Dear Parents and Care-givers,

Thank you very much for your hard work and support throughout Term 3. The staff at Bolwarra Public School are very fortunate to have such wonderful community support and be able to work together to ensure our children get the best education possible. An example of our community support was the P&C Working Bee that was held last Saturday. We had an overwhelming amount of support from our community. Parents, children, grandparents, uncles and neighbours turned up on Saturday to help complete some jobs. Our helpers were busy gardening, weeding, laying turf, pressure cleaning and moving bag racks, just to name a few of the jobs that were completed. A huge thank you goes out to our helpers and to our P&C for organising this event.

Save the date - Spring Clean Saturday 31st October
We still have more odd jobs that we would like completed before the end of the school year and as a result our P&C are organising another Working Bee for Term 4 called the Spring Clean. Hopefully this will become an annual event. Please mark this date on your calendar and if you are free we would love to have you come and help out.

Premier’s Spelling Bee Update
In last week’s newsletter we mentioned that Luke in Year 5 had attended the Premier’s Spelling Bee Competition at Tenambit Public School. Luke came back from his Year 5 Camp at Point Wolstoncroft (thanks Mr Allen) to represent our school. Luke was runner up at the Stage 3 Competition; he was one of thirty eight children and only one of three Year 5 students. One of the words Luke had to spell was psychiatric. Well done Luke! Luke has won our school a one year subscription to an online dictionary and thesaurus. Our students and teachers will love using this, so thank you Luke. Watch out for Luke at next year’s Premier’s Spelling Challenge when he is in Year 6.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Stickers are due in by the end of this week. Thank you to everyone who has been collecting and handing in their stickers. A big thank you also to Mother Goose Day Nursery for donating all of their Earn and Learn stickers to us. We will be able to buy lots of great equipment and resources for our children.

Mango Fundraiser
Our Mango Fundraiser is on again; please keep a look out for the note that will be going home shortly.

We need your feedback! Tell Them From Me Parent Survey
If you haven’t completed the Tell Them From Parent Survey please do so soon. Access details are below:
https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
Log in using the following details:
User name: parent16859
Password: Bolw1286

Happy Holidays
I’d like to take this opportunity on behalf of our staff to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday. We are looking forward to a productive Term 4.

Best regards,
Ashleigh Blayden
Relieving Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

**2015**
- 17th Sept: Hunter Girls’ Cricket Trials – Raymond Terrace
- 18th Sept: Out of Uniform Footy Day and last day of Term 3
- 6th Oct: Students return for Term 4
- 8th Oct: Girls Cricket vs Singleton PS, venue to be confirmed
- 13th Oct: School Photos
  - 2016 Kinder Parent Session 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 20th Oct: Yr 6 Jumpstart, Maitland High School
  - 2016 Kinder Orientation 10am -11am
- 21st Oct: Yr 7 Welcome to Parents Evening, Maitland High School - 6pm

### NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Request for Volunteers for Canteen Roster and Anzac Biscuit Cooking – Term 4
Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp Update
Mango Fundraiser

### WEBSITES

- **P&C Website**: [www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com](http://www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com)
- **School Facebook Address**: [www.facebook.com/BolwarraPublicSchool](http://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 **as a matter of urgency as we are finalising our numbers at the moment**.
**2016 Enrolments**
We are also looking at numbers for years 1-6 for 2016. If you are leaving Bolwarra Public School at any stage, please let the office know.

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**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: Jessica, Phoebe and Indiana.

**VALID Science and Technology 6 2015**
During Term 4, all Year 6 students will complete an online Science and Technology test called VALID – (Validation of Assessment 4 Learning & Individual Development). VALID Science and Technology 6 is a new program that has been developed by the Learning, High Performance & Accountability Directorate in the NSW Department of Education. The VALID Science and Technology 6 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. The test will take approximately 60 minutes to complete.
Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2016. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child’s results compare with overall performance of all students in the test. Year 6 students and parents will receive further information about this test early next term.

**Year 4PW Baby Chicks**
After 21 days in the incubator, our little chickens finally began to hatch on Tuesday. We were excited to see our chicks had arrived. We now have five fluffy, adorable chicks in our room.

**Primary Proms Junior Choir**
On Tuesday 15th September, 36 Junior Choir students headed off to the Sydney Town Hall to perform in the combined choir for the Primary Proms. The children had to learn to sing 11 songs by memory. We set off at 8am and didn’t return until 11.30pm. The children worked hard all day and had a fabulous dinner at Mamma's Pizza Place. It was a magnificent performance all round from the children, both performance and behaviour wise.
Year 5 Point Wolstoncroft Camp
Last Monday, Yr 5 travelled to Point Wolstoncroft for a week long camp. We had the best time! Lots of activities were on offer – archery, damper making, the giant swing, high ropes, BMX riding, the wombat hole and kayaking. Each group had a fun time doing 2 activities each day. Most of us loved the giant swing the best! At night we also enjoyed many activities. The first night we did game tabloids, the second night we had trivia, the third night was the very fun country fair, and on the last night we watched a movie. We all had jobs to do – we either had to serve food, set tables or clean up/wash the dishes! Thanks to the teachers who accompanied us – it surely was an experience to remember! Year 5.

P&C NEWS

Working Bee
Wow! What a wonderful effort by everyone on Saturday’s P&C Working Bee. We had over 30 people (and lots of children!) show up bright and early this morning to help out with some odd jobs around the school. The school was a hive of activity with gardening, weeding, carpentry, hosing down brick work and laying turf being just a few of the jobs that our volunteers worked on. It was amazing to see so many people turn up and work really hard to get everything done. Thanks again to everyone who turned up, many hands make light work. A special thank you to Mr Milling and Mr Searle for your efforts in coordinating the day.

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.

Uniform Shop News
As the hall is currently having storm damage repaired, the uniform shop is closed although we a happily taking orders via flexischools 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.
Woolworths Earn and Learn
The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is now finished and we need your stickers ASAP. Please bring them in and put them in our box in the office by Friday 18th September. Thank you.

Mango Fundraiser
Please support the Bolwarra Public School Mango Fundraiser. Order form sent home today. If you did not receive an order form please contact the office. Order and payment due by Wednesday 28th October.

Canteen News

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

Term 3 Canteen Roster

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There currently are a number of Anzac and shift vacancies in our Term 4 canteen roster that we are needing to fill in order to keep the canteen open. Canteen shifts although sounding daunting can be a rewarding experience for any parent or caregiver and are not as stressful as you may think. 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 ask you to please look over the Term 4 roster and help us to fill these vacancies. If you are able please contact Tiffany on 0429 402 848. Let’s keep the canteen open!
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.

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78 RACECOURSE ROAD
RUTHERFORD NSW 2320

Ph: 4932 4455, Fax: 4932 9911,

City United DCC
Registration Days 2015-16

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

City United is looking for players in the following age groups

- 5-7 yrs – Milo in2cricket program
- Under 12, 13 and 15’s

If you are interested contact any of the people below for further information
Andrew – 0427 385460 amcpherson@bigpond.com
Gary – 0410 629 056 gnowbray@iprimus.com.au
Paul – 0419 294 033 kritpaul@bigpond.net.au
Find us on Facebook

AIA Vitality MiniRoos Kick-Off
for Girls is an introductory football program for girls aged 5-11 starting October 2015. Visit the website to find a location nearest you.

**Dragon Lantern Workshops**

In the lead up to Maitland’s Riverlights Multicultural Festival, two lantern artists from IKARA Sydney will be conducting open workshops, where the public are invited to join in and help to construct Maitland’s very own floating river dragon.

The workshops will be held at 396 High St Maitland in The Levee Shared Zone on:
- Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September, 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October, 10.00am to 3.00pm

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**Seussical**

**THE MUSICAL**

September 25 to October 11

St John the Baptist School
12 Victoria Street, Maitland
Friday, September 25 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, September 26 @ 1:30 pm & 7:30pm
Sunday, September 27 @ 1:30pm

St Philip’s Christian College
57 High Street, Warabrook
Saturday, October 3 @ 1:30pm & 7:30pm

James Theatre
6 Brown Street, Dungog
Saturday, October 10 @ 7:30pm
Sunday, October 11 @ 1:30pm

Directed by
GUILLERME NORONHA

Music by
STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Musical Director
CALLAN CREED

Lyrics by
LYNN AHRENS

Book by
STEPHEN FLAHERTY & LYNN AHRENS

Co-Conceived by
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Spring into nature around Port Stephens

Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this spring school holidays. There's something for everyone.

BOOKINGS & INFORMATION
For all tours: Please remember to wear closed shoes, and bring water, sunscreen, and weather protective clothing, such as a hat or Penny. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

BOOKINGS for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.
Book online following the links below, or phone 1300 PARIKS (727 457) for more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the link below or call on booking. For general enquiries, phone 1300 1300 PARIKS (727 457) for more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the link below or call on booking.

MACGURL'S WILDERNESS TRAIL
Join our Rangers to discover some of Port Stephens' wilderness areas by foot. This nature walk will take you through forest and beach areas. A great way to experience nature!

Where: Tomaree National Park
When: Tuesday 24 September, 9:30am - 11:30am
Price: Adults $10, Children (6-15 years) $5, Family (2A + 2C) $20

WILD WORLD OF ROCKPOOLS
Don't miss this great introduction to the complex world under our very feet! Discover the secrets of our local rockpools with our friendly experts.

Where: Tomaree National Park
When: Thursday 26 September, 2:30pm - 5:30pm
Price: Adults $12, Children (6-15 years) $6, Family (2A + 2C) $24

WILDERNESS TOOLS, TRACKS AND TALES
Join our Rangers as they take you on a journey through the wilderness of Port Stephens.

Where: Tomaree National Park
When: Thursday 26 September, 2:30pm - 5:30pm
Price: Adults $12, Children (6-15 years) $6, Family (2A + 2C) $24

SPOOKY NIGHT WALK
Take a walk through the eerie and mysterious world of Port Stephens by night. Join our Rangers as they lead you through the forest and along the beach.

Where: Tomaree National Park
When: Thursday 26 September, 7pm - 8pm
Price: Adults $12, Children (6-15 years) $6, Family (2A + 2C) $24

WILDELIKE BUSH TO BEACH FAMILY DISCOVERY
Join our Rangers on a bush walk to discover some of Port Stephens' unique flora and fauna.

Where: Tomaree National Park
When: Wednesday 30 September, 8:30am - 11:30am
Price: Adults $12, Children (6-15 years) $6, Family (2A + 2C) $24
Holiday Fun

BASKETBALL FUN DAY AND MULTISPORTS FUN DAY!
Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd September 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

MAITLAND BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
BASKETBALL FUN DAY/MULTI-SPORTS FUN DAY – APPLICATION FORM

CHILD'S NAME ____________________________ SURNAME ____________________________
PARENT'S NAMES ____________________________
ADDRESS __________________________________________
DATE OF BIRTH ____________________________ YEAR AT SCHOOL ____________________________
TELEPHONE: (H) ____________________________ (Mobile- Parent) ____________________________
DATE YOU WISH TO ATTEND (PLEASE CIRCLE) Day #1 ____________________________ Day #2 ____________________________ Both Days ____________________________

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF WHICH WE SHOULD BE AWARE:
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__________________________ ____________
Signature                        Date

Risks Warning: There are risks of injury associated with playing most sports. Risks will arise in the context of the activities of running, catching, throwing, shooting, and guarding opposing players. While we aim to minimize risks, it is not possible to eliminate them all.

I hereby authorise the staff and volunteers of Maitland Basketball to act for me according to their best judgement in any emergency requiring medical attention and I agree to hold Maitland Basketball and its staff and volunteers harmless and indemnify them in respect of anything so done. In addition, I hereby waive and release Maitland Basketball and its staff and volunteers from any liability for any injury or illness sustained or experienced whilst at the Multi-sports Camps, whether arising through the negligence or breach of contract of them or any of their or any other cause. I understand that public liability and professional indemnity insurance is held by Maitland Basketball, but subject to the terms of the relevant policies. Further, I understand that personal sports injury insurance is held by Maitland Basketball through its affiliation with Basketball NSW to cover participants at this event in the purpose of playing basketball or otherwise being actively engaged in that sport. I also understand and agree that Maitland Basketball has the right to use for publicity and advertising purposes photographs of players and participants taken during the Multi-sports Fun Day.

Name: ____________________________
Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

OFFICE USE ONLY: PAYMENT RECEIPT NUMBER ____________________________ DATE ____________________________ RECEIVED BY ____________________________
Will you...<br>
Walk With Me<br>
A short walk for some can be a challenge for others. Join as one community, walk side by side with people with disability, raise awareness and support a world where all are truly included.

When: Wednesday 23 September 2015<br>Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm<br>Where: Newcastle Foreshore Park (near Railway Carriage Shed)<br>Activities include:<br>• BBQ for gold coin donation<br>• Reptile petting zoo<br>• Jumping castle<br>• Photo booth<br>• Craft activities<br>• Northcott NDIS enquiry stand<br>• Market Stalls<br>• Wheelchair Sports Display<br>• Police Community Display in adjacent parkland<br>
For more information contact: P: (02) 4935 0400 E: donna.vaughan@northcott.com.au W: www.northcott.com.au

2015 HMRI OPEN DAY<br>FRIAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

DISCOVER THE EXCITING AND ENGAGING WORLD OF MEDICAL RESEARCH AND SCIENCE! Don't miss the exciting kid's science program! Interactive Kids Science Sessions Crazy Inventions Laboratory “Things that go Pop, Pizz and Bang!” demonstrations “What grows more bugs?” science shows Healthy Kids Football Clinic with Mark Hughes and friends The Genetics of Rare Abilities - Real Life X-Men talk The Science Bashed Zombies Lecture with “Zombie Export” School Session: How did we get here? Stories from working inside a medical research institute Plus lots, lots, LOADS more.

For the full program of events or to register, visit: hMRI.com.au/open-day

In partnership with our Community

Calling all:<br>FAMILIES, CARERS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS, & THE GENERAL PUBLIC
“Anyone, anytime, can be a carer”

Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter Invites you to the

2015 Families & Carers Expo

What’s in it for you?

Recognise & Celebrate Carers Week 2015<br>Support & Information for Families & Carers in their caring role<br>Information for Professionals to support Families & Carers<br>Opportunities to Network<br>

Guest Speakers: 10.00 - 11.30am Dr Tracy Brown - Geriatrician, HNE Health - Aged Care / Dementia 1.00 - 2.00pm Dr Lee Sturgeon - Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist “A discussion of recent Research and Outcomes from the Asia Pacific Autism Congress”

Proudly Supported by:
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Children’s Entertainment: “Sunshine the Clown”

Details:
Date: Tuesday 13 October 2015
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Wests Leagues Club, 88 Hobart Road, New Lambton
Cost: FREE

For information or to Register
Phone: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776
or Email: CarerAdmin@wehealth.nsw.gov.au
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

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CLARENCE TOWN COMETS SWIMMING CLUB

Pool opens from 21/9/15
Durham St Clarence Town
First Club night 9/10/15
6pm to 7.30pm
$75 for swimmers, $25 for non-swimmers
Season Passes available
Meet and greet on the 1st October
For all people registering
Also available are
Learn to swim, Squad Training
Swimming Club is a great family night.
An excellent way to give your children skills, whilst having a fun time with friends.
BBQ and other food available
Pool Hours 7am to 5pm
See or Phone Dave on 49964586
Registrations can be done online
https://memberdesq.imgstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=2089
From early September
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Make It Workshop    For 7 to 10 years    10.00am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 22 September 2015    Cost: $20 per child
Kites, puppets, giant bubbles and other fun things.

Bush Skills Adventure    For 8 to 12 years    9.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 29 September 2015    Cost: $20 per child
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.

Wriggly Wetlanders    For 5 to 8 years    10.00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 23 September 2015 & Tuesday 29 September 2015    Cost: $20 per child
Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.

Cartooning Fun    For 8 to 12 years    10.00am - 12.30pm
Thursday 1 October 2015    Cost: $20 per child
Learn basic cartooning skills and have fun creating your own characters.

For all the above activities - Bookings Essential    Ph: 4951 6466

Wetlands Explorer    For 5 to 12 years
Available any time during the school holidays.    Cost: Free
Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Open every day 9am to 4pm

Entry
$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). $5 general entry

Activities
- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm
- Try dipnetting from the jetty
- Playtime at Discovery Playground
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre
- Tank Talk - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults
ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

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