Dear Parents and Care-givers,

Week 8: As we are drawing closer to the end of term, spare a thought for my hard working teachers who are in the middle of their report writing and Star Struck! If you are able to go along and see our students perform you will be struck by the talent, enthusiasm and sheer hard work of parents, staff and children. It’s a celebration of the wonderful opportunities that Public Education offers to our students and the dedication our staff show to children.

Weekly Walkabout: I wandered up to 3H today to check on how they have settled into their new classroom. I was struck by the purposeful, engaged class groups that were working on language, analysing and enriching their writing, and the beautiful views that the classroom offered. Well done 3H. I would be terribly tempted to day dream and gaze out of those windows!!!

School Audit: Over two days last week, we had the pleasure of the Department’s Auditor, here to check our finances, WHS, Attendance and Child Protection, to name a few areas. We passed with flying colours and I would like to mention the wonderful work that Mrs Rapson (School Administration Manager) and Mrs Lean (School Administration Officer) do each day to ensure we are keeping your children safe, are managing public monies responsibly and ensure timely records are kept. He did however reinforce that student’s absences must be reported to the school within two days, that volunteers must fill out the Child Protection Declaration and provide documentation for a 100 point check. The Department is also checking on school processes to manage Partial Absences. Even 20 minutes late to class each morning interrupts children’s learning and adds up over the year. We will be following up on a number of partial absences over the next couple of weeks.
The auditor also stressed the need for **ALL** volunteers that enter the school site **MUST** sign in and out at the Front Office (this includes Canteen workers, reading helpers, scripture teachers, etc). You will then be given a Volunteer badge that has to be returned to the office at the end of the visit.

**Road Safety**

It has been reported there have been a number of near misses by cars and a bus recently. Please be mindful that children don’t have a high-level awareness of road safety and it is up to drivers to ensure their safety. Please, please be extra vigilant so we don’t have a preventable accident.

**Ford Fund-raiser:** It’s not too late to attend the last fund-raiser for the Ford family. This Sunday a “Roaring Twenties Day Ball” will be held from 12-6pm at Maitland City Bowling Club, Rutherford. Tickets can be purchased from the Club on 49391200 or contact Ray on 0447301621.

**Useful Websites: 2015 homework planner:** Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips)

**Doing well in class:** Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video. Find our more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one)


**Upcoming dates:** Don’t forget that the next **P&C** meeting is next Tuesday **16th June** at 6.00pm in the Staffroom.

The **Athletics Carnival** for Years 3-6 is scheduled for Thursday **18th June** at Smyth Oval, Maitland.

Regards

Sue Swetnam

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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• 22nd June  Girls Cricket, Woodberry
• 23rd June  Debate at Telarah Public School
            Boys Touch at Bolwarra Oval
• 26th June  Cluster Choral Music Rehearsal
            Hunter Boys Softball
            Last day of Term 2
• 14th July  Term 3 begins
• 17th July  K-2 Athletics Carnival
            NSW PSSA Cross Country
• 20th July  Dance to B Fit Starts

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Athletics Carnival
Canberra Excursion 2015 – final costs and itinerary
Thompson’s Pie Drive
Point Wolstoncroft Year 5 Camp
Expression of Interest – Stage 2 Camp
Stage 2 Market Day
Seasons of Growth – Kindergarten, Years 3 and 4

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

All health care plans, individual plans and request for medication forms are available on our web page under notes. **If you have not returned your 2015 health care plan and individual plan, please do so urgently. We still have a number outstanding.**

If you have a child that needs casual medication for an illness, please complete the request for medication and bring into the school office along with the casual medication.

When making payments, could the student’s full name and class, the amount enclosed and the reason be noted on the envelope, please.

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: Adrian, Jack, Rubie, Charli, Angus.

Ford Family Fundraiser

Ford Family Fundraiser

Stage 2 Market Day

Stage 2 Market Day
Friday 19th June
1.30pm to 2.15pm
This is a Student Council fundraiser
Lots and lots of things for sale!
Prices start from 20 cents

Stage 2 Camp

Last Week an expression of interest was sent out to Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4) students for an overnight excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Please return EOI notes to teachers or the office ASAP so we can determine if there is enough interest for this activity and if this excursion will go ahead. More notes are available from the Front Office if needed.
Star Struck
After months of rehearsals, early mornings and dedication from students, staff and parents Star Struck Showtime is finally here! Here are some excited children and teachers on the way to an all day dress rehearsal. For those coming to watch us perform, be ready to be a-Mazed by our talented Bolwarra students. In the words of Mrs Swetnam, "watching Star Struck still puts tingles down my spine". Star Struck 2015- Bring It On!

Walkathon Update
Our walkathon needs to be finalised! All monies should have been returned by last Monday, please send it to school if you still have some outstanding. **It is now urgent that all sponsorship money be returned by Monday 15th June.**
We will then let you know the highest earning class! Prizes will be handed out to students early Term 3.
Good luck everyone!

Debating
Our next debate is in Week 10 against Telarah.
Karen Lange - Assistant Principal

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
Good luck to Max, Edith and Myra who will be representing our school in Zone Final next Friday 19th June.

Boys’ Cricket: The Boys’ Cricket Team is in the process of planning our next game against Ashtonfield on Friday 19th June.

Girls’ Soccer: Our girls’ soccer team are to play Thornton PS in a Round 4 game.
**Athletics Carnival:** The athletics carnival will be held on Thursday, 18th June at Smyth Oval. Permission notes have already been sent out and we encourage all students 8 years and above to participate. It will be a fun day! Thank you to the parents who have already expressed an interest in helping on the day. This year we will have finals in the Long Jump and Shot Put for Junior Boys and Girls, 11yr Boys and Girls and Senior Boys and Girls. Not all students will be participating in these events on the athletics carnival day. Students have been jumping and throwing in sport and PE time in order to be chosen for the finals. Novelty events will be part of the activities/rotations this year too! Try to get your permission note and $3 for the bus as soon as you can!

**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, Mrs Yeend

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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.

**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 a couple of weeks ago. 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

THIS IS NOW URGENT
There are 25 entertainment books still outstanding.
Reminders have gone home this week. Please help us finalise this fundraiser and return payment and/or books immediately.
If you have purchased the app, the book needs to be returned to school.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

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 7 shifts to fill for the rest of term so if you can help fill these please contact Tiffany on 0429 402 848 to keep our canteen open.

We are needing the following volunteers for the rest of term in order to keep the canteen open:

- Monday 15/6 - 1 Volunteer
- Friday 19/6 - 2 Volunteers
- Tuesday 23/6 - 2 Volunteers

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Term Two
THURS 25/6
LYNDA GIBBS
ALISON MARSHALL
NARELLE MILLING

FRI 26/6
CLOSED – LAST DAY OF TERM

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.
BASKETBALL FUN DAY AND MULTISPORTS FUN DAY!

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th June 2015

Day 1 – Basketball, Day 2 – Multisport

Cost: $50.00 for the 2 days or $30.00 for 1 day, Families with 2 or more children pay $15.00 per child there after

Lunch is provided (sausage sizzle) but kids are to bring their own morning tea and drinks for the day. Canteen facilities will be available.

PLEASE NOTE - NO BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED – IT’S A FUN DAY OF LEARNING AND GAMES

Where: Maitland Federation Centre, 10 Bent Street, Maitland 2320

Time: 9-30am to 3:00pm (please arrive by 9-15am for registration)

Ages: Open to infants and primary school children 5 years and over

For further information and enrolment form, please contact:

Maitland Basketball Association’s office on 4934 3503
The Maitland Harvest Farmers Market has teamed up with Adam Prowse Personal Training to support Local Schools in the Maitland and surrounding districts.

The support comes in the form of two competitions.

- The first competition for the Month of June 2015 will be targeting INFANT/PRIMARY SCHOOLS.
- The second competition will run during the month of July 2015 and will target LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS.
- INFANTS / PRIMARY SCHOOL voting commences on 6 June 2015 at the Maitland Harvest Farmers Market at the Maitland Showground (entry Via the Evans Street entrance) between 08.00am to 11.00am where every purchase earns you a vote.

The winning INFANT/PRIMARY SCHOOL will receive a Juicer/Slinky/four (4) weeks of fresh fruit (to help boost Canteen income).

One lucky Voter from the winning INFANT/PRIMARY SCHOOL will win Four (4) weeks of Personal Training sessions at Adam Prowse Personal Training.

INFANTS/PRIMARY SCHOOL prizes will be presented at the Maitland Harvest Farmers Market on Saturday 4 July 2015.

These prizes are in line with the NSW Department of Education’s Nutrition in Schools Policy.

Nominations commence now at either:

- Maitland Harvest Farmers Facebook, or
- By phoning 02 4962 5522 or 02 4969 5496.
ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

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