**Principal’s News**

**Shave For A Cure**
The Worlds Greatest Shave is an iconic Australian fundraising event that each year raises much needed funds for the Leukemia Foundation. This year Madison M in Year 6 is participating in Shave For A Cure and raising funds for the Leukemia Foundation. Madison has already raised over $1,200 from sponsorships and donations. She would love for you to support this cause by bringing in a gold coin donation on Friday. She will be shaving her head in front of the school at our 12pm school assembly. Please click on the link provided to get more information or make a donation.

https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/…/mobilePersonalP…

**Grandparents Day**
This year our Grandparents Day is being held on Thursday 24th March. I hope you and your family are able to join us to mark this special open day. Kinder and Year 6 have been busily practising their dances and will be performing for our visitors at assembly. Grandparents/Carers are invited to dance with their grandchildren afterwards. Invitations will be sent home soon with more details.

**Mrs Yeend’s Retirement**
After a 24 year association with Bolwarra Public School Mrs Marilyn Yeend has decided to retire from her duties as a Support Learning Officer (SLSO) at our school. Mrs Yeend has been a highly respected and valued member of our school community and has impacted the lives of many students, parents and staff. In honor of Mrs Yeend’s contribution to our school we are celebrating her retirement with an afternoon tea on Friday 18th March at 4pm at the school hall.

We wish to present Mrs Yeend with a gift on behalf of the students, parents and community of Bolwarra Public.

We are asking students/families, who wish to contribute, for a gold coin donation that can be sent to the front office in a labelled envelope.

**Easter Raffle**
It is hard to believe that the Easter long weekend is almost upon us. The P&C are busily organising and creating lovely prizes for our yearly Easter raffle. As part of our annual Grandparents Day and Easter celebrations we are asking for a $2 donation from each child. This gold coin donation will enable us to provide each child with a small gift.

Easter Egg Raffle tickets will be sold from Monday 14th March till the prizes are drawn on 24th March. Each class will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize.

Easter Egg Raffles draws will also be held for the children in each class during Week 9 of this Term.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best regards,
Ashleigh Blayden

**Important Dates**

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**Notes in Circulation**
- FOEI – due by 11th March
- Grandparents Day
- Mrs Yeend’s Retirement
- ICAS University NSW Examinations – YRS 3-6
- High School Enrolment Form – YR 6
- Naplan Note – Yr 3 and 5
- Pink Information Form – due by 4th March
- Parents Online Payments


**Parents Online Payments (POP)** on school website - “$ Make a payment” tab (school payments only not P&C)

**P&C Website** [www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com](http://www.bolwarrapandc.wordpress.com)

**Online Uniform and Lunch Orders**

**School Facebook Address**
[www.facebook.com/BolwarraPublicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/BolwarraPublicSchool)
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REMINDERS

- FOEI – bright green forms, please return these forms to the front office as soon as possible.
- Pink Information Forms – contact information forms overdue, please return as soon as possible.
- Parent Online Payments – (POP) available now.
- OPAL Card - replacing bus passes contact office for more information.
- Skoolbag – Download free App on your smartphone.

K – 6 News

Talent Quest
Talent Quest auditions finished today. Congratulations to all students who participated and were in the audience. Semi Finals will be held next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Students K-6 are able to be view the great talent as audience members during Lunch 1. Entry to watch the Talent Quest is 50c per session.

Multicultural Public Speaking
Our school has entered the 2016 Multicultural Public Speaking competition. This competition involves both a prepared and an impromptu speech. We are able to send two Stage 2 competitors and two Stage 3 competitors to the competition. Next week during lunch, I will do some public speaking workshops for interested students. Stage 2 will be Wednesday Lunch 2 and Stage 3 will be Thursday Lunch 2. After these workshops, I will get the students to do an impromptu speech to select the school representatives for the competition. If your child is interested in public speaking, please encourage them to attend.

Mrs Lange

University Examinations
Just a reminder that entry forms for this year’s University Examinations were handed out this week. Forms and money need to be returned by Wednesday, 23rd March, 2016. Please see the office or Mrs Lange for further information.

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: Hannah A, Ella C

Scholastic Book Club
Book club orders for Issue 7 are due back at school by Friday 18th March.
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 and Amanda Barber
Book Club Co-ordinators
Get Yours Now!
Grab your 2016/2017 book or digital copy of the Entertainment Book now to secure your extra early bird offers. The new Entertainment Book is full of awesome discounts and deals. Don’t delay or you will miss out, in the meantime keep an eye out for the note sent home regarding your book and be sure to ask family members and friends to grab their copy through the school also. Use this link to be directed for online orders and payment now! https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/344m00

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 $250.00 which will include coach transport, morning tea & lunch on Saturday, Saturday night accommodation and breakfast Sunday. To secure your seat a $50 deposit 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.

Red Day – Wednesday 16th March
This coming Wednesday (lunch 2) the Canteen are holding a red day selling Smith Chips and Peters Fandangles Ice creams in various flavours. There is no need to place and order for this day we ice creams in various flavours. There is no need to place and order for this day we have plenty of stock on hand for $1.50 each item and the flavours do vary so be sure to get to the canteen early.

EARN AND LEARN
This week saw the arrival of our Earn and Learn goodies redeemed after all our wonderful families, community groups and businesses collected stickers for us. We have sand and water play stations, tennis sets, paint, craft and lots of games ready to put to use. A massive thank you to Woolworth Earn and Learn program and especially Woolworths Pender Place for the amazing fruit and morning tea donated on the day. The beautiful apples, bananas and luscious peaches were enjoyed by all for fruit break in every class, what was especially encouraging was the children that had not tried peaches before were digging in as they were super sweet and juicy.

Above: One of our many wonderful parent helpers supervising a class group activity
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FLEXISCHOOLS 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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Friday 11/3 1 Experienced Volunteer (9- 2.30)
Friday 1/4 1 Experienced Volunteer (11- 2.30)

Thank you to the wonderful people who volunteered their valuable time to support our school.

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 100 point 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. If you have already done your WWCC online, please give your number and D.O.B. to the office to input into the system.

Thanks, Tiffany (0429 402 848)

Community Notices

Full details on community noticeboard.

- Autumn Vacation Care
  Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc. 83 - 85 Weblands St Rutherford NSW 2320
  Ph 02 4939 1840 or email admin@mbcoosh.org.au

- Tilly’s Play and Development Centre All enquiries 49387211 or bolwarra@tillyschildcare.com.au

- Summer Sports Camp 18th – 22nd April, 2016 Maitland Indoor Sports Centre, Rutherford see supersportscamps.com.au for more details

- Ultimate Cricket School
  11th - 13th April, 2016 Robins Oval, Maitland see supersportscamps.com.au for more details

- Special Weekend Cartooning Workshop
  Maitland (NSW) on Sat 19th - Sun 20th March at East Maitland Scout Hall, Jubilee Street, East Maitland

- Kids Fitness Class at Paterson Public School
  $10 per week phone Dani Shearman 0411 783 790

- Autumn Kids Camps – sport and recreation
  nsw.gov.au 131302 or fb.com/nswsportandrecreation

ABSENTEE NOTICE

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

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

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