Dear Parents and Care-givers,

**Week 3: Welcome to Education Week with the theme “Celebrating Local Heroes”.** Last night saw the Maitland Learning Community celebrate the achievements of our local schools and Maitland High at an awards ceremony held at the High school. It was a wonderful celebration of Public Education in particular, the depth of talent across the 2100 students in our Learning Community. Awards were presented to Toby Pollard, Harriet Coates, Amber Hughes, Harrison Dunn, Lachlan Findlay, Julia Innes, Oliver Latter and Lauren Ward for academic excellence and outstanding citizenship awards. Our Seasons for Growth Program also received an Excellence Award and I would like to acknowledge Ashleigh Blayden and Lee Moore for the compassion and empathy they show in running the program. Congratulations must also go to Merena McLaren, our music maestro, who manages to exert her magic on the Combined Choir (consisting of 60 students from eight schools), with only a few hours practice. They sounded spectacular. It was a wonderful night that celebrated the power of Public Education to transform and influence student’s lives.

**Good for Kids:** Bolwarra is a member of the NSW Health “Good for Kids’ coalition and have started providing newsletter snippets like below. This week it’s how to get your children away from screens and into the great outdoors and a healthy Pumpkin Soup recipe.
Playground: Great news!! The two playground areas have finally been repaired from the storm and will be open shortly. They need to be inspected and the temporary fencing removed and they will be ready for Play!!

‘Local Heroes’: It is timely that Mr Allen (5A) is in Turkey (Gallipoli) at the moment, as it coincides with our Education Week theme of Local Heroes. The picture on the left is the Turkish port city of Kusadasi and the picture on the right is Mr Allen kneeling near the grave of Fitz McPhie, an ex-pupil whose name appears on our War Memorial near the Library.

Congratulations: We have had a large number of opportunities for our students to excel over the last week. Congratulations to our selected public speakers, from Kindergarten to Year 6, who will represent our school next week in the Zone Finals; to our Debating teams, our Touch Football, Netball and Basketball Teams who represented our school in local competitions; to the Zone athletes who will be participating in tomorrow’s Zone Carnival and to the students who participated in the University of NSW External tests. What a rich array of opportunities we have here at Bolwarra for our students.

Open Day: Thank you to the parents, grandparents, carers and visitors who took the time to visit our school today to share in the celebration of our ‘Local Heroes’, our children. Thank you for your support and for sharing in the Book Fair and classroom visits. We should be extremely proud of the public education that our children are receiving, a value laden education that equips the conscience, informs our decisions and supplies the courage to do the right thing. Today we celebrate across our State one of the very best public education systems in the world. This is due to the energy and intelligence of staff in our schools and the support and generosity of our community.

Thank you.

Regards
Sue Swetnam

Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

2015

- 31st July  Zone Athletics – Woodberry Oval
- 3rd Aug   Girls' Cricket
  Stockland Star voting begins
- 4th Aug   Stage 1 Science Day
  Stage 2 Public Speaking Heats, Paterson PS
- 5th Aug   ES1 Public Speaking Heats, East Maitland
  Girls' Soccer v Singleton PS
  Naidoc Week Celebration
  Canteen Soup Day
- 6th Aug   Stage 3 Public Speaking Heats, Wirreanda PS
- 7th Aug   Boys’ Cricket at Seaham
  Stage 1 Public Speaking Heats, Tenambit PS
  K-2 Athletics Carnival

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Uniform Survey
Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition 2015
Point Wolstoncroft Year 5 Camp update
Boys’ State Cricket
Girls’ State Cricket
Canteen Soup 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
School Facebook Address  www.facebook.com/BolwarraPublicSchool

OFFICE NEWS

2016 Kinder Enrolment
We are now taking enrolments for Kinder 2016. If you, or your friends, have children who will be starting school in 2016, please either phone the school or call into the office with details.
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: Cooper, Matilda, Henry

National Tree Day Activities

Over the last week students have been participating in a range of activities for ‘National Tree Day’. Some of these have included nature walks, digital learning activities, tree planting, mindfulness activities, nature art, eating outside, mulching and even a vertical garden!

Some students from years K-2, 3B and 3H have assisted in planting two brand new native gardens in front of the new buildings. They look terrific!

If you haven’t already seen the article in the Maitland Mercury please see the link below.

Enviro Group
On Monday, the Enviro Leaders with the help of primary students, planted trees donated by Maitland City Council in the Rainforest Memorial Bridge and various gardens in the school grounds. We had a great day.

Education Week’s 80’s Theme Day
**Stockland Star**

Students in 5WL, 2B and 4H have been working hard to create this year’s Stockland Star. It is coming along beautifully and represents our wonderful Kids Shed and school environment. **Voting opens on the 3rd of August at Stockland Greenhills.** Customers must register their details as a Stockland Stars member at the Customer Care Centre to be eligible to vote. For every purchase a customer makes (of $10 or more) they will be able to allocate 1 star vote to their favourite Stockland Star. There will also be bonus point periods allocated throughout the program. First prize is a $3000 voucher! Happy voting!

**Zone Athletics**

Good luck to the 50 students competing at the Zone Athletics Carnival this Friday, 31st July at Woodberry Oval. Just a reminder that the carnival starts at 8:30am, kicking off with the 800m finals and the Junior boys/girls shot put, 11yrs boys/girls Long Jump and the Senior boys/girls High Jump/Discus. Programs for the day will be available at the venue for a small fee. A canteen will also operate on the day - a note went home late last week with prices. Hoping to see everyone try their best and have some fun whilst representing our wonderful school!

**Infant Athletics Carnival – New Date**

The Infants athletics carnival had to be postponed because of work being done in the school grounds. It will be now be held on Friday 7th August on the bottom oval, weather permitting. It will begin at 10.30am and conclude at 1.30pm. Parents and family members are welcome to attend and bring a picnic lunch to share with their children.

**Girls’ Netball**

Once again our Girl's netball team was victorious when we played against East Maitland Public last Thursday. We played in tough conditions - the wind made it extremely hard to shoot and pass the ball accurately, but our girls overcame that and worked together as a team to defeat East Maitland 25-8. The girls once again displayed good sportsmanship and encouraged their teammates. Thanks again to our band of supporters who came to watch and enjoy and also to Brooke Holz for her umpiring expertise. Now onto Round 4! 😊😊😊

**Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball**

Well done to our boys and girls teams at the Maitland Basketball Gala Day. Everyone played well and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. The girls won one game and lost one and the boys won all 3 of their pool games, but missed out on the final on a count back. Thanks also to parents for their support on the day.

**Girls’ and Boys’ Cricket**

The girls’ cricket team will play on 3rd August at Tarro. The boys’ cricket team will next play on the 7th August at Seaham.

**Girls Soccer**

The Bolwarra Girls' Soccer Team will play against Singleton PS on Wednesday 5th August in Round 5 of the PSSA Knockout Competition. We wish you all the very best against some tough competition.
Girls touch

The girls Touch Football team had a cracker of a game against local rivals Thornton PS this morning. It was a beautiful day weather wise and we were blessed with the sun shining down on us! After the first half the score remained 0-0, with a few close tries from each team. Toward the end of the 2nd half Bolwarra scored, but Thornton bounced back quickly in reply. Again the Bolwarra girls scored in a heart thumping game full of excitement, however, Bolwarra again succumbed to their attack. The score was 2-2 at full time but our girls scored almost straight away in extra time and so won the game. Thanks to our band of supporters and the wonderful girls who always try their best.

Mrs Baxter.

NAIDOC Week

Students will be celebrating NAIDOC Week, in conjunction with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day on Wednesday 5th August. Students will be involved in a rotation of activities, within their stage groups, between lunch 1 and lunch 2. The Indiginous Dance Group from Maitland High School will assist on the day, showcasing a range of cultural dances and traditional games. NAIDOC wristbands, stationery sets and balls will be on sale during Week 4.

Kid’s Shed

Ouch! That's what you usually say when you step on a bindi-eye plant but today the children who participated in our first Kid’s Shed session with Mr. Lewis were amazed by this fascinating plant from South America. Students learnt how to identify female plants from male plants and investigated the lifecycle of the bindi-eye. This is just one of the exciting activities children will be involved in at the Kid’s Shed this term.

Miss Blayden and Mr Lewis

Congratulations to Lanah from 6L, who was chosen as a member of the Hunter Junior Dance Ensemble. She performed on Wednesday night at the Hunter Dance Festival in Newcastle. Well done Lanah!

P&C NEWS

Our next meeting will be in the School staffroom on Tuesday 18th August.

Saturday 22nd August – Comedy Night

Tickets are on sale at the school office NOW!

Save the date and book the babysitter!

It’s time for a night out and our major fundraiser.

Come and join us for a laugh and enjoy all you can eat pizza.

Tables of 8 can be booked or individual seats with payment to the school office.

There is a bar available (no BYO) and lots of great entertainment along with raffles and lucky door prize. We would appreciate if any bottles of alcohol could be donated.

These must be bought into the office by adults for collection by the team organising the comedy night.

Don’t miss out on a great adult only night and support our major fundraiser.

Please see the advertisement for full details at the end of the newsletter.
We have been given an exciting opportunity to raise much needed funds for our school. BING LEE THORNTON will offer us reward points and all we need to do is mention Bolwarra Public School when they are completing the sale. Ask the staff to make sure it is recorded on the bottom of your invoice – it’s as simple as that. This includes anything from a simple USB stick to a whole house of appliances.

If you need electrical goods, please consider shopping at Bing Lee Thornton.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your school. It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn and Lean Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the sticker sheet in the collection box in the school office or at your local Woolworths store.

**Uniform Shop News**
We are currently calling for anyone who has an outstanding embroidered patch order to please contact the uniform shop for a refund, as they are no longer available. Any orders not refunded will be considered a donation to the uniform shop!!

As the hall is currently having storm damage repaired the uniform shop is closed although we are happily taking orders via flexischool or orders placed in the office. If both of these options are unsuitable please do not hesitate to contact Alison on 0409 653 868 or Lana on 0408 366 710.

**Uniform Change Survey**
Guess what's in the box?
Your family could be the lucky winner of this box full of surprises. All you need to do is fill in the simple survey for the new school uniform proposal and lodge it at the school office by Friday 31st July.

**COMING SOON – Bolwarra Public School Badges**
Alison and Lana
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

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**Canteen News**

FLEXISCHOOLS UPDATE: If you have any queries regarding this process please phone Flexischools directly on 1300 361 769.

Help!! Canteen is in need of some volunteers to make Anzac biscuits at any time, please. Just deliver to the office.

CALLING ALL DADS... We would love to see some dads in the canteen and encourage you to give it a try. We are hoping to get some dad volunteers in order to see a “Dads Day” on Friday 21st August. Students love seeing parents especially, their dads, in the canteen.

There are a large number of vacancies in term 3’s roster. Canteen is a major fundraiser for our school and we function solely on our friends and families giving up their precious time to volunteer.
## TERM 3 CANTEEN ROSTER

Please take 5 minutes to look through the roster and if you can help in the canteen or by making Anzacs please contact Tiffany on 0429402848 so we the canteen can remain open.

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78 RACECOURSE ROAD
RUTHERFORD NSW 2320

Ph: 4932 4455, Fax: 4932 9911,
The Lions Club of Maitland Inc is organising its second annual Walk Run Ride 4 Fun. The event will take place on Sunday 30th August with registration commencing at 8.45am at Morpeth Common Park, Morpeth. The event will finish around 12.30pm.

Again this year, Camp Quality will be the beneficiary of all monies raised. The event is open to people of all ages and we especially encourage family and community groups to support this charity fundraiser.

The Lions Club of Maitland recognises that Camp Quality needs our help for children with cancer. Camp Quality deserves our support! It provides services for children (0-13 years) living with cancer. From diagnosis, throughout treatment and in remission or bereavement, Camp Quality programs support the whole family; at hospital, at home, back at school and in the community. Camp Quality’s motto is “Laughter is the best medicine”

For full details, please contact:

Craig Jodzio
Camp Quality Companion
Dick Gillard - Newcastle Local Volunteer of the Year 2012
cjodzio@yahoo.com.au
0411 430816

Registration for Junior (U/10 to U/16), Senior and In2 cricket (5yrs to 9 yrs) players will be held at Lorn Park Clubrooms on Friday 14/21 August – 4.00pm to 6.30pm and Saturday 15/22 August 9.30am to 11.30am.

In2Cricket – 29 August 9.30am to 11.00am.
All present players and new players are welcome to attend. Any enquiries please ring Will Callinan 0410487331.
Mental Health Carers ARAFMI Hunter Inc.

Mental Health Carers ARAFMI Hunter recognizes the need for carers and family of the mentally ill to be able to reach out to someone for support, information or just an understanding voice.

If you’re a carer of someone with a mental illness and feel you could benefit from a counselling support call from one of our trained volunteers simply call: 0249 616 717

To keep your costs down we can return the call.

Or register to book a call between 9.30am- 4.30pm Monday – Friday

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**ABSENTEE NOTICE**

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

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

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