Dear Parents and Care-givers,

Welcome back to the 2016 school year! An especially warm welcome to all new members of our school community, in particular our new Kindergarten parents. Our school has a proud tradition of excellence in sporting, cultural and academic achievements and we look forward to the many opportunities and activities that will be on offer for our students throughout the year.

Students have settled in well to their new class and their new routines. They are having lots of fun getting to know their new teacher and classmates. Well done!

2016 Priorities

In line with our 2015-2016 School Plan we aim to continue to work towards strengthening student engagement in learning, to continue to build teacher capacity to provide effective teaching, leading and learning and continuing to enhance quality partnerships both within and beyond our school community.

These priorities among others will be best achieved with the continuing support of parents and families working in partnership with our school. I look forward to an exciting and successful year for the students of Bolwarra Public School.

Welcome to our new staff

This year we welcome some new faces to our team of staff. Mrs Amy French working with 1HF, Miss Thomson working with 3B, Mrs Mills working with 3M and Miss Harris working with 5H. I would like to welcome back Mrs Cathryn Lambert who will be working with Mrs Doyle in the role of Learning and Support Teacher and Mr Shane Power who will be working with 6P. Mrs Petina Bulmer has joined our School Support Staff in our office and Mrs Caroline Rowden is our new School Learning Support Officer working alongside Mrs Yeend.

I will continue to relieve as Principal until a new Principal is appointed sometime this term. Some of our Assistant Principals have also moved to different Stages. Mrs Lee Moore is the supervisor of Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten), Mrs Karen Lange is now the supervisor or Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2), Mr Matthew Leleu will continue to relieve as Assistant Principal supervising Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) and Ms. Penny Dimmock will continue to supervise Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6).

Class Placement

Children were placed into their 2016 classes on Monday. Students have been placed according to the advice of their teachers, their learning and social needs, and where possible, their friendship choices. There is a high demand for places at our school and we have 19 classes this year. We are not accepting out of zone enrolments at this stage.
Medical Alert

We would appreciate if your children would not bring any nut based products to school for lunch or recess. The school is not a ‘nut free’ school however; we have several students in our school who have a severe anaphylactic reaction to nuts. Out of consideration for these students, we would appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

Student Achievements

Towards the end of last year, Travis in Year 5 was awarded some fantastic Karate Ratings for NSW. He placed an impressive 2nd in the state for Traditional Weapons, placing 5th for Sword Combat and 8th for Kata and Self Defence. Congratulations Travis, we look forward to hearing about your continued success throughout the year!

School Hours

8.40am Playground supervision begins

9.10am Classes commence

11.15am Recess

11.50am Classes resume

1.20pm Lunch

2.00pm Classes resume

3.10pm End of school day

Book Packs and Voluntary Contributions

Thanks to our parents who have already paid for their children’s book packs and voluntary contributions. Book packs will be handed out on Monday of Week 3. The new POP (Parents Online Payment) System is proving to be very popular as it is easy to use and convenient. If you require any information on how to use the POP system please contact the office.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that all students have had a smooth and positive transition back to the school year.

Best regards,

Ashleigh Blayden

Relieving Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

2016 TERM 1
• 8th Feb    Stage 3 Parent Information Session – 6pm
• 9th Feb    Stage 2 Parent Information Session – 6pm
• 10th Feb   Stage 1 Parent Information Session – 6pm
• 11th Feb   Early Stage 1 Parent Information Session – 6pm
• 12th Feb   Zone Tennis Trials
• 15th Feb   Welcome Disco – 5:30pm
• 16th Feb   Swimming Carnival – East Maitland Pool
• 16th Feb   P&C Annual General Meeting - 6pm
• 19th Feb   Zone Rugby League
• 23rd Feb   Zone Swimming Carnival
• 29th Feb   Hunter Girls Cricket Trials
• 3rd March  Hunter PSSA Swimming – Maitland
• 8th March  Hunter AFL
• 9th March  PLP BBQ – 5:30 pm
• 18th March Zone Netball
• 24th March Zone Winter Trials - Hockey and Soccer
• 8th April  Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2
• 26th April Pupil Free Day
• 27th April School Resumes for Term 2

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Book Pack Information 2016
Parents Online Payments
2016 P&C Annual General Meeting – 6pm
Swimming Carnival Permission Note
Disco Note

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

Parent Online Payments (POP) is coming to Bolwarra Public School from 28th January 2016. For basic information, see at the end of this newsletter. More detailed information is available on the school website and a hard copy will be available at the office.
The **OPAL Card** is replacing bus passes from Term 1 2016. Many students with a current bus pass won’t need to reapply, as a new pass will be issued automatically. However, you will need to complete an application form if:

- Applying for a bus pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changing name, school and/or address
- Requesting a new additional pass as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation

For further information, see the fact sheet at the end of the newsletter.

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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.](https://itunes.apple.com/app/id687895488)

**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: Dominic, Grace (Dec. 2015)

**Library**

Welcome back to Library for 2016. Thank you to those students who have returned overdue books from 2015. Library is open for business!

**Junior, Senior and Boys Choirs**

Choirs will begin this week, rehearsals will be on Wednesday afternoons, boys choir Thursday mornings. Year three and any new students will audition for a place in the choir. We have been successful in gaining a place in the Primary Proms (junior choir) and the Festival of Choral Music (Senior Choir).

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**P&C NEWS**

The school year is off to a great start again. It is wonderful to see all our returning families back and we would like to extend our warmest welcome to our new families and kindergarten children. Everyone seems to be settling in well and we look forward to seeing you all at the **WELCOME BACK DISCO on Monday 15th February from 5.30-7.30pm in the school hall.**

With such a busy term 4 leading into Christmas it is easy to miss opportunities to thank our wonderful volunteers, families and supporters. Without your help our P and C events would not be possible. With so many tasks large and small like decorating for the formal, selling raffle tickets, buying mangoes, sourcing prizes for
raffles making up our P & C we cannot possibly thank you all individually. So on behalf of our school and P and C please know you are greatly appreciated in every way.

We must give a special thank you to Tammy Hatherell for making the two most amazing cakes. The first being the massive retirement cake we all enjoyed with Mrs Swetnam and the second the surprise memorable cakes for the year 6 Farewell. Our school is very grateful for the support and talents that our parents bring to the community.

We are so excited to see our kindy kids are all settling in this week. To ensure the little ones get to enjoy the canteen as well we have a KINDY ONLY LINE open on the right hand side window. Year 6 buddies will be able to assist them to make the canteen a less stressful experience. Please note – This will only be available for TERM ONE.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club orders for Issue 7 are due back at school by Monday 15/02/16
Scholastic has a new easy order and payment system called LOOP.
This means you can complete your full order and make a secure credit card payment online. You no longer have to fill in order forms to send back.

HOW TO PAY VIA LOOP
Simply log onto the Scholastic Website
Click on Parent Payments and then Book clubs – pay now
Click on Order in the top menu and select Register to save your details for next time.
Select your school and your child’s class
Add each child’s name and last initial
Enter the books you wish to order and follow the prompts for payment.
Your order will be completed and posted directly to the school for delivery to your child.

Did you know if any items are for a gift please put a note on your order or let the office know and we will call you when the item arrives for collection.

Other payment methods are still available:
Cheque payable to Scholastic Australia – NOT TO THE SCHOOL.
Credit card: pay by phone and the receipt number must be written on the order form and returned to school.

CASH PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED and will be returned.
All orders earn reward points for our school which will be utilised to buy resources for our kids.

Beck Croese, Amanda Barber and Elsabe Van de Merwe.
Book Club Co-ordinators
The Term 1, 2016 roster was sent home recently. Thank you to the wonderful people who volunteered their valuable time to support our school. Can you spare a few hours to help with the P&C’s major fundraiser for the school?

**FLEXISCHOOLS UPDATE**: If you are a Flexischool user please ensure you have updated your child’s class for 2016 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.

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### TERM 1 CANTEEN ROSTER 2016

#### 2016 TERM ONE

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There are a few vacancies left on this roster. Helping in the canteen is a great way to be an active member of the school community, to meet other parents and to support the canteen as a major fundraiser for our school. We still have many, many shifts available to fill so grab a friend and come and see how easy it is helping out in the canteen.

It is a legal requirement for all volunteers to fill and sign the working with children check form. It is also a requirement to provide identification to accompany this form. Please attend the office to complete this form. If you need any more information please phone Tiffany or ask in the office.

Thanks,   Tiffany ( 0429 402 848)
## CANTEEN MENU

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS LUNCH TIME - SNACKS, ICE BLOCKS & DRINKS ONLY**
**FRIDAYS – RECESS & LUNCH SNACKS, ICE BLOCKS & DRINKS & LUNCH ORDERS**

### SNACKS
- Mini wheats/sultana buddies 1 scoop: $0.20
- Anzac Biscuits: $0.20
- Pikelets: $0.20
- Cruskits With Vegemite: $0.50
- Cheese or Tomato: $0.70
- Cheese & Tomato: $0.80
- Hot Buttered Roll: $1.00
- Cheese & Bacon Roll: $1.50

### ICE BLOCKS
- Icy Bite: $0.40
- Icy Twist: $1.20
- Frozen Juice Cup: $1.00
- Mini Calipipo: $1.20
- Paddle Pop: $1.50
- Frozen Yoghurt: $2.00

### DRINKS
- Water 300ml: $0.50
- Macquarie Juice: $1.50
  - (apple, orange, orange/mango, orange/passionfruit & apple/blackcurrant)
- Moove Milk 300ml: $2.00
  - (chocolate, strawberry)
- Cup of milk: $0.50
  - With Sipahh Straw: $1.00
- With Milo (cold): $1.00
- Slushie: $2.00

### HOT FOOD
- Hot Buttered Roll: $1.00
- Party Pie: $1.80
- Sausage Roll: $2.30
- Pie: $2.70
- Pizza: $2.00
  - (Ham & Pineapple or Cheese & Bacon)
- Chicken Tender Wrap or Roll: $3.50
  - (1 tender, lettuce, cheese & mayo)
- Chicken Tender – 1 piece: $1.30
- Chicken Tender – 2 pieces: $2.60
- Lasagne: $3.00
- Nacho Dippers: $3.50
- Sauce: $0.30
  - (BBQ, Tomato & Sweet & Sour)

### SANDWICHES
- Vegemite: $1.50
- Cheese: $1.80
- Cheese & Tomato: $2.20
- Egg & Lettuce: $2.30
- BBQ Chicken, Ham or Tuna: $3.00
- Ham & Cheese: $3.20
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato: $3.60
- Chicken, Salmon, Tuna: $3.00
- Salad Sandwich: $3.50
  - (lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot, cheese cucumber, & onion)
- Salad Tub: $4.50
  - lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot, cucumber, onion, cheese, pineapple & egg
- Spaghetti or Baked Bean Toastie: $3.60

All sandwiches are made with wholesome bread & can be toasted at no extra cost

### LUNCH ORDERS
- Add meat to your salad sandwich, tub or plate for an extra: $1.00
  - (Chicken, Salmon, Tuna or Ham)
- Wraps or Rolls are an extra 50c
Year 7, 2017 Information Evening, February 9th
2016, 6-7pm in the Maitland High School HALL.
Entry via the front of the school on High Street, East Maitland.
Join us for: an introduction to the school; its specialist programs; find out ‘what’s it really like being an MHS student’ and tour our facilities while sharing finger food and refreshments with teaching staff and executive.
All our prospective families welcome!
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,

All registrations are online. You can register online through www.bolwarralornjsc.com.au by following the myfootball club link.
If you need assistance or are a new player please attend one of the Registration Information days to be held at Bolwarra Sporting Complex, Victoria Road Bolwarra on:
- Saturday 6th of February 12 - 1.30pm
- Saturday 13th of February 12 – 1.30pm
Any problems or enquiries please contact our Club Secretary:
tommcfadyen@hotmail.com
New players please bring your birth certificate and a copy for our records.
Shorts and socks will be available on the trial game day.
2016 Registration Dates

Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} February 4pm-6pm
Saturday 6\textsuperscript{th} February 10am-2pm
Paterson School library

For more information please ring Jess on 0497498654 or Facebook.
Bolwarra Public School and The Mutual are pleased to continue Bank@school in 2016.

What is Bank@school?

Bank@school is a financial literacy program that encourages students to learn about the importance of saving.

How does it work?

There have been some changes to Bank@school this year.

A representative from The Mutual will visit Bolwarra Public School each Tuesday of the school term. The school banking will be collected and processed at the nearest branch.

Students are invited to open a Mighty Mutual Account and receive their own fun passbook to keep track of their savings. Students can update their passbook anytime by visiting a branch of The Mutual.

A deposit/receipt booklet will be given to each student participating in the Bank@school program. A deposit receipt form will need to be completed each time a deposit is made into the students Mighty Mutual Account through the Bank@school program.

The deposit/receipt form will be stamped as confirmation of receiving the funds. Each time a deposit is made a Mutual sticker will be issued for participation in the banking incentive game included in the Mighty Mutual booklet.

Mighty Mutual Account

The Mighty Mutual Account is a fun and interactive way to help kid’s save. Students receive their own fun passbook to help keep track of their savings. The account is free from transaction and monthly account keeping fees and also rewards members with bonus interest for making regular deposits.

You will also receive our 2016 Mighty Mutual activity booklet which is packed with puzzles, games and information to help learn the importance of saving.

If you have any questions regarding Bank@school please call us on 1300 688 825 or simply visit one of our branches.
ANZ Tennis Hot Shots is specially designed for kids. Smaller courts, racquets and softer tennis balls equals:

**FUN**
Players are actively engaged, excited and motivated to participate.

**PLAY**
Players think and make decisions about meaningful tennis situations.

**SOCIAL**
Players build social skills such as working cooperatively with a partner, building friendships, encouraging teammates and showing sportsmanship during game play.

**SKILLS**
Players have plenty of opportunities to improve their tennis skills.

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots
Start playing now!

To find out more information or to find your local ANZ Tennis Hot Shots venue, visit hotshots.tennis.com.au

Bolwarra Tennis Centre
Chris Herden-Tennis Australia Club
Professional.
Ph: 4992 1753.
E: cherden2@myune.edu.au
RUTHERFORD FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTRATIONS 2016 SEASON
All new registration will need a copy of birth certificate or passport
Tuesday 2nd February 330pm till 630pm
Saturday 6th February 1pm till 5pm
Tuesday 9th February 5pm till 8pm
Sunday 14th February 10am till 1pm
MAITLAND CITY BOWLING CLUB - ARTHUR STREET RUTHERFORD
All Fees have stayed the same as 2012 Season
Registration Fees Rutherford Football Club 2016
Under 5 to Under 7 $70.00 Per Player
Under 8 to Under 11 $90.00 Per Player
Under 12 to Under 18 $120.00 Per Player
Adults $230.00 Per Player
THIS YEAR THE CLUB IS DOING FAMILY DISCOUNT
SECOND PLAYER $10 DISCOUNT & THIRD PLAYER $20 DISCOUNT
ALSO ALL PLAYERS WILL GET FREE SOCK
If the Full Registration Fees & Bonds aren’t paid by 1st April the club will De-registrar any player
A $10 administration fee will apply for all Player Cancellations, both the Player and Club are required to complete the NRRA Registration Cancellation Form to be submitted to the Hunter Valley Football Office for processing.
A Fee of $50.00 will be charged per player when Transferring Clubs within the Hunter Valley Football Zone. Interdistrict Age Competitions
Rutherford Football Club Weekly Match Fees
THIS IS PAID EVERY WEEK BUT IF WE DON’T PLAY DUE TO WASH OUTS YOU DON’T PAY
Approx Rounds 14 For All Every Age Group
Small Sided Games U5 to U7 $4.00 per player per Week
Small Sided Games U8 & U9 $5.00 per player per Week
Small Sided Games U10 to U11 $6.00 per player Per Week
Combined Association U12 to U18 $8.00 per player Per Week
Adult Teams $12.00 per player
These are collected from every player Friday / Saturday / Sunday Every Game Day.
Full Total of Game fees
Under 5 to Under 7 $56 for Season
Under 8 to Under 11 $70 for Season
Under 10 & Under 11 $84 for Season
Under 12 to Under 18 $112 for Season
Approx Rounds 14 For All Adults $168 for Season
Total Rego Fees & Game Fees for the Season will be:
Small Sided Games U5 to U7 $126.00 per player
Small Sided Games U8 & U9 $160 per player
Small Sided Games U10 to U11 $174.00 per player
Combined Association U12 to U18 $232.00 per player Per Week
Adult / All age $396.00 per player
Can Register online at myfootballclub.com.au from the 1st February
but will still need to attend 1 of the above dates at the club

CLUB SECRETARY: 0423361736
Email: secretary@rutherfordfc.com.au
www.rutherfordfc.com.au
ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

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

PARENTAL ONLINE PAYMENTS - POP

Just some basic information to let you know some of the functions that will be available. We will have more detailed information for you next week.

Did you know that you can make payments to your child’s school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

When?

This payment method will go live on 28th January 2016.

How?

Log onto School site at bolwarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.
Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.
A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).
Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.