Valentine’s Day Celebration @BCS
The tradition at BCS is for Year Nine to fundraise on Valentine’s Day. This year was no different. Alyson Grace and Sandy Townley (pictured) jumped on board by creating 100 mini pieces of art in the form of absolutely delicious chocolate cupcakes topped with cream, sparkles and love hearts, delicately wrapped in cellophane with a big red bow. Year Nine kicked into gear and spent their lunchtimes wrapping chocolate love hearts and writing ‘to and froms.’ Year Nine were an efficient team in distribution and are to be congratulated for a successful day. Fundraising was a success with over $350 raised on the day.

Primary Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations go to our Primary Swim Team (Wurinda Gill, Simon Walker, Jarmaul Tyerman and Ethan Ussher) who competed at the Zone carnival held in Coffs Harbour last week. Although Wurinda, Simon and Jarmaul did not go through to the North Coast Carnival, Ethan will be representing our school.

Well done Ethan we wish you well in your backstroke event.

This large cicada was found in the front playground by some young students.
**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**The Big Wet**

Thanks and congratulations to all students for the cooperation that has been displayed during the very many wet days we have had at school this term. Whether it was listening and following instructions during an evacuation for some students due to flooding, or simply not jumping in every possible puddle in the playground, it has been pleasing to see students of all ages doing their bit to make the best of a bad situation. We cannot control the weather, but our behaviour is the responsibility of each of us.

**Professional Learning**

As you may have seen in many media reports recently, teaching and non-teaching staff throughout Australia are facing a time of great change. In preparation for the implementation of the new National Curriculum – which commences in stages from 2014 – teachers at Bowraville CS are embarking upon an ambitious and rigorous series of professional learning experiences. Given the scope of the work ahead of us it is not possible for all of this learning to be undertaken in school. My thanks to all staff for what has already taken place, and in advance for the many hours of their own time which will be required for us to continue our pursuit of excellence in teaching at Bowraville Central School.

In order to assist staff with the many changes expected of schools, all Public Schools in NSW will have an extra School Development Day at the beginning of Term 2. This means that the Autumn holidays for students this year will extend from Saturday 13th April until Tuesday 30th April inclusive. All staff will return to work on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April for important learning, with all students returning on Wednesday 1st May.

I look forward to discussing these exciting but demanding developments in education at our next P&C Meeting on Thursday 14th March.

Have a great week.

Malcolm McFarlane

**Whole School Assembly – SRC Induction Ceremony**

Tuesday 12th March, parents, family members and friends are invited to attend our first Whole School Assembly of the year. As part of the assembly we will hold the SRC Induction Ceremony for our newly elected 2013 SRC inductees. Many thanks to Owen Rushton and Wendy Avery (SRC Coordinators).

**Peer Support**

Each week on Fridays, Year 10 students have been leading small groups of Year 7 students through various team building activities. This has been a good learning opportunity for everyone. Year 10 are working on their organisational skills as they plan the activities during the week. Year 7 are learning about ways to cooperate and work in small groups. There are 2 sessions remaining in the program with a possible special event during Education Week (last week of term).

**English Class 8 Blue**

English 8 Blue will have homework tasks every week. Homework will be given out on a Monday and is due in class every Friday. If any student has difficulty completing this homework please see Mrs. Riches prior to the Friday it is due.

**Basketball**

Basketball has long held an attraction for many of our students. With no local competition many of our promising students do not get to participate in the sport.
Last year conversations with the Department of Sport and Recreation brought to Bowraville Central representatives from NSW Lawn Bowls, Rugby Union and League. Each representative spoke about their sport and some even ran courses for staff so that we could foster the sport.

This year we are having a visit on Fridays from a Basketball Coach starting this week. Two senior Primary teams will have the opportunity to work with the coach during lunch and sport times. We hope this may even lead to the possibility of a basketball competition back in town.

**Clean Up Australia**

Due to the condition of our grounds and the continuance of rain on Friday we had to postpone our clean up. All going well we hope to run this again Friday.

**Primary Choir**

Now that Mrs Ritchie is back from her leave, choir will be run Tuesday afternoons.

**7-12 Mathematics**

All students require a scientific calculator for use at school and at home. Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN Tests involve a compulsory calculator section. Preferred Scientific calculators (SHARP EL-531XH) are available at the front office at the competitive price $20.00

**UNSW ICAS Competitions for Students in Years 3 to 12**

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools have been released. This competition is one that is run throughout Australia and beyond. Those students that are entered in the competition receive independent assessment of their strengths and weaknesses and have great preparation for a variety of exams and assessments. Each exam has a small cost and will be run from May to August. **Money must be paid by 8th April 2013**

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Please complete and return the permission note on the back page of this newsletter.

**The Snow Excursion will cost $880.00**

The students in Years 8 to 12 who have never been on the Jindabyne Canberra excursion before are the first to be offered seating on the bus. A $100.00 deposit must be paid to the school by Easter to ensure a place on the trip.

After Easter students who have been before and who wish to go a second time will be offered places.

It is expected students will have paid $440.00 by the end of May. Further increments will be required each month.

Tickets, for a raffle will be printed for issue to any students who have paid the deposit of $100.00 before Easter

**Work Placement**

Veronica Voutier has just completed a week of work placement at the Macksville RSL as part of her Hospitality Certificate 11 course. Veronica worked behind the bar, on Keno, on poker machines and in the bistro. Thanks to Judith from the club for supporting this work placement.

**Secondary North Coast Area Swimming**

Good luck to Zach Marshall and Oliver Walshe who are both competing at this carnival on Thursday 7th March at Coffs Harbour.

**15 years Zone Touch Trials** has been cancelled. Zone teams will be picked on nominations from schools in the zone.

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Open Boys Basketball
Good luck to the Open Boys Basketball team who are competing in the first 3 rounds of the State K.O. at Port Macquarie on Thursday. These games will also be used to select a zone side to go to the regional carnival.

Year 12 ½ yearly exams will commence Thursday 4th April Week 10.

4/5 E
4/5 has settled into class and are becoming used to our routine. Homework is given out on Monday and returned by Friday. We are working through tables each morning and have covered 2x, 3x, 4x and 5x so far. Practising these at home would be beneficial to the students. Our HSIE topic this term is ‘Rainforests’ and ‘Plants’ is our topic for Science.

R. Estall

1/2R
Library day is Wednesday. Please send a painting shirt for Art lessons if your child doesn’t want to wear the ones that I have. (I have old T-shirts).

A. Rowell

P & C NEWS “JUST DOING IT FOR OUR KIDS”

SHOWTIME
“A Celebration of Public Schools in the Nambucca Valley”
OVER 500 PERFORMERS COME CELEBRATE THE WEALTH OF TALENT IN OUR VALLEY!
Date: Thursday April 11th 2013
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Nambucca Heads High School
Tickets: Available at the door
Prices: $10 per Adult
$5 per child 17 yrs and under

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Canteen Roster

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A big thank you to the helpers over the last 2 weeks Sharon, Morgan, Naimala, Ben, Evelyn, Lisa, Tracy, Elly and Melissa for their help at the social.

Wednesday 13th of March we are having Green Day, homemade food starting at 20c up to $2:50 for a spider. Spiders must be pre-ordered (see note on the back page).

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

Alyson & Veronica

Saturday 10th March we are delighted to again present ‘Duellin Pianos’ which was such a great success last year, watch the advertising outside the Theatre for times and entry charges. This is published to keep you aware of what is happening in the Theatre and to mark it on your Calendar.

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HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkids bonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
Canteen is having a green spider day
Date: Wednesday 13th March 2013 Cost is $2.50

Name..................................... Class..........................

I would like to order............... green spiders and enclosed $............

   Lemonade     Lime     (please circle)
Orders in by Tuesday 12th March 2013.

Could you help your school canteen?
Giving time, Offering skills and resources are all welcome.
As the canteen is getting busy I am in need of volunteers. If you would like to help, please come and see me at the canteen or fill out the form below. Should you require further information please ring me at the school on 65647162. I will greatly appreciate your help and hope you enjoy volunteering and I look forward to meeting you soon. Canteen times are 10.00am to 1.30pm or if you would like to come earlier you’re most welcome.
Thank you
Alyson & Veronica

(Please circle preferred day)
Monday     Thursday     Friday

Name..................................... Phone number......................

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BOWRAVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

6th March 2013

UNSW International Competitions and Assessments

I give permission for my child_________________________ of (class)__________ to participate in the following 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

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All of the above $60.00

Money should be paid to the office no later than 8th April 2013

Please find enclosed $____________ entry fee.

________________________________________________________________________

Name of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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