Dear Parents and Care-givers,

It has been another action packed week here at Bolwarra Public School. On Monday, we had a wonderful night with lots of our families dancing, mingling and enjoying our P&C Welcome Disco. Thank you to our P&C for putting on this great community event. I thoroughly enjoyed catching up with all of our families.

**Swimming Carnival**
On Tuesday, our students demonstrated persistence and confidence to compete in events at our annual Swimming Carnival. Well done everybody! A big thank you to all of our teaching staff and parent helpers, in particular, I would like to thank Miss Hannah Baron and Mrs Carley Whitehouse for their organisation of our carnival. It was a fantastic day!

**Student Leaders Leadership Day**
Today, I had the pleasure of accompanying 12 of our Year 6 Student Leaders to the Maitland Learning Community Leadership Day at Tenambit Public School. The leaders had the opportunity to listen to the motivational speaker Lorin Nicholson, an athlete and adventurer, who has been legally blind since the age of four. They also got to participate in group work activities with leaders from other schools. Stay tuned for more information next week.

**Kid’s Shed 2016 and our School Plan**
Last week saw the commencement of our very popular Kid’s Shed initiative, coordinated by Mr Mike Lewis. This year we refined the program after listening to feedback from our parents and children. We have surveyed all students in Stages 2 & 3 and we will endeavor to have all interested students participate in the Kid’s Shed throughout the year. The Kid’s Shed is one part of our 2015-2017 School Plan and this initiative centers around students having the opportunity to participate in hands on learning activities, with a sustainability and science focus, to increase engagement. We have three strategic directions, outlined below and our team of Assistant Principals have been working hard, liaising with staff, to write our 2016 School Milestones. Our School Plan is published on our website if you require more information.

**Lesson Observations**
As an ongoing part of our teacher professional learning program, teachers at B.P.S will be undertaking lesson observations with a buddy teacher over the coming weeks. These observations will give teachers the opportunity to learn from each other and help to build teacher capacity, ultimately improving student outcomes. Our teachers are very keen to share their expertise and are looking forward to this professional learning experience.
Working With Children Check

A Working With Children Check is a requirement for people who work or volunteer in child-related work. It does not matter whether they are paid, volunteering or self employed. There is no fee attached for volunteers – for paid workers it is $80. During 2017 all people who work or volunteer will need an official WWC Check number.

This process has gradually been phased in with volunteers completing a WWC Declaration form and supplying 100 point identification. (This process does not give you a WWC Check number.) We are now encouraging volunteers to apply online for this 5-yr WWC Check Number. You can access this application through www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au and follow the directions for a “volunteer”.

Many parents have already been proactive in doing this. If you are planning to volunteer at our school in any capacity – classroom helper, transport volunteer, canteen worker, etc. you might like to take 5 minutes to complete this application. You will then need to take the Application Receipt to Service NSW or a NSW Council Agency to verify your identify. Once the verification process is complete you will be issued with a WWC Check number.

Once you have received your WWC Check Number and documentation, please give a copy to the school office. This number can then be used in any “child-related” volunteer position anywhere in NSW – e.g. sporting groups, other schools, etc.

If you are not in a position to apply online, please contact the school office for a Declaration Form, to be sent home with your child, bearing in mind that this process will not give you an official WWC Number.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries.

Road Safety

Thank you to our parents and care-givers who are being road safe around our school. Can you please ensure that when you are entering or exiting the school that you refrain from using the teacher’s carpark. We have had reports of parents and students walking through the carpark whilst cars are reversing, resulting in near misses. We ask for your assistance with this matter to ensure we keep all of our children and parents safe.

We have a path that takes you around the outside of the car park and down near the primary fixed equipment, there is also a gate in the fence that may be used to ensure you and your children stay safe. We also have our kiss and drop zone that can be used of a morning. The gate can be used so that students do not have to walk across the driveway of the teacher’s carpark.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,
Ashleigh Blayden
Relieving Principal
IMPORTANT DATES

2016 TERM 1
- 19th Feb  Zone Rugby League
- 23rd Feb  Zone Swimming Carnival
- 29th Feb  Hunter Girls Cricket Trials
- 3rd March Hunter PSSA Swimming – Maitland
- 4th March Hunter Basketball
- 8th March Hunter AFL
- 9th March PLP BBQ – 5:30 pm
- 18th March Zone Netball
- 23rd March Combined Scripture
- 24th March Zone Winter Trials - Hockey and Soccer
- 1st April Hunter PSSA Netball - Girls
- 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
- 20th May  Hunter Touch
- 27th May  Hunter Rugby

NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Book Pack Information 2016
Parents Online Payments
Stage 3 Information 2016
Scripture Note – due now

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

Scripture Notes
Scripture notes were sent home last week and are now due. All children remain in their normal class and a volunteer scripture teacher comes in and teaches “General” scripture to the whole class. The majority of students participate in these classes. If your child is from a non-denominational background, they are still very welcome to attend these general classes with their class peers. Anyone not attending are withdrawn from the class and supervised elsewhere. Scripture classes will begin next week, children who have not returned the yellow scripture note indicating their preference of scripture or non-scripture classes, will be placed in scripture classes until the scripture note is returned. Please contact the office for further details in needed.
**Newletters**

Newsletters are available via email, the skoolbag app, our school website, or alternatively a hard copy. If you would prefer to receive a newsletter via email please fill the note included at the end of this newsletter or contact the office directly.

In future weeks, we will endeavour to email a copy to those who wish and will also post it on Skoolbag and the schools website.

If you’re unable to receive our newsletter via either of these methods and require a printed copy please contact the office.

**Parent Online Payments (POP)** is now available for Bolwarra Public School. 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**

**Swimming Carnival**

Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday the 23rd of February at Maitland Pool. Qualifying students will receive a letter home today. It would be greatly appreciated if notes could be returned as promptly as possible. Thank you. Carley Whitehouse, Hannah Baron.

**Talent Quest**

The Bolwarra Talent Quest is on again!

Year 6 will run the Talent quest as their Student Council Fundraiser. Next week (Week 5) during Lunch 1, students are able to sign up to showcase their talent. Entry is $1 per student. Performances will commence in Week 6.

Students K-6 will be able to view the great talent as audience members during Lunch 1. Entry to watch the Talent Quest is 50c per session.

**Kids Shed, Term 1**

Welcome back, Kids Shed!

This Term in Stage 2 the Science topic is Solids, Liquids and Gases. What a great opportunity for Kids Shed to be involved by observing some demonstrations and by conducting some experiments. We will use the ice, water, steam routine but also look at some less usual materials.

Is butter solid or liquid? Can it be a gas? How does temperature change a material? Can a change be reversed? Two groups will each spend about 45 minutes in the Shed each week. And of course the vegie garden and greenhouse plant propagating will continue. We hope to germinate enough Illawarra Flame Tree seedlings to plant a row beside the Jacarandas along the school fence-line.....?

The Stage 3 Science topic is Invasive Animals and Plants and Biosecurity. We have begun looking at plants within the school that are invasive; lantana, bindii, North African Olive. And animals, particularly exotic, which threaten native habitat: Crown of Thorns Starfish, Cane Toad, South American Fire Ant – none are in the school (yet). Four separate groups of children will spend 30 minutes in the Shed each Thursday. Our first practical job is to make a formicarium (ant farm) with
the necessary resident ants – perhaps a species less threatening than Fire Ants! The real study will come with observing the colony with queen, eggs and larvae, the workers and soldiers. How do they forage? Who cares for eggs and larvae? What can kill off a colony? And the vegie garden will still need weeding…. Another plant sale may be possible before autumn?

Parents and carers, there are two items we are looking for that you could help with: small plastic plant pots about 7 – 10cm diameter. The plastic cups we used last year were a great size but tend to topple over, being tapered, and we end up with damaged plants. More difficult (but more interesting), we’re looking for clockwork for a Science topic later in the year: Simple Machines. Clockwork is wonderful to show the workings of levers, gearing, coiled springs (potential energy), inclined planes (wedges) and wheels. I’ve begun looking for old wind-up alarm clocks or toys and found just two. (There used to be so many! Where dat toy go???) So, if you can rat around in the old suitcase under the stairs and be happy to part with a wind-up gorilla or kitchen timer or music box or alarm clock, Shed Kids would be appreciative. Can’t promise you’ll get it back in one piece, though!

Mike Lewis

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: Kiata

Welcome Back Disco

Thank you to all the lovely children that attended the Welcome Back Disco on Monday night with your families, everyone had a wonderful time which was great to see. From tattoos, glowsticks, photobooth and of course the dancing there was plenty to do and see. Huge thanks goes to Mel from EWI Photography for the great photos taken in the photobooth and Ben from Rare Meats for the donation of the yummy sausages we feasted on. A massive thank you to all the volunteers on the night cooking, serving or manning tables as without your help we are unable to make these events such a success.

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.

**Annual P&C General Meeting**
The P & C Committee held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday night and the positions were elected as follows:

President: Steven Searle
Vice President 1: Phil Milling
Vice President 2: Beck Croese
Secretary: Amanda Rodrick
Treasurer: Mandy Innes
Assistant Treasurer: Lynda Gibbs
Uniform Shop Coordinators: Alison Radford and Lana Hill
Canteen Coordinators: Tiffany Kiern and Leah Robson

(Please note Tiff will still be the contact for roster details)

The P & C are always looking for new faces to come in and work with us bringing experience and knowledge as well as positive enthusiasm to achieve so much for our school and children.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month in the school staffroom at 6pm.

**Uniform Shop Garage Sale**
This Friday 19th February, 2016 our uniform shop is having a garage sale for one day only. All sale items on the table are $1.00 each or three pieces for $2.00. Come down between 8.30-9.30am and first in will get the bargains!

---

**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

---

**Term 1 Canteen Roster 2016**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>SHIFTS 9.00-2.30</th>
<th>9.00-11.00</th>
<th>11.00-2.30</th>
<th>12.30-2.30</th>
<th>ANZAC BISCUITS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FRI 19/2</td>
<td>SHANNON GRECH</td>
<td>BELINDA KENT</td>
<td>REBECCA WHITELEY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>REBECCA WHITELEY</td>
<td>DUONG</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CHEREE WINKLEMAN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>GREATA POLLARD</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WEEK 4</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MON 22/2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TUE 23/2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THURS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25/2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FRI 26/2</td>
<td>REBECCA WHITELEY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CHEREE WINKLEMAN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>JO BEECHING</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>REBECCA WHITELEY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>VACANCY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>VACANCY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| WEEK 5 | MON 29/2 | ALISON RADFORD  
|        |        | CAROL SJOSTEDT  
| TUES 1/3 | MELISSA BOUCHER  
|        | VACANCY  | MELISSA BOUCHER  
| THURS 3/3 | LYNDI GIBBS  
|        | NARELLE MILLING  | KELLI AULD  
| FRI 4/3 | JESSICA PERRY  
|        | REBECCA WHITELEY  
|        | CHEREE WINKELMAN  | GREATA POLLARD  
|        | BELINDA KENT  
|        | DUONG  | REBECCA CROESE  

| WEEK 6 | MON 7/3 | ANITA WHITEHORN  
|        | ESTHER JONES  | ANITA WHITEHORN  
| TUES 8/3 | TRACY MORTIMER  
|        | VACANCY  | ANNETTE PEEL  
| THURS 10/3 | MIA FRASER (FROM 1PM)  
|        | ALISON RADFORD  | RANA REYNOLDS  
| FRI 11/3 | TONY CANT TEAM  
|        | JO BEECHING  
|        | VACANCY  | JANIEN FULLER  

| WEEK 7 | MON 14/3 | TIFFTANY KIEM  
|        | KRISTI NICHOLS  | KAREN HENNING  
| TUES 15/3 | KRISTY MCDONELL  
|        | KERRI BALDWIN  | JEN FREEMAN  
| THURS 17/3 | LISA MASTESON  
|        | MIA FRASER (FROM 1PM)  | KELLI AULD  
| FRI 18/3 | JESSICA PERRY  
|        | REBECCA WHITELEY  
|        | CHEREE WINKELMAN  
|        | GREATA POLLARD  
|        | RANA REYNOLDS  | REBECCA WHITELEY  

| WEEK 8 | MON 21/3 | MEGAN PALEOLOGOS  
|        | JUDI BUCKNOR  | MEGAN PALEOLOGOS  
| TUES 22/3 | ALISON RADFORD  
|        | CAROL SJOSTEDT  | KAREN HENNING  
| THURS 24/3 | ANITA WHITEHORN  
|        | ESTHER JONES  | ANITA WHITEHORN  
| FRI 25/3 | CLOSED – GOOD FRIDAY  |  

| WEEK 9 | MON 28/3 | JESSICA PERRY  
|        | AMANDA EDWARDS  | SHANNON GRECH  
| TUES 29/3 | KRISTY MCDONELL  
|        | LISA MASTESON  | KELLI AULD  
| THURS 31/3 | TONY CANT TEAM  
|        | JO BEECHING  
|        | VACANCY  | ALISON MARSHALL  

| WEEK 10 | MON 4/4 | ANITA WHITEHORN  
|        | ESTHER JONES  | ANITA WHITEHORN  
| TUES 5/4 | KAREN HENNING  
|        | BAC HILL  | ANNETTE PEEL  
| THURS 7/4 | LYNDI GIBBS  
|        | NARELLE MILLING  | REBECCA CROESE  
| FRI 8/4 | CLOSED – LAST DAY OF TERM  |  

**CANTEEN VACANCIES**  
Thursday 25/2  1 Volunteer (12.30-2.30) & Anzacs  
Friday 26/2  2 Volunteers (9-2.30)
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)

PROUD SPONSORS OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

PROUD PARTNERS OF OUR SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Guitar Lessons 2016

If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar or bass guitar, either during school hours or after school, can you kindly fill out the attached slip and leave at the school office. If you have any enquires please call me on 0419 642 096 or email me at ericloimusic@bigpond.com

Thanks Mr Eric Loi

Guitar Lessons 2016 – Mr Eric Loi

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parent’s Name</th>
<th>Phone</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Child’s Name</td>
<td>Child’s Age and Class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Own Instrument Yes/ No</td>
<td>School Time/ After School Time</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

REGISTRATIONS FOR MORPETH JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

Join us on 28th from 10am-2pm at the Commercial Hotel Swan St Morpeth

U6 TO U17

WE CATER FOR GIRLS UP TO U12S

ENQUIRES PLEASE CONTACT
REGISTRAR: 0432057207
SECRETARY: 0432087033
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 ‘Charge’;
- 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™.
- Play: Sock wrestling.
- Play: Jedi™ Sock wrestling (blindfolded).
- 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 - arrrr!!
- 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: Life in the Jurassic seas.
- Draw: A volcano erupting.
- Draw: The Good Dinosaur™ characters.
- Draw: 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.

www.illustrating-man.com.au
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 26th January 2016.

How?

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

---

ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

Parent signature: ........................................................................................................................................
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.
NEWSLETTER UPDATE

In future weeks, we will endeavour to email a copy to those who wish and will also post it on Skoolbag.

Please complete the email information slip below if your details have changed. Also notify the office if you’re unable to receive our newsletter via either of these methods and require a printed copy.

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR NEWSLETTER

Family Name: ________________________________________________

Children’s Names and classes: ________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________

I don’t have an email address and would like a paper copy of the newsletter □

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _______________________________________