Dear Parents and Care-givers,

The week that was! The last week has seen the school settle back into routine beautifully and our term begins in earnest. Star Struck rehearsals have commenced for dance, drama and choir, Mother’s day preparation for the stalls are underway, Crazy Sock Day raised over $400 for Student Council, walkathon notes have been distributed, the Kids Shed has commenced, students have begun new term programs and staff are learning about the new science syllabus and goal setting. We also started playing music at lunch breaks to signal children to start returning to class. Mr Leleu has been in charge of the play lists and we have had some very energetic music and dancing back to class! It’s been great to watch!

New seating: Below are some pictures of our new seating that has been placed strategically around our school. These seats represent the power of student voice in action. At one of the Student Council meetings at the end of last year, counsellors raised the issue of more seating, especially for students to sit and watch other others play and rest after a hectic game of soccer! We looked at their budget, from their numerous fund-raising efforts throughout 2014, and then did a playground walk-around and they sighted possible locations. At the beginning of this year we costed timber, concrete and paint, ordered it and then set about installing the posts, painting the timber seats and then installing them. (A big thanks to Mr Lobb for making sure this happened.) Costs were evenly spread between the school, Student Council and Year 6 farewell monies. Thank you!

Walkathon: Our walkathon will be held on the Friday 22nd May and children are busily collecting sponsorship. The profit from the walkathon will be used to buy more ipads, laptops and Smart Tabs for students to use in classrooms. Children who will be participating in Star Struck and Regional Touch Football trials will be walking on Thursday 21st May.

Thank You: Steven Richard, Principal of Dungog Public School was overwhelmed by the amount of support from the community and expressed his gratitude to everyone. Congratulations to each and every family & school in the Maitland area who contributed to the donation pool throughout last week for the community of Dungog.
**NAPLAN:** Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN (National Assessment in Literacy and Numeracy) tests, from Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th May, with a catch-up day on Friday if needed. ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) has the responsibility for the development and management of the NALAN tests in each State. Tuesday is Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar) and Writing; Wednesday is Writing and Thursday is Numeracy. Results provide additional information to schools and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

**Mother's Day:** I would like to wish all mothers and grandmothers a very special day on Sunday. I would also like to wish a happy Mothers’ Day to all the women in our communities who fulfill the role of a ‘mother’, whether it be by accident or design, and provide comfort and guidance to our children.

**BPS Representatives at the Anzac Day Service in Maitland**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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• 19-21st May  State AFL
• 20th May  St Peters’ Music Festival- Junior Choir
• 21st May  Year 4 MLC Gala Day
• 22nd May  Walkathon
  Hunter Touch, boys and girls
  Starstruck Drama and Choir Rehearsal
• 27th May  Major Rehearsal Starstruck
• 5th June  Starstruck Choir
• 11th June  Major Starstruck Technical Rehearsal, Choir, Dance and Drama
• 12/13th June  Starstruck Matinee and Evening Performances
• 15th June  University Writing Test
• 16th June  University Spelling Test
• 19th June  Hunter Rugby
• 18th June  Athletics Carnival
• 26th June  Senior Choir – Cluster Rehearsal for Choral Music
• 26th June  Hunter Softball
• 26th June  Last day of Term 2
• 14th July  Term 3 begins

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

Permission Notes
Kinder’s Oakvale Farm Excursion notes and money due on Friday 8th May.

Asthma plans
Could all outstanding Asthma and Health Care Plans be returned as soon as possible please? They are needed urgently to help safeguard your child’s health and well-being. It is a Dept. of Education requirement that they are updated annually. Thank you for your prompt assistance.

Stewart House
Please return Stewart House envelopes to school by Wednesday 13th May to be eligible for a draw in a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

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: Jack

Bolwarra Kids Shed

Student Engagement is one of our strategic direction areas for our 2015-2017 School Plan. After extensive consultation with parents, students and staff, engagement has been identified as an area that we would like to develop. Bolwarra Public School is trialling a range of different initiatives to engage our students in hands on learning experiences and to provide learning opportunities to support 21st Century learners.

The Bolwarra Kid’s Shed is one of the engagement opportunities we are trialling. Selected children will be working with Mr Mike Lewis once a week, for a period of 40-50 minutes, for the duration of this term. During this time the children will be investigating and researching sustainable practices to design and create a range of hands on projects. The use of technology will also be incorporated into these activities.

Keep a look out for Mr Lewis and some of the exciting Kid's Shed creations that we will be producing.

Ashleigh Blayden

Seasons for Growth

Our Seasons for Growth programs have commenced for this year. Mrs Moore is working with a Stage 1 group and Miss Blayden is working with a Stage 3 group. Yet again we had an overwhelming response for parents requesting that their child be part of the Seasons for Growth program. Unfortunately, we can only work with groups of 6 children at a time. If your child is not participating this term but you have put in an expression of interest, then your child is on the waiting list to hopefully participate later in the year. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Moore or Miss Blayden who are our school's Season's for Growth companions.

Entry to Year 5 Opportunity Class 2016

Opportunity classes cater for high-achieving, academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level.

Applications are considered mainly on the basis of the O.C. Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The test for 2016 placement will be held on Wednesday 22nd July 2015. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available in a printed information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement, from 27th April until 15th May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

Asthma Information

Free personalised Asthma First Aid Cards

We have some great new asthma first aid cards for people aged 12-24 years. People can choose from one of 10 different designs! On the back it will have their name, the details of who to contact in an emergency and the asthma first aid steps. The packs can be ordered for free by registering online.

Join Chester on the Asthma Trail

We are excited about our recent launch of the Asthma Kids site. The site aims to help children and their parents/carers learn more about asthma in a fun and engaging way. It has been designed for primary school students and takes them through an interactive asthma trail, with Chester as their ‘host’. Join Chester on the Asthma Trail today at asthmakids.org.au
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Please return Stewart House envelopes to school by Wednesday 13th May to be eligible for a draw in a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Free Event for Parents and Teachers: Identifying and Managing Child Anxiety

In partnership with the Rotary Club of North Ryde, the Centre for Emotional Health is pleased to invite the parents, school counsellors and teachers of your school to this free community event.
When: Thursday, 28 May 2015
Where: Australian Hearing Hub, Level 1 Lecture Theatre, 16 University Avenue, Macquarie University
Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

In this information session, Dr Lauren McLellan will discuss:

- Ways to identify anxiety in children, ages 7 to 12 years
- How anxiety can affect children and
- Tips to manage child anxiety

For more information or to register: barb.corapi@mq.edu.au

MLC Music Festival is now CANCELLED
The Maitland Learning Community Performing Arts Festival scheduled for Wednesday April 29 has been cancelled due to the damage sustained at Maitland High School during the severe weather conditions over recent days. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Walkathon
Friday 22nd May (Term 2, Week 5)
We are on the countdown to the walkathon...only two and a half weeks to go! It is great to hear that so many students have started to collect their sponsorship money from family and friends. Please note that all sponsorship information is to be filled out on the brochure that was sent home last week, not online.
The P&C have been kind enough to offer to organise a special lunch on the day for the students and their families in Lunch 2. More information about this and order forms will come out in the coming weeks.
Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Bolwarra Public Walkathon Committee

Talent Quest
Our Talent Quest finals have had to be postponed due to damage to our hall during the recent floods. A new date will be decided after consultation with our insurance assessors and repairs completed.
Finalists are: Amber; Bridie, Lucy, Edith, Ella, Georgia; Abbie, Ivy, Grace; Ella; Zoe, Zoe; Grace.
Congratulations and keep polishing those performances.

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. Get ready now for the Trash and Treasure Day in August.

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
Lost Property
Have you lost clothing, hats or lunchboxes? The bin is filling up again!! Check the lost property bin in the covered area near the office.

NAIDOC Week
As a way of contributing much needed funds to support Aboriginal Initiatives for Koori Kids, Bolwarra School always advertises a NAIDOC pack where you can purchase a variety of items to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

Koori Kids was founded to bring a progressive co-ordinated approach to the cultural development of our kids in particular in the areas of public awareness, reconciliation and cultural diversity and friendship. It is our vision that each and every kid, both black and white, should be given equal support to attain their goals, not only in sport but in their everyday life.

The Kids Fund vision reflects the need in our communities to grab hold of kids and to steer them away from the ever increasing drug and alcohol problems that are epidemic in communities everywhere. We aim to bring role-models with the support of the NRL, AFL, Netball Australia, Soccer Australia, the Australian Music and Film – Television industries to their communities to host sporting clinics, family days, concerts, discos and entertainment drama clinics. By doing this we are showing our kids that there is a better way of life than hanging out on the streets and becoming a judicial statistic.

A key priority for Koori Kids is to formulate the Prime Minister’s Inaugural NAIDOC Student of the year awards and to continue its NAIDOC Week School Initiative Competitions that are still going strong.

Support provided to Koori Kids has enabled us to provide support to assist youngsters with their endeavours including assistance with travel for students participating in sports interstate.

Previous donations to the Premier’s Disaster Relief Fund including our annual Operation Christmas last year, we were able to distribute over 380 presents to kids hospitalised in Sydney Children’s Hospitals.

This year we have the following items for sale as orders. Please find the order form at the end of the newsletter. Orders need to be back at school by Friday 22nd May 2015.

Please ensure your child’s name and class are on the order form.

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.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th May at 6pm. We extend a warm welcome to new and existing members to come along and plan events for our school to support our kids!

Have a great week!
Bolwarra Public School Mothers Day Stall

We are holding our annual Mother’s Day Stall next Thursday and Friday. Each child will be able to choose and purchase a lovely wrapped gift. The gifts will be priced at: $2, $3 and $5.

Thursday’s Mothers Day stall will be for the children in years: 3, 4, 5 and 6. Friday’s Mothers Day Stall will be for children in: Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2.

SSHH…….Don’t tell mum!!!!

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop is unable to open due to damage sustained in the hall but we will be open this Friday 8th May and will be selling from the Cola. Orders can also be placed by flexi schools and by placing orders at the school office. The orders will then be filled as soon as possible. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The uniform shop will open on a Friday morning from 8.30-9.30am. 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 Coordinator

2015/16 Entertainment Book fundraiser

The Entertainment book 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.

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

Payment needs to be returned to school by Friday 8th May. If you DO NOT WISH TO PURCHASE a copy please return your copy to the office in the envelope provided.

Any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Beck Croese 0418 437 820 or tcroese@tpg.com.au

CASH FOR CANS DAY

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to raise much needed funds for the school.

Can you ask the kids to collect as many aluminium cans as possible (crushed or not) and bring to school by Friday 8th May.

Cans can be left at the environment table on Wednesday and Friday mornings or at the school office.

A local Metal Recyclers has kindly offered to support us with CASH FOR CANS on Saturday 9th May.

Thank you

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.
This week’s Pizza Day was a huge success! Thank you to all the families who ordered and supported our day with such little notice. The students certainly loved their pizza and freddo! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that have come forward this week to fill vacancies in our roster. 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 still have many shifts to fill for the rest of term, so if you can help fill these, please contact Tiffany 0429402848 to help keep our canteen open.

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Furneys Rural
78 Racecourse Road
Rutherford NSW 2320

Ph: 4932 4455, Fax: 4932 9911,
Dear Helicopter Supporters

Autumn has rolled around again and we are looking forward to enjoying our Helicopter High Tea on the Green at the magnificent Pullman Magenta Shores Resort. On Sunday 24th May 2015, come along and be tempted by delicious high tea delicacies, have a reading with our psychic, get your nails perfectly painted and win great prizes in our balloon and prize raffle.

Gather your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours together to join us in the Magenta Ballroom for a 2pm start. Seats are limited, so book early to avoid missing out.

Click here to be directed to our booking form - http://www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/events/autumn-high-tea-on-the-green

Looking forward to spending the afternoon with you!

Allison Russell | Community Liaison Officer
Level 1, 148-158 The Entrance Road, Erina NSW 2250
PO Box 3677, Erina NSW 2250
(m 0422 833 266 or 4363 9746 | f 4365 0231

This month at Messy Church, we're celebrating Pentecost - The birth of the Christian Church!

And just by coincidence, we'll also be celebrating our FIRST Messy Birthday - commemorating a whole year of Messy Church fun here at St Mary's Anglican Church of Maitland!

You and your family are invited to join us for this very special Messy Church - filled with fun, friendship & laughter. Oh, and cake!

4-6pm on Sunday 26th April 2015
St Mary's Parish hall, 68 Church St Maitland
(Across from Pender Place).
For info: Joanne – 0427 865 106
No cost - No booking required - Dinner included!
Hope to see you there!

Dear children, the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In late June - early July we will be receiving exchange students from Argentina, Bolivia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden and the USA. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter or mention it on your website. You can download the newsletter notice here in Word format or as a PDF.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd
PO Box 1420, Mona Vale NSW 1660 Australia
T: (02) 9997 0700 F: (02) 9997 0701
W: www.studentexchange.org.au
**Reminder**
Could you put your child's name and class on the order form, please? There is no space provided on this official order form.

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**Primary Schools Order Form - RESPECT BANDS**  
**NAIDOC Week 2015**

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*SubTotal $________  Total $________*
AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?
You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker: National Disability Insurance Agency

Topic: **NDIS Community Conversation**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme will begin its roll out in the Maitland area commencing 1 July 2015. It supports people up to the age of 65 with a permanent and significant disability.

Want to know more then this Session is for you!

Where: East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street, East Maitland

TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm

COST: Free - includes Morning Tea

WHEN: Monday 25 May 2015

RSVP: Wednesday 20 May 2015

For more information or to Register Contact HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter

on: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)
GIRL GUIDES
meet in your area!

Come and join in the fun,
make new friends and learn skills for life!

WHERE: St John the Baptist Hall, Cnr John & Church Street,
Largs

For enquiries about joining, please contact:

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ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

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