Dear Parents and Care-givers,

It’s hard to believe that it is nearly the end of Week 3 already. Congratulations to our students on their settled approach to the start of the new school year. It is lovely to see them working so hard in their new classes. Keep it up! Our playground has been a happy and safe place. The primary and infants play equipment has proved to be very popular. Our 3-6 students are enjoying playing cricket on the bottom field; we will commence our beloved soccer games again when the weather cools down. A big thank you also to our Year 6 buddies; you have been doing a fantastic job supporting your Kinder buddy. You are excellent role models, well done everyone!

Parent Information Sessions
Thank you to all of our parents who attended the Parent Information Sessions this week. Our Kindergarten Parent Information Session will be held this evening in the hall, commencing at 6pm. If you haven’t been able to make it to these sessions your child should have brought a note home outlining all of the information that was discussed. If you haven’t received this information please contact your child’s teacher. If you have a question or concern please do not hesitate to ask your child’s teacher too.

P&C Welcome Disco
Our P&C Welcome Disco will be held this coming Monday. It is always a lovely night where we welcome everyone back to the school year. Hope to see you all there. The Disco begins at 5:30pm in our school hall.

Notes
Thank you to everyone for promptly filling out and returning all of the notes that have been sent home over the last couple of weeks. The start of the year is always a busy time when we are gathering information and updating our records. It is vital that we have the correct emergency details, medical details and health care plans. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 16th February East Maitland Pool
Our Swimming Carnival is fast approaching and Mrs Whitehouse and Miss Baron have been super busy organising our carnival. Our Swimming Carnival is always a fantastic day with lots of great races and excellent participation by our students. I always admire the way our students support and encourage each other during the races. It is wonderful to see the 5 Keys to Success in action!

Student Leader Inductions
Tomorrow morning our School Leaders, Environmental Leaders, P.A Monitors, House Captains and Library Monitors will be inducted at a special ceremony in the hall at 9.30am. Parents you are most welcome to attend this assembly.

Keep up the great work Bolwarra P.S!

Best regards,
Ashleigh Blayden
Relieving Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

2016 TERM 1

- 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
- 6th May  Zone Touch

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

- Book Pack Information 2016
- Parents Online Payments
- 2016 P&C Annual General Meeting – 6pm
- Swimming Carnival Permission Note – Last date for payments Friday 12th February
- Disco Note
- Stage 3 Information 2016

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

**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.

**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.


**K-2 NEWS**

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 P.E. and sport days will be on a Monday and Thursday. Please wear sports uniform on these days.

**Lost Property**

Please check that your child has brought home the correct hat from school. Two hats have been misplaced any help locating them would be greatly appreciated.

**P&C NEWS**

Don’t forget this Monday night 15th February is our annual Welcome Back disco for all students and parents from 5.30-7.30pm. A great opportunity to catch up and meet new families while you enjoy the sausage sizzle and drinks available from the canteen. Our awesome DJ has been locked in and now we just need you to pop on your dancing shoes and come along for a fun night.
A huge thank you to Rare Meats who are sponsoring our Welcome Back Disco next Monday 15/2/16. Ben has generously donated his gourmet meat for our awesome families to enjoy.

Be sure to look up their website www.raremeats.com.au or like them on FB. Beautiful gourmet meat delivered to your home at wholesale prices. Thank so much Ben and all the team at RARE MEATS!

This coming Tuesday 16th February at 6pm the Bolwarra Public School P & C will hold their Annual General Meeting followed by the monthly General Meeting. We are always looking to welcome new members bringing with them knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm to help raise money to contribute back to our school for our children. If you are interested in holding a position within the Committee you will need to pop into the office for a nomination form otherwise come along and be part of general discussion and bettering our school resources with our many fundraisers.

SYDNEY WEEKEND SHOPPING TRIP – GATHER YOUR FRIENDS FOR A FUN WEEKEND AWAY!
Join us for an overnight shopping trip (1 ½ day warehouses, ½ day Birkenhead Point) on Sat & Sun Oct 29 & 30, 2016. Price will be approximately $280.00 (to be confirmed) which will include coach transport, morning tea & lunch on Saturday, Saturday night accommodation and breakfast Sunday. To secure your seat a $50 deposit (payable to the P&C NOT the school is required by Wednesday March 30. Please include your name, phone number & email address with payment to the office. Please note the deposit is non-refundable but fully transferrable. Numbers are limited and seats will be allocated as deposits are received so be quick to secure your seat and avoid disappointment!
All funds raised will go to the Bolwarra Public School P & C for technology for our beautiful children. Should you have any questions please contact Melinda 0419 496 941 or sydwarehouses@gmail.com and keep an eye out for the flyer coming home soon.
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

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

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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**CANTEEN VACANCIES**

Thursday 25/2  1 Volunteer (12.30-2.30) & Anzacs
Friday 26/2    2 Volunteers (9-2.30)
Tuesday 1/3    2 Volunteers (12.30-2.30)
Friday 11/3    1 Experienced Volunteer (9-2.30)
Monday 14/3    1 Volunteer (12.30-2.30)
Tuesday 22/3   ANZACS
Friday 1/4     1 Experienced Volunteer (9-2.30)
Tuesday 5/4    2 Experienced Volunteers (12.30-2.30)

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  

## 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  

## Ice Blocks
- Icy Bite: $0.40  
- Icy Twist: $1.20  
- Frozen Juice Cup: $1.00  
- Mini Calippo: $1.20  
- Paddle Pop: $1.50  
- Frozen Yoghurt: $2.00  

## Lunch Orders

### 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  
- Spaghetti or Baked Bean Toastie: $3.60  

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

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
Furneys Stock Feeds, producers of quality animal and poultry feeds for over 100 years.
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

BOLWARRA LORN JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB
2016 REGISTRATION

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 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.

LAKE MACQUARIE CITY ART GALLERY

For Primary School students:

Art Club

- 6 x 1hr sessions
- Tuesdays 4–5pm
- 9 February - 15 March
- Term fee: $60 per student
- Participating sibling half price
- Level: Yrs 1–4

2016 Registration
Paterson River Netball Club still has positions available in most teams, especially 12, 13, 14.
All playing abilities are welcome
Net Set Go (5-10years) $120
Juniors (11-17years) $135
Seniors (18+years) $160

For more information please ring Jess on 0497498654 or contact us at Facebook Paterson River Netball Club
StrikeLive for iOS.

Free download. Daily practice quizzes for Selective High School, Opportunity Class (OC) and NAPLAN with detailed answers, explanations and personalised statistics.
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’s 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 9 $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 $160.00 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 $398.00 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
Maitland (NSW) Sat 19th - Sun 20th March

East Maitland Scout Hall  Jubilee Street, East Maitland

To make a booking – please register on-line: www.illustrating-man.com.au and click on Cartoon Camps

Special Weekend Cartoon Workshops!

www.illustrating-man.com.au

Class 1: Saturday 10am - 2pm
- **Theme:** Star Wars™
- **Draw:** Beginners cartooning part 1.
- **Draw:** Draw R2-D2™ & BB-8™.
- **Play:** Cool games including ‘Chase’.
- **Drawing competition:** Create your own robot.
- **Draw:** Captain Phasma™ & a Storm Trooper™.
- **Enjoy:** Mocktails.
- **Draw:** A space city.
- **Make:** A Light Saber™.
- **Make:** A Lego™ starship.
- **Draw:** The Millennium Falcon™.
- **Draw:** A Tie Fighter™ & an Imperial Shuttle™.

Class 2: Saturday 2pm - 6pm
- **Theme:** Magic & Wizards.
- **Draw:** Spiderman™ & Batman™ Minion™ style.
- **Draw:** Insects - a slug, worm & a bee.
- **Draw:** Cute little puppies.
- **Make:** Enjoy fruit kebabs.
- **Draw:** Hogwarts castle™ in detailed 3D.
- **Draw:** Tom & Jerry™.
- **Play:** Kingdom balloon skirmish - an exciting game.
- **Draw:** Mario™ & Yoshi™
- **Crazy hair:** Have your hair styled.
- **Draw:** A detailed fire dragon.
- **Drawing competition:** Create your own character.

Class 3: Saturday night 6pm - 9pm
- **Theme:** Dark Clothes.
- **Draw:** Characters from Five Nights at Freddy’s™.
- **Draw:** Peanuts™ characters: Snoopy™, Charlie Brown™ & Woodstock™.
- **Play:** Sock wrestling.
- **Play:** Jedi™ Sock wrestling (blind folded).
- **Play:** Junk food baseball.
- **Enjoy:** Free pizza.
- **Draw:** Lots of Minions™.
- **Play:** Murder in the dark! Wear dark clothes. A very exciting game played ‘Kingdom style’.
- **Design:** A T-Shirt. Create your own artwork onto a T-Shirt. We will supply the T-Shirts.

Class 4: Sunday 10am - 2pm
- **Theme:** Pirates.
- **Play:** The exciting pirate game - arrr!!
- **Enjoy:** Yummy Canadian S’mores.
- **Draw:** Elmo™ & Mike Wazowski™.
- **Treasure hunt:** Find the pirates treasure.
- **Competition:** Crack the pirates code to win a bonus $1,000 Kingdom dollars.
- **Draw:** Original Pokemon™.
- **Bring your cards to trade.**
- **Draw:** A tropical island.
- **Draw:** Cute troll characters.
- **Design:** A cool looking base-ball cap. We will supply the caps.

Class 5: Sunday 2pm - 6pm
- **Theme:** Jurassic Era.
- **Draw:** Beginners Cartooning part 4.
- **Draw:** Life in the Jurassic seas.
- **Draw:** A volcano erupting.
- **Draw:** The Good Dinosaur™ characters.
- **Make:** Minecraft™ characters.
- **Make:** A Lego™ city from the future.
- **Enjoy:** Make & eat rainbow biscuits.
- **Draw:** Sonic™ & Toad™.
- **Kingdom dance-off:** Prizes for the best & worst dancers.
- **Fun waterfight:** Battle if you want to. Rebels v’s Royals. Weather permitting.
- **Kingdom Markets:** Spend your Kingdom Dollars on prizes from the Kingdom shop.

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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.