Dear Parents and Care-givers,

**Week 5:** This week saw our Year 6 students head off to Canberra and by today’s reports it is snowing in our Nation’s Capital. Mrs Lange reports on the students’ exemplary behaviour and they are having the time of their lives. She reports that the snow began to fall today when the children were at Wall of Remembrance and it was a very special moment.

Good luck to our three students heading off to the Regional Public Speaking Finals tomorrow at Grahamstown PS.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Cyber Safety workshops for students and parents last Monday. Parents can access a lot of helpful information online from the safety website, with the link below.


**Climate Cam:** Last Thursday, 6th August, a *Climate Cam* Conference was held at Shortland Wetlands for schools wanting to strengthen their existing sustainability projects and programs. Mrs Caffrey took a small group of students who have written a magnificent report which you will find in our newsletter today.

**K-2 Athletics Carnival:** Last Friday we were blessed with beautiful weather so we could run our much postponed Athletics Carnival for Kindergarten to Year 2. Thank you to the band of parents who could come and join us for the day as a great time was had by children, teachers and parents. Thank you to Mrs Turner for organising the day.

**‘Tell Them From Me’ Surveys:**

*PARENTS - The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey*

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and
16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated. Parents and carers can access the survey by a secure link that will be sent to you shortly and placed on Skoolbag.

Next Week: Mrs Rapson will be taking leave from next week as she needs minor surgery and there will be varying faces in the office during this time. Mrs Moore will also be absent on leave for the next couple of weeks as well. Ms Brenda Crawford will continue on with her program during her absence.

Thank you.

Regards

Sue Swetnam

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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- 31st Aug  Stage 3 Science & Engineering Challenge – MHS
- 1st Sept  Stage 1 Science Day
- 2nd Sept  Hunter Boys Cricket Trials - Thornton
- 4th Sept  Trash and Treasure
- 7-14th Sept  Year 5 Point Wolstoncroft Excursion
- 13th Oct  2016 Kinder Parent Information Night
- 18th Oct  Last day Term 3

NOTES IN CIRCULATION
Year 4, 5 and 6 ‘Tell Them from Me’ Survey
Request for Canteen Volunteer Workers
Year 6 Video Conference – return as soon as possible please
Canteen Healthy Lunch
PSSA Touch Football

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.

Lost property: A folding chair was left at school. Please call at the school office if you have lost one.

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.

Book Fair
There has been a small delay with delivery of re-ordered book fair items but we expect them to arrive very soon. Our apologies for any inconveniences.

Book week parade!!
We will be holding a book week parade on Friday 28th August. The children can dress up as their favourite book character. There will be lucky spot prizes during the day. All family members are welcome to join us on the day and come and have a look at our library. More details to follow.

Asthma Awareness Week
Please go to the website for further information.
Asthma Foundation NSW
Level 3, 486 Pacific Highway St Leonards NSW 2065
1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)
asthmaaustralia.org.au
T 02 9906 3233 F 02 99064493

Stage 2 Virtual Excursion - ‘Farming through History’
During Term 3, Stage 2 will be studying a unit of work on Living Things during their Science lessons. This unit will look at the lifecycle of living things, how living things adapt to their environment and the survival of living things in varying conditions. To complement the unit of work, Electroboard have established a range of video conference sessions providing students with an interactive opportunity to learn about various living things. This fun and engaging video conference allows students to develop an understanding of classifying living things by identifying and sorting similar characteristics. They will learn about the lifecycles of plants and animals, gaining an understanding that offspring (including crossbred animals) may have similar characteristics to their parents. Students will learn how the evolving knowledge of animals has influenced farming practices and will draw comparisons of Australia’s farming past to current farming practices.
This video conference is available to all students in Stage 2 free of charge.

Event Information
When: Tuesday 18th August 2015 (Week 6)
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Where: Year 6 classrooms (where there is video conferencing equipment available)
Please complete the permission note and return before Monday 17th August 2015. A permission note needs to be received from each child to allow participation in this activity. If you need another note they are available at the office.
**Year 6 Canberra Excursion**
And Year 6 are about to leave for their trip to Canberra! Let the fun begin!

Canberra update - quick food stop at beautiful Sydney, then back on the road! We are having a great time! We’ll keep you updated along the way!

2nd pit stop before Canberra - Mittagong, and the weather is definitely getting cooler! Lunch was lovely, now back on the road. Watch out Canberra, here we come. 😊

We are up and ready for Day 2! Rooms are clean and tidy and we are currently enjoying breakfast - mmmmm, cereal, toast and bacon and eggs! Everyone slept all night and there were no little knocks on the teachers door! We are all looking forward to the day ahead visiting Government House, the War Memorial and the Mint. Big day ahead! Look out during the day for our updates. Government House was grand! No photos were allowed inside and Sir Peter Cosgrove was away from the house so unfortunately we didn't meet him 😔 but we still learnt a lot. Now we are off to the War Memorial.

Some photos from the War Memorial and the Australian Mint.
ClimateCam for Bolwarra Public School

On Thursday last week 4 students accompanied Mrs Caffery to the Hunter Wetlands. These students were Lily (5WL), Alice (4T/H), Jonah (5/6B) and Lachlan (4PT). These students will now become the ‘ClimateCam Team’. ClimateCam is the name of an organisation now run by the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre and is designed to help schools become more environmentally sustainable.

We were awarded a ClimateCam plaque which will be proudly displayed in our school foyer. We are now working towards achieving ‘eco stars’ to display on our ClimateCam plaque. There are 18 Stars in total. This year our school is hoping to complete 3 of these stars, along with raising awareness and encouraging sustainable behaviour within our school community.

By Lily (5WL)

The Core Stars of the program are:
- Environmental Plan
- Energy and Water Monitoring
- 3 Star Taps and Bubblers
- Waste Recycling
- Trees for Carbon
- Rain Water Tank
- Dual Flush Toilets
- Smart Lighting
- Energy Water Waste Policy
- Environmental Events
- Curriculum
- Food Gardens
- Waste Avoidance
- Efficient Heating and Cooling
- Energy Efficient Appliances
- Out of Hours Energy
- Renewable Energy
- Weather Watch

The ClimateCam Plus Stars are:

At the Wetlands Centre we listened to Brad from Frazer Lighting give a talk about how we can save electricity with lights. There were lots of different lights such as LED, movement sensor and old style fluorescent. We learned that they all use various amounts of electricity. The main thing is to always turn off your lights when not using!! The ClimateCam team will be looking at ways to reduce our electricity consumption and costs by turning lights off when leaving the room both at school and at home.

By Alice (4T/H)

At the Wetlands Centre we learnt how to monitor the temperature, humidity, air and the rain. We learnt how to use three devices. These devices were a rain gauge, a hygrometer and an anemometer.

The ClimateCam Team are aiming to achieve a gold star. We will do this by checking each of these devices twice each school day for at least one month.

We will be putting our equipment near the bike shed and are asking for assistance to please stay away from the equipment. It is very important to ensure our data is accurate.

By Lachlan (4PT)
We made small pots out of newspaper and planted silver beet and lettuce into them. You make them using newspaper, some soil, a round piece of wood, a seedling or some seeds. The best thing about them is they can be placed directly into the soil. The newspaper is recycled and decomposes.

By Jonah (5/6B)

Some beautiful writing from 2H.

**A Whole New World**

I can see beautiful trees with all different coloured leaves. The leaves have changed colours because it is autumn. I see that trees are everywhere around me. On the side of the humungous, steep cliff there are trees growing. I can hear the sound of swaying autumn leaves.

The massive waterfall is flowing down the cliff. Water is falling and tumbling down the edge of the mountain. I can hear the sparkling water rushing down the rocks. I can see the water crashing against the rocks on the ground. The water is going down like it’s rushing to the river.

The clouds are rushing across the sparkling, blue sky. I can see the beautiful, clear, light blue sky surrounding me and the beautiful autumn trees. I can also see the sun shimmering in the light blue sky. There is a bird rushing through the blue sky like it has never done before.

Written by 2H.

Stockland Star

Stockland Star voting began on **MONDAY, the 3rd of AUGUST!**

Don't forget to vote for our Stockland Star!

https://www.facebook.com/StocklandGreenHills...

Happy voting and thank you.
Boys’ Cricket
Another Sporting Victory for Bolwarra.
Last Friday, our cricket boys headed out to Seaham to play Ashtonfield PS in the next round of the State Knockout. The boys played a fantastic game and Ashtonfield were great opponents. The boys came away with a victory in the end and displayed outstanding sportsmanship. Thank you again to Mr Latter for his umpiring skills and to the parents for providing transport. It was great to see the boys working together as a team. Well done boys! The next round will be confirmed after other games have been played.

Girls Netball
Once again our netball team was successful in winning - this time against Telarah PS. We won 29-2 and will now go into Round 5 against Scone PS. More information will follow regarding date and venue. Thanks again to Brooke Holz, our wonderful umpire and all the parents who came to watch!

Girls Soccer
Our girls’ soccer team was successful in their round against Singleton PS. Well done girls!

P&C NEWS

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

Comedy Night Cancelled
Unfortunately due to lack of numbers we have had to cancel our comedy night. Thank you to the people that had purchased tickets and a very big thank you to the small band of parents that have given their time to organise the night, the time and effort is much appreciated.

Working Bee – 12th September
If you can lend a hand for any or all of the day, please call:
Steve – 0409 308 471
Phil – 0402 244 073
We will need wheelbarrows, shovels, tool, cordless drill……. more news later.

Bing Lee
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 – You Can Help!
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.
Last time our school participated, we received some fabulous equipment for the school.

Uniform Shop News
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.

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.

TERM 3 CANTEEN ROSTER

A big thank you to those parents that have come forward to help fill our roster in the last week. We certainly do appreciate it!! There are still a number of vacancies in term 3’s roster. Our canteen is a major fundraiser for our school and we function solely on our friends and families giving up their precious time to volunteer. Please take 5 minutes to look through the roster and if you can help in the canteen please contact Tiffany on 0429402848 so we the canteen can remain open!

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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![Seven Electrical](image2.png)

![TJC Accounting](image3.png)
Rugby Union Holiday Opportunity

Sizzling 7s Rugby Camp
Monday 21st September
No. 5 Sportsground Newcastle
For Under 7s to Under 12s
9am to 3pm
Cost is $69
Rugby pack on the day to include Bag, Bottle, Visor and Ball
Please go to www.nswrugby.com.au/community/camps to register and make payment.
Yours truly
Dale McAuley | Rugby Participation Manager, Newcastle/Hunter
New South Wales Rugby Union Ltd
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City United DCC
Registration Days 2015-16

“Come play cricket at The Park in 2015-16”

Registration dates
Thursday 20 August 4:30 – 5:30pm
Thursday 27 August 4:30 – 5:30pm
Sunday 30 August 2015 12:00 – 2:00pm

Where
Maitland Park Bowling & Sporting Club
We cater for all ages from Milo in2cricket to U16’s
• All our grounds are based in beautiful Maitland Park

Contacts for further information
Andrew – 0427 385 460 amcpherson@bigpond.com
Gary – 0410 629 056 gmowbray@iprimus.com.au
Paul – 0419 294 033 krt paul@bigpond.net.au
Find us on Facebook

Maitland Meteors Softball Club

Official Registration Days for the 2015/2016 Softball Season

Sunday 09th August – 10am to 12pm,
Rutherford Marketplace, Rutherford

Sunday 23rd August – 11am to 1pm,
Pender Place Woollies/Maitland Park (in front of
Bowling Club) TBC

Sunday 10th August – 11am to 1pm,
Come’n Try Day & Final Registration,

Are you sick of traveling all over the countryside to get to weekend sport?
Do you wish you played at the same ground every weekend?
Why not come and give SOFTBALL a try
All games played at Stevenson Park, Mayfield West

For more information:
Contact Shareese on 0407 883 622
Email us at Maitlandmeteors@gmail.com
Visit our website www.maitlandmeteorssoftballclub.weebly.com

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Check out Rad Robots
See Super awesome Science Shows

Hunter Science Festival
A Smorgasbord of Science!
10AM-2PM
SUNDAY 16 AUGUST
NEWCASTLE MUSEUM

For a full program visit www.newcastle.com.au/hsh
AUTISM SPECTRUM SEMINAR

2 DATES AVAILABLE in NOV 2015
KATOOMBA RSL CLUB Nov 16 2015

OR

SYDNEY METRO- NORTH RYDE RSL CLUB Nov 17 2015

GETTING READY FOR SUCCESS IN 2016

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS: Meeting the Challenge of Effective Pre School and School Support
(Preschool to Year 12- 4 to 18yrs age group)

A Practical One Day Seminar for all Staff, Parents/Carers, Therapists and Service Providers

Presenter: Dr Lee Sturgeon (Clinical Psychologist specialising in Autism Spectrum Disorders).

KEY FOCUS AREAS OF THE DAY!

PRACTICAL FULL DAY INTENSIVE:

- Latest Information & Advice reflecting Current Research & Practice
- Practical Teaching Strategies
- Specific Resource Material on display

TOPICS COVERED:

- What are Autism Spectrum Disorders? The implications of DSM V
- Diagnosis and the WHOLE family
- The impact of ASD on the School Aged Child/Adolescent
- Overcoming potential limitations in obtaining interventions in rural areas
- Choosing the best school to start kindergarten for a child with an ASD
- Transition from preschool to kindergarten
- Transition from primary school to high school
- The importance of local networks and how to develop them
- Positive Behaviour & Social Skills Support
- Playground/classroom/transition
- Anxiety Management
- Managing sensory sensitivities
- Sexuality Support in Adolescence

For further details & registration information visit our website www.herrochevents.com.au
or email herrochevents@bigpond.com or p/f: 02 433 22 589 or p/f: 02 433 9916

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ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

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