TERM 1, WEEK 8, 18th March 2015

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BOWRAVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN YARNING CIRCLE
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Even though we pride ourselves at Bowraville Central School on having a very positive and supportive environment for all, things do at times go wrong for people and upsets can occur. As an example of yet another positive, proactive approach to potentially negative behaviours, Bowraville Central School will this Friday (20th March 2015) participate in National Anti-Bullying Day. As a result we hope that all students feel more informed and empowered about their own wellbeing. It should be a great day.

There will soon be another wonderful place for everyone within the Bowraville Central School Community to be able to come together and talk things through: The Yarning Circle at the Community Garden is really taking shape. Many thanks to Di Flanders for her work over many months in consulting with everyone about this project; and to Mr Briggs and students for their practical expertise in creating the seating. The Circle will be able to be utilised now but the creation of artistic aspects of the area will continue for some time to come. Please look out for opportunities to be involved in this great project. A Yarning Circle enables people to come together in a spirit of equity, so it is wonderful that even in the creation of our Circle, students, staff and community have yet another opportunity to collaborate equitably on a further enhancement of our great school.

Have a great week.

Malcolm McFarlane

SCHOOL NEWS

School Spectacular Reminder
Please send in your ‘Intention to attend the School Spectacular’ note by Thursday 19th March. Returning this note is essential so accommodation, transport and a final cost can be organised.

Yearly Permission Notes
At the beginning of the year and on enrolment, each student is given a yearly permission note for parents/carers to fill in and sign. This note needs to be returned to the office to enable students to attend minor local excursions, participate in weekly sporting activities at various facilities in Bowraville, travel to the School Farm and to allow photos of children to be published in the School Newsletter and by local media.

Please return your child’s permission note as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Plant Pots Needed.
Secondary would appreciate donations of plastic plant pots for our Sustainability unit.
Thank you

Kerry Kete

PHONE NUMBERS

If parents/carers have changed their phone number, (especially mobile) it is important to let the school know in case of emergencies.

Please let us know on 6564 7162 or send a note with your child. It is also important for parents/carers who wish to contact their child that they ring the front office and not the student’s mobile phone. Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones during school times for a number of very good reasons.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kerri Argent
Deputy Principal.

Stories by 1/2 R

On Saturday I went to watch Monsters Zig. The part I liked was when the girl screamed. She screamed because she was hungry. I went with my mum and dad and Chad. Jye went with us. When we came home dad had to carry me and Chad into my bed.

By Levi Fuller 1/2R

On the weekend I went to get wood with my family. We went in the tractor and trailer. Mum rode the quad bike in the paddock.

By Jason Noble 1/2R
Dear parents

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

On Friday, 20th March, our S.M.I.L.E mentors are going to be running lessons with students from Kinder to Year 9 about, “Taking a stand against Bullying and Violence.” We will then be taking large group photographs of students holding the letters to the slogans. Students will also receive Bully No Way cards and wristbands.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences
  
  You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.
  
- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order
  
  If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court
  
  School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfill their life opportunities.
Thanks you for contributing to our School. Prompt payment ensures that the School can provide all the materials necessary to run student programs. The fee structure is outlined below.

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As well as this General Voluntary Contribution, it is necessary to set other subject fees in the Secondary Department. This is to cover the cost of materials and equipment in Industrial Techniques, Food Technology, Art, Music, Photography, PASS, Agriculture and Distant Ed. Industrial Techniques - Timber and Metal are levied according to the cost of individual projects.

In addition to these charges it is essential that Maths students in Years 8, 9 and 10 purchase a calculator. Approved calculators are available from the School Office for $17.00.

Should there be difficulties making this payment, please do not hesitate to contact us so that other arrangements can be made. Payment by instalment is acceptable.

Malcolm McFarlane
Principal
Bowraville Central School

Policy for mobile phones, MP3 players, iPods, CD players and other similar devices.
The school accepts no responsibility for these devices when they are brought to school or a school event.

Mobile Phones.
Students are not to bring mobile phones to school unless for the purposes of emergency contacts with parents/work outside school hours of 8.30am to 3.30pm. On these occasions, in the interest of security, student welfare and disruption to student learning, phones should be switched off and kept out of sight. Students are not permitted to use a camera phone at school unless under the direction of a teacher for educational purposes.

The following consequences will apply to students who do not adhere to this policy (this includes the use of the device for text messaging, audio etc.).

Occasion 1. The student will be warned, reminded of the rule and asked to switch it off and put it out of sight.

Occasion 2. The student will be advised to switch it off and will have it confiscated for the day. The phone will be locked up in the front office and the student’s name recorded in a book. The student may collect the phone at the end of the school day.

Occasion 3. As for occasion 2 except that the parent will be contacted to collect it at the end of the day.

Repeat offenders may be asked to either leave their phone at home, or hand it in to the Front Office at the beginning of the day and collect at the end of the day.

MP3 players, iPods, CD players and other similar devices.
No student should use MP3 players, iPods, CD players and other similar devices in class.

They may use them before school, at recess and lunchtime; however, the school considers that the use of these items could attract the attention of others leading to incidents involving theft/damage. Such incidents have occurred in the past and the school holds no responsibility for such losses/damage. We consider that it is impolite, rude and disruptive if such a device is used in class.
The Canteen has new icy poles
Calippo - $1.00 and
Paddle Pop Shaky Shake - $2.00

**Canteen Term 1**

**Meal Deal Special $4.50**

**Meal**
- Chicken & Cheese sandwich / toasted
- Ham & Cheese sandwich / toasted
- Wrap - Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo

**Drink**
- Water
- Fruit Popper apple/orange

**Treat**
- Alfie Pop
- Canteen made snack

**Fruit**
- A piece of in season fruit

**Name**........................................
**Class** ........................................

**DON’T FORGET YOUR MANNERS!**
And treat others in line with respect!

**TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**
Please order your recess or lunch in the morning

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Hit N Run**
Fitness & Personal Training
Bowraville Group Fitness sessions:
- Thursdays: 5am & 6am

Where: Grants Hall in High St
Price: $8 per body
All round body workout, catering for all fitness levels, sessions will be 45mins.
Any further details please contact: Shane 0413939219

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**digJital set to launch 2NVR Radio Conference**

2NVR 105.9fm is busy preparing for a very big weekend of fun and activity. Friday 20 March 6-8pm is the date for the next ‘Studio 3 Live’ event at 834 Rodeo Drive, Tewinga and Kalang based band, digJital will be performing live, to entertain the studio audience & listeners. Everyone is welcome to this free, family friendly evening; a barbecue will be provided, please bring a salad or dessert and your own refreshments.

This is no ordinary night because this, popular, high energy, dance band will be launching the start of the Regional Radio Conference to be hosted by 2NVR. People with an interest in radio will be attending from all over NSW & Queensland to share ideas and information with like minded radio enthusiasts and to benefit from workshops provided by experts in the sector. Anyone is welcome to attend by registering at www.2nvr.org.au; if you are interested in radio as a volunteer or considering a career path in media, this could be for you. Contact Ceri Wrobel on 0458 772 096 for details.

The workshops will take place at Valla Beach Resort Conference Room on Saturday 21 March. On Sunday 22 March, the weekend will be rounded off with Brunch back at the 2NVR studios at Tewinga, this will allow everyone to inspect the fabulous facilities at the radio station. What a fantastic way to showcase your community radio station and the beautiful Nambucca Valley.
**BOWRAVILLE THEATRE – April/May 2015**

**Wednesday 1st April** at 10am Bell Shakespeare Players will perform ‘Macbeth, Undone’, this performance is mainly for schools, but the public are welcome. Entry fee is.

**Saturday 25th April** at 5.00pm the Film Society will be screening a double feature, the first film will be ‘The Remains of the Day’ starring Anthony Hopkins, James Fox and Emma Thompson. The second film is about Vivian Bullwinkel, an Australian heroine who lived life to the full as a Second World War Nursing Sister, a POW, a survivor, and a beloved Matron, she pushed herself further and rose to become President of The Royal College of Nursing, Australia, and was one of the key figures to create University Education for nurses.

In May we will be welcoming Chrissie Shaw to our Theatre with her Award winning show ‘Bijou’ so keep Saturday the 23rd May at 7pm free to enjoy the performance. Chrissie has appeared on our stage before to great acclaim so watch out for further publicity about this show..

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Coach enquiries welcome

Ph: 6565 8200

**Bowraville & District ExServices Club**

Phone: 65647304  ABN 92 001 062 844

i-Wok Family Chinese Restaurant Ph: 65648898

Dinner: 5:00pm to 8:00pm Wednesday to Sunday

Lunch: 12.00noon to 2.00pm Wednesday to Sunday

Bingo: Thursday 11.00am start

Raffles and Membership draw Wednesday and Friday evenings

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