



MITTAGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 4
Thursday 20th August, 2009

Mr Neil's Retirement
September 11, 2009
10:30am
School Hall
All welcome

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear parents,

The furniture for our new classroom will arrive on Tuesday. Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday next week are the days that students will be moving classes. All classes will be affected except Kindergarten and 1B. If you have any concerns regarding the change of class please contact me.

Thank you to Mr Perry for organising a very successful Athletics carnival. Excellent behaviour and good sportsmanship were demonstrated by all students on the day. We are very proud of all students who tried their best and participated. Thank you to all the parents that assisted on the day. K-2 students will have their carnival at the end of the term.

Two chess teams represented the school at the Southern Highlands Primary School's Tournament on Monday. Our 'A' team came sixth and our 'B' team came 22nd. Over 40 teams entered the competition. Thank you to Mr Antoniak for transporting our students. Thanks to Mr Perry for organising our participation. Congratulations to the teams for their sportsmanship.

I attended a very interesting and thought provoking session in the hall last Thursday afternoon. 5/6S and 6P students had various workstations demonstrating the effects of poverty on health, education and general living conditions. As part of the reporting aspects of this project student work samples will be collected. Significant stories from staff, students and parents will also be collected. Lachlan Brownlee-Roberts with his mother, Tammy and Nicholas Antoniak with his father, Christian, participated in the story telling process at Bowral High yesterday. Thank you to both the students and their parents for their time and contribution to this project.

This week is National Science Week. Mr Hawker from Bowral High with students, Sam Campbell and Eliza Stoyles demonstrated a range of interesting and noisy experiments to our senior students. All students had a great time and we would like to extend our thanks to Bowral High for providing this opportunity.

Mrs Garrie Olsen
Relieving Principal

PARENT VISITORS:

As part of our safety policy we are requesting that every visitor that is on the school grounds report to the front office and collect a visitors badge or an official note before proceeding onto the school grounds. This includes the event that you may be just dropping something off to your student. The staff will be requesting any person seen on the grounds, without a badge to report to the office or leave the school grounds.

MR NEIL'S RETIREMENT: We will be holding a short school assembly on 11th September at 10.30am in the school hall for the students to make a small presentation to Mr Neil. Parents and community members are also invited to attend this presentation and to then join Mr Neil at morning tea in the hall.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:



What a wonderful day we had for the school Athletics Carnival! It was so encouraging to see so many of the boys and girls participating in the events. There must have been a record number of runners in the 200 metre races. Thank you

to the parents and teachers who assisted in judging, marshalling and starting races.

We are unable to announce the winning house because of undecided events and because two houses are very close (in the lead).

Successful athletes now compete at the District Carnival at Chevalier College on Friday, 28th August. A list of participants is displayed on the window of the 6P classroom. - *Mr Perry (Coordinator)*



3-6D COOKING: This week we are cooking by ourselves again. We will be working in small groups to make Herb & Cheese Scones. We love getting the opportunity to cook by ourselves. We are just about to plant our corn seeds and we are still turning the straw and composting to get ready for spring planting.

- Mr Downie (Class Teacher)



LIBRARY LINKS:

Premiers Reading Challenge: Is drawing to a conclusion as next Friday, 21st is the closing day. Congratulations to all participants especially to those children who have read above their level.

Book Fair: The day for sales will be Tuesday 25th August, with the books on display next week for pre-view by the children during their library times and lunch time.

Literacy Week: As part of Literacy Week the book illustrator Anne Spudvilas will be at our school on Tuesday 8th September. Details of her day will be in future newsletters.

- Mr Young (Relieving Librarian)

BOWRAL HIGH SCIENCE FAIR: Many of our year 5 and 6 students have devised an experiment, recorded the results and will display their work at the Bowral High Science Fair on Thursday 20th August.

- Mr Perry (Stage 3 Leader)

Homework for littlies

The latest issue of the School Parents ezine explores the issue of homework for children in K-2 and raises the question: Is it necessary? Read opinions of other parents, teachers and child development experts as they tackle this polarising subject at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

Go green with nude food

Did you know that each child produces approximately 30 kilos of waste per year from their school lunch alone? And imagine this amount multiplied by the number of children in your child's school!

The latest edition of School Parents ezine is full of ideas on how to go green and how to make a 'nude food' lunch box for your child. Nude food is not only low on waste or makes no waste, it's not processed and therefore it's healthier and cheaper.

A nude food lunch uses:

- paper wrap, brown paper recycled bags but no plastic bags or aluminium foil
- reusable containers that get taken home and washed
- lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections
- Reusable forks and spoons
- drink bottles with water that can be used each day.

Find out more at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

2009 CANTEEN ROSTER

Volunteers please check each week for changes. Please contact roster co-ordinator, Toni Pike, on 4872 1842 or 0409 170 834 if you can't make it. Please try to give advance notice so replacements can be found.

TERM 3

WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
4	17 V Lindsay	18 M Fowler	19 J Hughes	20 T Fudge V Lindsay	21 S Younie J Hughes
5	24 J Hughes	25 T Roberts	26 J Hughes A Hall	27 D Boniface V Lindsay	28 J Keeley L Fowler
6	31 A Dicker	1 A Hall	2 J Hughes V Lindsay	3 M Strachan	4 S Younie J Hughes

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BOWRAL LITTLE ATHLETICS SEASON 2009/10

Come and join in
FAMILY FUN & FITNESS

Season commences October 2009 and runs until
March 2010 at our new home of

ERIDGE PARK, BOWRAL

Age Groups
U6 to U17

All athletes compete in a range of track and field events appropriate for their age.
Sprints, middle distance, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, discus and javelin.

Registration Days

**Saturday August 28th 10am till 1pm
Highlands Marketplace, Mittagong**

**Saturday September 26th 10am till 1pm
Springetts Arcade, Bowral**

Please bring birth certificate, passport or blue book as
proof of age.

Cost: \$65 for the season

(Discounts available for multiple family registrations)
Please contact Alex Whippy for further information
thewhippys@bigpond.com
48 86 4503

BLUE LIGHT DISCO: The next Blue Light will be on Saturday, 29 August, Mittagong RSL Club. Juniors 4PM to 6PM, \$5-00, mums and dads free. Seniors, 7.30PM to 10.30PM, \$10-00. After 4PM, \$15-00, available from auditorium only, NOT RECEPTION. Restricted to 17 years and under.

Pre purchased tickets, (SENIORS ONLY) can be obtained from the following outlets. Bowral and Moss Vale High Schools, Bowral/Picton and Mittagong Subway, Michelle's Patisserie in Tahmoor, Mittagong RSL Club, Blackburn in Bowral and Moss Vale Sports Store. Tickets must be paid for at time of purchase and no tickets will be kept for collection. Those travelling on the free buses must show their pre purchased ticket to bus driver on inward journey. NO TICKET NO RIDE. Special guest at both venues will be Rebecca Breeds, who plays "RUBY" in the T.V series, "HOME & AWAY"

Tourism Southern Highlands and the Tulip Time Festival Committee are pleased to announce the McDonald's Mittagong Tulip Time Street Parade on **Saturday 26 September at 2pm in Bong Bong Street Bowral.**

All schools bands, groups and clubs are encouraged to participate and for those who can't be in it to come bring the kids down and line the streets in rainbow colours and cheer the parade along. This year's theme of "Children" and "Rainbows" is sure to provide lots of colour and excitement in Bong Bong Street during the festival. The 2009 parade is shaping up to be the best in Tulip Time history.

The parade will feature stunning classic cars, fire engines, marching bands and more. Don't miss the Bandaged Bear walking the street and kids will also love interacting with all the official McDonald's characters live! The Sydney Cycling Club will be joining the parade, following their annual "Ride for a Reason" Charity Challenge from Sydney to Bowral. Special guest in the parade is the official 2009 Tulip Time Ambassador, beloved author Bryce Courtenay.



Cheer squad at school athletics carnival

Mittagong Public School Absentee Note

Dear Teacher

Please excuse _____ class _____

For being absent from school on _____

Reason: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____