Dear Parents and Care-givers,

Week 5: It’s week 5 already and as we approach the half way mark of the term we certainly have lots to keep us occupied! Students are well into their rehearsals for Star Struck, our students are participating in zone sports trials and gala days, the University of NSW External Competitions have started, kindergarten staff are entering data for the Australian Early Education Index (AEDI) which is held every three years, the Kids Shed and Seasons for Growth sessions have started, staff are being trained in Maths CMIT (Count Me In Too) and executive staff are attending afternoon and evening (and Saturday) training days on engagement, classroom pedagogical practice and deep thinking and learning in the classroom. Daily our classroom teachers are delivering quality literacy and numeracy activities whilst focussing on our new syllabuses. The Principal also needs to keep up to date so I’ll be at a Principal's Conference over the next few days.

Congratulations:

- Congratulations to our Girls Soccer team who participated in Monday’s Gala Day. Their sportsmanship was exemplary as was their soccer prowess, coming equal first with Ashtonfield PS on the day.
- Flinders participated in the Palliative Care Fun Run last Sunday to support the wonderful job palliative care does in our community. He entered under the banner of Bolwarra PS and came 1st as the overall winning of the School Challenge Trophy. Well done Flinders.

Free Kids Dental: A $1000 benefit for eligible kids is available to use on selected services every two calendar years. In 2015 the Commonwealth Government will continue to assist an estimated 3.4 million children in improving their dental health through the continuation of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. To gain access to benefits children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years old (for at least 1 day of the relevant calendar year) with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit A or other relevant government payment.

Future success: If you had the choice of bestowing great intelligence or great persistence on your child at birth, which would you choose for your child? Your choice could make a profound difference on your child’s success at school, their future levels of achievement and eventually their income as an adult. Find out more: [http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/April-2013-%281%29/Intelligence-or-persistence--which-would-you-choosenot working link]

Next Week: It is yet another busy week with School Council scheduled for Monday 25th May at 6pm, the Boys Soccer team will participate in a Gala Day on Monday; a video conference for 2C and a major Star Struck rehearsal for drama and dance on Wednesday; Thursday our Boys Cricket Team play Patterson PS and on Friday an Evacuation Drill for all staff, students and any visitors to the site will be held.

Please find on the next page a letter from a school to their NAPLAN students which has been recently circulated among schools. This puts all examinations into perspective.

Have a safe week.

Regards
Sue Swetnam
To our dear Year 3 and Year 5 students

Tomorrow you will sit your NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very important for you to know.

This test does not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique.

The people who score these tests don’t know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that you make your friends happy when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports, help your Mum and Dad. They do not know that you are caring and that every day you do your best, because these qualities cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can’t tell you that you have improved on something that you once found difficult. They can’t tell you that you make your teacher smile. They can’t tell you how amazingly special you are.

So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to “test” all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!
IMPORTANT DATES

2015

- **22nd May**  Walkathon
  Hot Dog Day
  Hunter Touch, boys and girls
  Starstruck Drama and Choir Rehearsal
- **27th May**  Major Rehearsal Starstruck, Dance and Drama
- **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


P&C Website  [www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com](http://www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com)


OFFICE NEWS

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

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

**Audit**
The Dept. of Education will be conducting an audit at Bolwarra PS shortly. It is important that all processes are up to date. This includes medical forms, Asthma and Anaphylaxis Action plans, outstanding payments for Workbooks, Bookpacks etc, changes to address and phone numbers, notes for student absences, etc. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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: Emily, Rebecca, Charlie, Huxley, Max, Laura, Nicholas, Kayden, Whitney, Hassan, Ruby, Eva, Gabriel, Cooper, Dash.

Choir

Thank you to the Junior and Boys’ Choirs who performed at St. Peters’ Festival last night and did a great job. Thanks also, to Jo Loi and Wendy Gibb for their help with the choirs’ preparation and to Sheree Harvie for her organisation of the Festival.

A huge ‘thank you’ to the students who are giving up their Sunday afternoon, 24th May, to support the Bolwarra Community Fundraiser for Nepal.

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

WALKATHON

Bolwarra Public’s Adidas Walkathon is tomorrow Friday 22nd May! We are looking forward to seeing the students enjoy the fun event that promotes health and wellbeing in addition to raising money for our school. The event will begin at 12pm and run until 1:15pm. Students will be involved in walking or running around the oval or participating in fun novelty activities. The money raised will go towards exciting and up-to-date technology for our school...the prizes are just a bonus to thank the children for their fundraising efforts. Please remember that all fundraising efforts are very much appreciated. Students have been encouraged to collect small amounts from family and friends to add up to their total fundraising effort. Sponsorship forms are due next Friday 29th May, one week after the event. Bring on another fun filled day for our beautiful Bolwarra students!

Families are invited to watch the students during this time and are welcome to stay for lunch with their child/children during lunch 2.
Debating
Congratulations to our debating team of Amelia, Myra, Rose and Ellie who were successful in winning the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The girls debated against the boys from Rutherford Public School, and argued that homework should be banned for primary school students. Our next debate is at Maitland Public School on Wednesday 3rd June, at 12:30pm. Well done girls!
Karen Lange / Assistant Principal

Sport
Our girls’ soccer team were successful at the recent gala day held at Maitland Park. They now go on to play Thornton PS in a Round 4 game.
Our boys’ soccer team will play their gala day next Monday, 25th May. Best wishes to all players.
A large contingent of students represented our school at Zone Touch Football Trial at Maitland Park on Tuesday 19th May. The standard was very high. Lexy and Mia were successful in making the girls’ team and will attend Regional Trials in Newcastle tomorrow. We wish them well.
Also, our very patient boy cricketers will head to Paterson (weather permitting) next Thursday (May 28) for their first game (Round 2) of the state Knock Out. Good luck, team!
Our girls’ netball team played Greta Public School last Thursday afternoon. The girls were successful in winning 39-6 and showed great sportsmanship. They now move onto the next round against Morpeth PS. Date to be advised.

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.
Thank you to all who sent in cans for last Saturdays enviro programme support. This also will be enviro money for the children to use on Trash and Treasure Day in August.
Thanks for Bec Croese for taking cans and scrap for cash.
Thank you, Mrs Yeend

Excursion to Oakvale Farm
Excursion to Reptile Park

Snakes, creepy crawlies and other interesting things to see and touch.
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.

Uniform Shop News
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.

JUMPERS ARE NOW IN STOCK

The uniform shop now has stock of all jumpers - zip, chinook and v-neck in all sizes. Also in stock are all size Winter Tunics (except size 4).

Alison and Lana
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Thompsons Bakery Pie and Sweets drive

It’s Pie drive time!
The Thompsons Pie drive forms were sent home this week. This is a great opportunity to get ready for school holidays and stock your freezers. The pies will be delivered the last week of term on Wed 24th June 2015 so ask your neighbours, friends, family and workmates.
All order forms and money can be left at the school office. Cheques must be made out to BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL P AND C.
Thank you

2015/2016 Entertainment Book fundraiser

All payments and returns for the Entertainment book are due this Friday 15/5/15. A big thank you to all the families who have already finalised payments or returned unwanted books.

If you wish to make a payment please follow the link on the order form to make payment (http://www.entbook.com.au/344m00) or complete the order form and return to the office.
All books are now overdue and any books unreturned will be sent personal reminders. We would greatly appreciate your help to finalise this fundraiser as soon as possible.
Thank you for supporting this great fundraiser.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club issue 4 has been sent home this week. Please note that our school now only accepts payments via the LOOP scholastic online payment system. This assists both families and our book co-ordinators to ensure your payments are processed efficiently and books are received quickly. Information on how to use the LOOP online payments is detailed on the order form.
Book orders must be made online by Monday 1st June 2105 –
Elsabe, Amanda and Beck
Book Club Co-ordinators

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.

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.
We are needing the following volunteers for next 2 weeks in order to keep the canteen open:
Tuesday - 1 volunteer; Friday - 3 volunteers; Monday 1/6 - 1 Volunteer; Thursday 4/6 - 1 Volunteer
# Canteen Roster

## Term Two

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Furneys Stock Feeds, producers of quality animal and poultry feeds for over 100 years. Let our experienced team at Furneys assist and advise you on the best feeds, vitamins and supplements to satisfy your animal’s daily intake requirements. From feeding your special domestic pet/s, your prize show horse/s or stud cattle and poultry, we have suitable products to satisfy ALL.

FURNEYS RURAL
78 RACECOURSE ROAD
RUTHERFORD NSW 2320

Ph: 4932 4455, Fax: 4932 9911.
Reconciliation Scholarship Ball 2015

The Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle is hosting its 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 Brennan Room – Shortland Building
The University of Newcastle
University Drive, CALLAGHAN
TIME: 6pm for 6.30pm start
DRESS: Formal
TICKETS: $70pp [CLICK HERE]

Lee-Anne Ah-See
Administrative Assistant
The Wollotuka Institute
Lee-Anne Ah-See @newcastle.edu.au
Ph: (02) 4924-4500
You are invited to join us...

The Carer’s Voice
A community forum for mental health carers

Do you provide care or support for someone with a mental illness? You are not alone!

Date: Friday 29th May 2015
Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm
Location: Muswellbrook Race Club
Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook

Come and share your caring experiences

Panel discussion, shared learning & lunchtime activities,
lucky door prizes & information packages

Morning tea and a delicious gourmet BBQ lunch will be provided

Please register by Friday 22nd May by contacting:
Loralee Lukes 0475 961 625 or llukes@integratedliving.org.au
Michael Pope 4935 3072 or mpope@hunterml.com.au

Assistance with respite and transport can be provided
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old
Maitland Family Support, Woodberry Place of Friends & Beresfield Public School invites parents & carers of dependent children to a FREE three-session program
at Beresfield Public School, Lawson Avenue, Beresfield
on Wednesdays 27th May, 3rd & 10th June, 2015
9.45am arrival for 10.00am start to 12.30pm

Learn:
✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
✓ How to sort behaviour
✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:
• A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook
NO Registration Fee
FREE children's group – limited places, bookings essential. Please bring a labelled lunch box for your child.
Refreshments provided.
Who is running it? The presenters for this course are Cynthia Jenkins (Place of Friends) and Lee Kirkman (Maitland Family Support Scheme)
To register for this course contact Cynthia at Place of Friends on 49 642174

What people are saying...
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self-control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!
I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later on down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

For more information contact Cynthia on 49 642 174

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective
This course is being run by a Parents' licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.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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*IF ORDERING POLO SHIRTS PLEASE INDICATE SIZE & QUANTITY HERE:*

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Sub Total $_____

**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)

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ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

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