenging lessons, and gave up family time to come to after school events; and finally to our students who have settled in beautifully to school routines, learnt new things, challenged themselves, welcomed new friends, became a buddy and set new learning goals for the term. Thank you and enjoy our Easter break!

Camp-Out: A huge thank you to Mr Leleu and Mr Taylor for organising our Camp-Out session last Friday evening and Saturday morning. Twenty-seven families took up the offer to camp with their children and deepen family relationships, build parenting skills, strengthen the school community and improve the social and emotional well-being and resilience of children and families. Thank you to Ms Blayden for attending, but also for originally bringing the idea to staff to support our third Strategic Direction. The focus group were Year 3 students and there are plans to include Year 4 later in the school year. Another Bolwarra initiate!

Farewell: It is with sadness that I announce to the community that two of our loved teachers are moving on next term.

Mr Taylor has taken up a position at Port Macquarie (Hastings Public School) and he, his wife Jane, and his three beautiful girls will start a new adventure and new chapter in their lives. Mark has been trying to move back to the area for a while as they wish they want to be close to family. I thank Mark for his enthusiasm, his professionalism and dedication to the school community.
Erin Theoret will also be leaving us as she has secured a full time position at Wirreanda Public School. Our teaching profession is changing rapidly as more and more of our permanent teachers retire and our younger teachers are employed as temporary teachers. Unfortunately I could only employ Erin for three days this year. She was covering a maternity leave last year. So for Erin it’s exciting to be working full time again on a Kindergarten class. We wish her well and thank her for her dedication to the students of Bolwarra.

Congratulations: Travis came to see me yesterday to show me the trophies he received last weekend at the NSW Open Karate Championships held in Sydney. Travis won the NSW Open Karate Championship and received a 1st place in the Sword Combat section. He was also rated 8th in Australia for traditional weapons (Bow Kata). Well done Travis.

Easter: We also had an extra gift, thanks to the generosity of Grace and her mum, who made the Easter Nest Bunny Head, pictured on the right, at the weekend. Thank you!

Congratulations to all the winners: Hallie, Rod, Harry, Angela, Carly, Tiffany and the Searle Family.


April school holidays: Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having. Find out more: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

Parent-teacher interviews: Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews

School calendar: What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

I would like to wish you and your loved ones a relaxing break over the school holidays and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 21st April. Keep safe!

Regards

Sue Swetnam

Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

2015
• 2nd Apr End of Term 1
• 27-29th Apr NSW PSSA Basketball – boys
• 30th Apr MLC Music Festival
• 5th May Starstruck Choir Rehearsal
• 5-7th May NSW PSSA Basketball – girls
• 8th May Hunter Cross Country
• 13th May Kinder to visit Oakdale Farm
• 19th May University Computer Test
• 19-21st May State AFL
• 20th May St Peters’ Music Festival
• 21st May Year 4 MLC Gala Day

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

URGENT – pink forms and FOEI update MUST be returned by WEEK 1, TERM 2

Please refer to previous newsletters for the importance of these forms.

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:
Logan, Riley

Library Help
If any parent or friend have a little spare time and would like to volunteer to cover some of our class reading books, could you either see Sally in the office or Dianne or Merena in the library. Thank you in anticipation.
Computing At Home - Using the Student Portal
When at school, children access the internet through their individual Student Portal. On this portal each child can access his/her department email, choose a link to a variety of child friendly activities, google, record any events on a calendar, access the Bolwarra Library catalogues and also other associated library activities.
At home, children need to access the internet and then google "det student portal", and use his/her log on information.
We have had a great deal of difficulty with many children's log ons so if there is a problem with this, please let me know. I see all classes except for KJ and 4PT so the children usually let me know. If your child is in K-2, a note or an email for Mrs Price may be an easier option to alert me to any issues concerning this information.
Happy computing,
Esther Price

Talent Quest
The final rounds of the Talent Quest were completed yesterday and we now have seven acts for our final on Friday 24th April, at 2pm. It has been wonderful to see the vast array of talent and enthusiasm exhibited by our performers.
Finalists are: Amber; Bridie, Lucy, Edith, Ella, Georgia; Abbie, Ivy, Grace; Ella; Zoe, Zoe; Grace.
Congratulations and keep polishing those performances over the holidays.

Performing Arts
Congratulations to Amelia, Kaylee and Yarran who have successfully auditioned to be part of the Hunter Primary Drama Ensemble. The three students will attend workshops once a week in Newcastle for all of next term.
We have four students who will be representing our school at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition next term. Congratulations to Max and Grace from Stage 2 and Myra and Edith from Stage 3.

Enviro News
The enviro table will be open in the covered area near the office on Wednesday’s and Friday’s 8.40 until 9.00am. Items to bring in are cans, ring pulls, corks, batteries, second hand school clothing and bagged mulch.
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

Combined Scripture
CAMPOUT WITH KIDS

Last Friday night some Year 3 students and their parents braved the cold and camped overnight at school. Yesterday afternoon saw tents and chairs scattered around the playground and campers were getting ready for a fun night ahead. Campers participated in some great activities and games throughout the night and morning and it was great to see everyone having fun and enjoying themselves. At the end of CampOut each participant gave a one word description of their CampOut experience. As facilitators it was great to hear words such as fun, awesome, enjoyable, rewarding and fantastic. Thank you to all of the students and parents who participated and made the first ever CampOut with Kids at Bolwarra a success!
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.

Uniform Shop News
As it gets cooler we are getting lots of people looking for jumpers and winter tunics. We are currently out of zip jumpers in sizes 6,8,10 as well as winter tunics in size 6 & 8 and hooded jumpers in size 10.

We are waiting for an order and hope it will arrive by Week 3 next term. Orders already placed will receive their orders first so if you would like to pre-order you can order on Flexi-schools or drop into the uniform shop on a Friday morning.

Next term the uniform shop will open on a Friday morning from 8.30-9.30am. We will open for an additional day during Week 1, on Wednesday 22nd April from 9am-10am for those needing to buy or order winter tunics and jumpers.

The uniform shop welcomes donations of 2nd hand summer and winter uniforms as well as jumpers in a reasonable condition. If your child has had a growth spurt please feel free to drop off your unneeded items to the uniform shop or the office.

Alison and Lana
Uniform Shop Coordinators

2015/16 Entertainment Book fundraiser
The Entertainment books is back and better than ever. At just $60 for the book or the phone app you gain access to thousands of dollars worth of vouchers for the whole family. Cafes, restaurants, hotels, retail, attractions, theme parks, even 5% off groceries, 10% off David Jones – this book has it all.

To order your book or your Phone digital membership securely online visit: http://www.entbook.com.au/344m00

An information form was sent home recently listing the various ways you can purchase the book.

A copy of the book will be sent home shortly, so if you prefer not to receive a copy and opt out please complete the bottom section on the form.

Don’t forget you can also purchase difference editions across Australia including Melbourne, Canberra, Gold Coast and many more area just follow the same link above. Even family/friends from all over Australia can buy their membership via the link above.

We would love you to share this fantastic offer with your family and friends so please feel free to spread the word or share the link on the School facebook page.

Any questions please contact Beck Croese on 0418 437 820

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.

Canteen Roster News
Thank you to all the wonderful parents, grandparents and friends that have given up their precious time during term 1 to volunteer in the canteen. Also a ‘big thank you’ to parents that have helped
by baking Anzac Biscuits. Without your help the canteen would not be able to open. Helping in the canteen is a great way to be an active member of the school community, meet other parents, gain food handling experience and most importantly 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 have a few vacancies in the Term 2 roster so if you are able to help out or fill positions please contact Tiffany 0429402848.

Grandparents Day Thank You
A special thank you to all the generous bakers that helped with our Grandparents Day by baking or making slices and cakes. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. We certainly do have some fantastic bakers within the school!

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More information - www.ywcahunterregion.org.au

JUNIOR RANGER FUN DAY 2015

The theme of our next free environmental fun day is nature venture, with fun craft, interactive games, planting activities and critter displays.

10am to 12pm, Thursday 16 April 2015
Richley Reserve (Rayberg Street, New Lambton)
Enquiries: 4904 3344 or blackbuttadmin@ncrc.nsw.gov.au

Compulsory parental supervision at all times. Children must wear fully enclosed shoes.
Follow us on facebook www.facebook.com/blackbuttreseve

Easter Fun Day
Saturday 4th April, 9.30am - 1.00pm
Join the Easter Bunny for:
• Wetlands Adventures
• Craft & Face Painting
• Fun Games
• Reptile Encounter
• BBQ
$5 Adults, $2 children under 12 (under 3 free)

School Holiday Activities
There’s lots to do, so come along and join in the fun:
• Dip netting, • Canoeing, • Bike Riding (bring your own bike or hire one), • Playground, • Walking Trails, • Become a Wetlands Explorer (go in the draw for a weekly prize pack), • Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe.

Wetlands will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Easter Monday
Book in for these activities on Wednesday 15th April
Bush Skills Adventure 8 to 12 yrs ($20 per child)
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, a bush damper & learn about useful bush skills too!

Wriggly Wetlanders 3 to 8 yrs ($20 per child)
Explore the wetlands, get creative and crafty with our fun wetland activities.
Bookings Essential - 4951 6466

SPECIAL EVENT
Fundraiser Movie Event - 2nd April
Get your friends together & join us at Glenfield Events Cinema for the premiere of:
The Spongebob Movie Sponge Out Of Water 3D.
All tickets $12. Entertainment from 5.30pm movie starts at 6.30pm.
Tickets from www.stickyickets.com.au

FAMILY FUN AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE
Easter School Holidays 2015

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Kids Day Camps start from $47. Family Camp weekends start from $63 per day for kids and $96 per day for adults (kids under 5 attend free cost includes accommodation, meals and activities).

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7th - 17th April 2015 • Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton
Pupil Free Day—Monday 20th April 2015 • Ashtonfield, Rutherford & Thornton Centres Open
Open 8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. • Monday to Friday.
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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 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.

Sorry no phone bookings

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm excluding Public Holidays) written notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

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Reconciliation Scholarship Ball 2015

The Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle is hosting their annual Reconciliation Scholarship Ball which aims to foster and build relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and businesses with a passion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education.

Our aim is to raise further funds for our Scholarship fund which provides opportunities for financial support for students undertaking full-time study, in particular those who are not eligible for Commonwealth assistance.

Guests will enjoy champagne and canapés on arrival, a two course premium menu dinner and be entertained by local duo the Simpson Brothers. There will also be a live auction on the night and balloon raffles with all proceeds going directly to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship fund.

WHEN: Saturday 30th May 2015
WHERE: The Breman Room – Shortland Building
The University of Newcastle
University Drive, CALLAGHAN

TIME: 6pm for 6.30pm start
DRESS: Formal

TICKETS: $70pp [CLICK HERE]
St. Mary’s Anglican Church
Church Street Maitland

**Holy Week**
Easter 2015

**Saturday & Sunday** March 28th & 29th:
- Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)
  - St Mary’s 6:00 pm – 8:00 am & 10:00 am
**Tuesday** March 31st:
- Chriism Mass
  - for Maitland Area Deanery St Mary’s 7:00pm
**Thursday April 2nd**
- Holy Eucharist
  - St Mary’s 6:30pm
**Good Friday** April 3rd
- St Mary’s 9:00am
  - Liturgy Good Friday.
- St Mary’s 3:00pm
  - Stations of the Cross.
**Saturday April 4th**
- Easter Eve
  - St Mary’s 6:00 pm
  - Lighting of the New Fire, Renewal of Baptism,
    Promises and First Mass of Easter
**Easter Sunday** April 5th
- St Mary’s
  - 8:00am Sung Eucharist.
  - 10:00 am Family Eucharist.

Fr Chris Butterworth Ph: 4933-5302

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St. Mary’s Anglican Church
Church Street Maitland

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**Maitland Anglican Parish**

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**Kid’s Club!**

An after-school activity program for primary school children aged 5-11
Afternoon tea, craft and games - $2 per child
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Conveniently located behind Pender Place
Bookings – Call Joanne: 0427865106
Cartoon Camp

We are once again coming to Newcastle area to run special week cartooning workshop for the local children. Please find attached our brochure for your perusal. The program will be held on below mentioned dates:

Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th April, 2015

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1st Merewether Scout Hall
4 Allworth Street
Merewether

Enquiries: 02 9343 0833; email: bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au
The Conservatorium Youth Choir

"Life is a song worth singing... why don't you sing it?"

Is your child interested in singing better, working as a team, developing their harmony singing, making new friendships and having a good time?

Then join in the fun!

Entry: No audition – enrol through Conservatorium Office
Ages: from 8 years (Year 3 onwards)
Rehearsals: Monday’s 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Description: The Conservatorium Youth Choir endeavours to foster excellence in musicanship and a love of music as well as to nurture young voices. It is available to all children from the age of 8 years from public and non-government schools and welcomes new members throughout the year.

The CYC participates in various activities around the region and perform in a range of Conservatorium and community events, often in collaboration with the Conservatorium’s other choirs. They experience music from a variety of cultures, exploring many styles and incorporating different musical and vocal techniques. New members are welcome at any time throughout the year.

Director: Christopher Blake
Cost: $105.30 per 9 week term (DST inclusive)
Contact: The office on (02) 4921 8900 or email: conservatorium@newcastle.edu.au

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**ABSENTEE NOTICE**

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

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

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