Principal’s Message

Quite a Celebration
A year of great achievement was celebrated on Tuesday 11th December at our Presentation Day Assemblies. Many thanks to all those parents, caregivers and community members who were able to attend the K-4 and Years 5-12 ceremonies. It really was a great day in which to celebrate a terrific year at Bowraville Central School.

In addition to once more congratulating all students on their many achievements, I would also like to sincerely thank all staff – Executive, teaching and non-teaching staff – for their effort and organisation at this very busy time of the year. We really do have so much to be proud of within this positive, creative, and high-expectations school community.

Looking forward to 2013
After what I hope will be a happy and safe Summer break, we look forward to even more excitement and achievement in 2013. Staff will begin the year from Monday 28th January, taking part in a two-day professional learning experience involving the Growing Respect program team, key facilitators from the Stronger Smarter Institute, and staff from several other schools both near and far. I am very excited about these two days and the positives it will bring to all students.

The first day for all students next year is Wednesday 30th January 2013, with the exception of our new Kinder students who at first have their individual Best Start interviews, commencing as a class on Friday 1st February.

May I wish everyone a wonderful break: I look forward to us all returning in 2013 re-charged and ready to be the best that we can be in 2013.

Malcolm McFarlane
What did you do before being appointed to our school, eg. jobs?

I Started teaching in the Northern Territory a long time ago then came back to NSW and went out west for a few years. I returned and got married and taught at Port Macquarie for a while. I then went overseas to Colorado and had a year working over there, then came back and began as being an Executive Teacher, which is like an Assistant Principal. I then went on maternity leave and had my first child, then went back to a different school as an Assistant Principal. I then took maternity leave to have my daughter, and later applied for a job at Kempsey East as an assistant principal because I wanted to move to South West Rocks.

So I started teaching at Kempsey East and I was Relieving Principal there for a while at different times. I then went and did some relieving at Bellimbopinni which is a small school on the highway, and after that went to South West Rocks as an Assistant Principal and then became principal at Smihtown Public School. I was there for 4 years before taking this job.

Did you know anyone outside of the school before you came here?

I met Mr. McFarlane at various Principal meetings but other than that, no-one.

How do you know what students to assist or do you focus on helping the classroom teacher?

It’s more about giving the classroom teacher support so they can what we call differentiate learning so that all children have their needs met. It’s about helping children and again giving their teachers the best strategies they can use to do that.

Well Mrs. Sawyer, thank you so much for putting time aside in your very busy schedule. Now all B.C.S. students and community members will well and truly know who Mrs. Sawyer is. Thank you again.

Lockie Whalen & Levi Griffith
Year 8 English

Secondary Gold Day

On Friday this week all Gold students from Years 7 to 12 are invited to attend Gold Day at South West Rocks. The bus will leave school at 9am and will
return at 3pm. Students can swim, canoe, fish or visit the shops. No lunch is provided. There is no cost for the excursion.

Mr Symonds

Year 7 Camp
Last week Year 7 had the opportunity to go to Urunga for an almost sugar free camp. It was a great challenge for us all to go three whole days without sugar in our diets. Some of the highlights were swimming at the Promise Lands, gelato, spotlight, canoeing and our favourite, kangaroo court! We would like to say thanks to the teachers involved Mr Mason, Mr King, Miss McPherson and Shazza for a wonderful time.

Year Seven

The group included Rose–Cherie Galea, Sarah McLaugclan, Rhiannon Young, Georgia Rae, Emma Johnstone, Janaya Doolan, Lizzy Sedger, Sue Luong Van and Veronica Voutier.

Eve Riches

Giving Back to the Community
The Guardian News will again publish the “Giving Back to the Community” promotion.

This year Bowraville Central School has been lucky enough to be chosen by, The Mad Hatters Tea Garden and the Bowraville Recreation Club as their chosen sponsor.

Just by supporting these businesses you can enter our school in the draw for the $1000 prize money donated by the Guardian News. The promotion starts on the 21st November for 3 Weeks, so tell all your friends and family to support these businesses. The more tickets in the box the more chance we have of winning.

Yr 12 Hospitality
Last week we had a fun day in the school kitchen. To celebrate the festive season we all made gingerbread houses. The day started at 9.00am and luckily we had already made our walls and roof so we started decorating! At 2.00pm we had ten gingerbread houses lined up on the front counter. They all looked amazing and it was such a beautiful atmosphere in the kitchen with us all decorating and chatting. Thanks to all the students for contributing lollies including Veronica who did not leave one centimetre of her house undecorated and congratulations to Sue Luong Van who got my most improved award. It was the perfect way to end a productive year in the school kitchen. Hope they last till Christmas!
Year 10 Formal
Congratulations to our M.C.'s making their debut at the mike, Max Winslow and Nesta Walker! The formal ran very smoothly with the able assistance of our waiters and decorators Bryce Sisa, Zara Simon, Rebecca Barber, Lyden Mitchell and Shannon Dyer.

A Special thanks must go to Jude and Sharon for their help with the wonderful floral decorations.
Canteen Roster

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Alyson and Veronica would like to send a big thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time throughout the year. Your support has been greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you next year!

The canteen is a great place to volunteer, working within the school community and meeting new friends. More volunteers are always needed and we would love to encourage each and every parent to invest a couple of hours for a worth while cause.

A very big thank you to Kerry and Mal for their generous donations of lettuce this year. They are always fresh and crisp!

650 pieces of fruit were sold through the canteen this term. WELL DONE KIDS

To the staff and children of BCS community – thank you for your support and your fabulous behavior!

The canteen will be closed on Friday 14th December for Gold Day.

Keep an eye out in the canteen for Alyson’s yummy specials. Prices start from $0.50.