

The BHS Garden Project

The Year 8 Technology class are involved in a new garden project called **"Growing a Sustainable Future at BHS"**. They have been very busy creating garden beds, fertilising and mulching. They have also planted three apple trees, a pear tree, mandarin and orange tree and a lemon tree. Lots of potatoes and lettuce, tomatoes and herbs have also been planted.



We would like to thank the following businesses who have showed fantastic support for this project, donating mulch, trees and assisting with the turning over the garden beds. So, thank you to:



- ◆ **Curley's Compost** who donated 6 cubic metres of fabulous compost.
- ◆ **Pineleigh Plants** who donated fruit trees for the new orchard and stunning crepe myrtles for shade trees for the students.
- ◆ **Reviglio Earthmoving** for reinvigorating our old garden beds and making new ones for our vegie gardens, orchard and school gardens.

Susan Tankard & Liz Crowe Project Managers

Term 4 already? A message from the Principal....

Is it really true that we are in term 4 already? Christmas can't be just around the corner already!

I have just returned from a period of leave and walked back into a calm and well managed school. My sincere thanks go to our staff leaders who made this possible. Nic Morris did an outstanding job as principal Kim Kelly as deputy and Alison Walker as Head Teacher Mathematics. I am fortunate indeed to work with a great leadership team

This is why I have accepted a part time new leadership role working as a Principal Support Leader (PSL), two days a week working with principals within the Ultimo area. As from October 19 2015 and continuing until October 2017, Nic Morris is sharing the principal role with me and Kim Kelly will be sharing the deputy principal position. My new role will provide many professional learning opportunities and will deepen my understanding of new directions and initiatives coming from the Department and Board of Studies into schools which I will be able to share with the school community.

I believe strongly that shared leadership has a positive impact on school culture. Providing opportunities for others to lead and manage the school fosters collaboration and professional development. The school has benefitted from a long period of stability in and is well placed to support a shared leadership structure. I have every confidence that the new team will work very well and build school improvement and progress.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new year 7 students and parents into our community. An Orientation Day is planned for 3 December 2015 and parents will receive information about this event in the post shortly. Presentation Night is scheduled for 9 December 2015.

Kim Paviour - Principal

Some Calendar Dates for Term 4, 2015

Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	19 October	20 October	21 October Year Assemblies Pd 1	22 October	23 October Smith Cup - a whole school event
Week 4	26 October Year 12 Hospitality work placement week	27 October	28 October Meet-a-keeper excursion	29 October Golf Excursion	30 October Dream Cricket, Bradman Oval UWS Aspire trip
Week 5	2 November Year 10 Exam Week	3 November	4 November	5 November Meet the Music 1	6 November Girls Cricket Trials
Week 6	9 November White Card Course Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement Week	10 November	11 November Year assemblies Pd 1 Yr 7 Showcase Empire Cinema 5-9.30pm Meet The Music 2 Concert	12 November Year 12 Formal Youth Forum	13 November

Dates for P&C Meetings 2015

The P&C meet every third Wednesday of the month at the **new time of 6.30pm** in the Staff Common Room. All parents and interested citizens are warmly invited to come along and be involved in Bowral High School and our students' education. Here is the date for the next meeting:

18 November, 2015

Stop Press!!!!

Victory at last!

The Smith Cup Returns to Bowral High!

After six long years students and staff at Bowral High School have reclaimed the historical Smith Cup. The traditional competition between Goulburn and Bowral High has been running for almost a century and is one of the longest running sporting competitions between two schools in the state.

The final score after many hours of competition, encompassing many different fields of endeavour, was Bowral High 20 vs Goulburn High 5.

This is an outstanding achievement - well done and congratulations to all involved, both students and staff. A huge vote of thanks go to Matt Langdon and Adam Kich for their organisation and management of the event. The school would also like to acknowledge and thank Mr Wayne Haslehurst, our general assistant for his outstanding work in marking all the fields and ensuring they were in top condition for the competitors.

Well done Bowral High!



Some recent student achievements...

Soccer

Reece Cole, (pictured) year 11, was recently awarded the Junior Soccer Player of the Year award of the Highlands Soccer Association. This award signifies the recognition of Reece's talent and skill and good sportsmanship.

Also congratulations to Holly Thomson, year 10, whose hockey team recently won the third division section in the NSW State Indoor Open Hockey Championship in Unanderra.



Dance

Senior student Rebecca Westley competed in the Brindabella Dance Festival during the school holidays in the classical solo and contemporary solo sections. Becky was awarded 1st for classical and 3rd for contemporary. We congratulate her on these exceptional results.



Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience. 

Come to a **FREE Parent Workshop & Log Book Run**

PARENT WORKSHOP

Wednesday 21 October 2015
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Helping you and your learner with practical advice about:

- Current laws for L & P licence holders
- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- Benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
- Low risk driving

LOG BOOK RUN

Sunday 8 November 2015
10.00am - 1.00pm

Gain 'real' driving log book time.

- Local drive for learners accompanied by their supervisors
- Clock up some driving experience hours
- Graduated Licensing Scheme's Learner Log Book topics covered
- Experience a NSW Police RBT set up

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please call 4868 0809 or email melanie.lausz@wsc.nsw.gov.au
This event is conducted by the Wingecarribee Shire Council Road Safety Officer, supported by the RMS.



CAPA Faculty Update

Bowral High Concert Band leads the way!

On Monday evening 12 October at the Mittagong RSL, over 170 primary and secondary students came together for a massed celebration of concert band music. Bands came from Bowral, Moss Vale and Bundanoon Public Schools as well as the Chevalier Junior Concert Band. In collaboration with the school band program, Bandamonium, Mr Jeremy Donaldson and the Bowral High Concert Band opened the show with the ever-popular sounds of Abba.

The audience of over 300 parents sang along and it was a great start to the evening. A number of audience members commented to our parents that they had no idea we had a band or that they could play at such a high standard. All credit goes to Mr Donaldson for his skill in guiding the students to improve as an ensemble, and to the dedicated students who turn up to rehearsals every week on Wednesdays at 8am. Their commitment is recognised by our school and greatly valued. The next opportunity to hear the Concert Band in action will be at Presentation Night and our last Performing Arts Night for 2015, both in the week beginning 7 December – stay tuned for more details and well done to everyone involved!

The Bowral High Singers continue to rehearse every Tuesday from 3.30pm – 5pm and now have over 30 singers from Years 7 – 11 as well as seven staff members. Over the past 6 weeks, our fabulous prac teacher, Miss Lawless has been taking rehearsals and teaching the group some really cool songs. Hopefully, she'll be able to come back later this term to visit us. Everyone is welcome to join the group – grab a friend and come along.

The Junior Drama group rehearses every Wednesday at recess and all Year 7 and 8 students are welcome to go along. See Mr Jones for more info or just turn up at the Performing Arts Space.

The next Meet the Music (concert 1 series) is on Thursday 5 November and Music 2 is Wednesday 11 November. It should be a great night. Permission notes for next year's concerts will be out soon.

Michelle Ware - CAPA Faculty

New Developments

The Visual Art HSC markers will be at school on the 30 October to mark the HSC Visual Arts Body of Works. We wish the students the best of luck for all their hard work in creating such great artworks again this year.

It's with eagerness that we announce the development of two new facilities in Visual Arts. There will be a Senior Art Studio next year for our senior Visual Arts students. This studio is designed to replicate the studios found at Art Colleges. The students will be able to work on and develop their "Body of Work" during their lunchtimes and study periods. It will be a good introduction to Art College for some of our students.

The next development is the creation of a "Clean Room". This space is a fully functioning digital classroom where students will have the opportunity to use only digital equipment in order to develop their artworks. All Art students next year will have one period a cycle to explore their digital creativity using digital exercise books and digital tools.

Great futures for our Visual Arts students!

Timm O'Regan
Head Teacher CAPA

Bowral High Teachers as Learners - a Focus on Quality Teaching

This week, the school has launched a new Professional Learning Project called "Quality Teaching Rounds", an exciting, site-specific program of professional learning in conjunction with the University of Newcastle.

Teachers work in small groups to observe each others teaching and then discuss the teaching practice using the Quality Teaching model. Professional learning that focuses on classroom practice in a teacher's own school has been shown in research to be the most effective way of improving teaching quality and student achievement.

This project will continue throughout term 4 and expand to other groups of teachers in term 1 2016.

Michelle Ware
Head Teacher Administration

School Term and Holiday Dates for NSW Public Schools 2016

Term 1	Thursday 28 January 2016	to	Friday 8 April 2016
Term 2	Wednesday 27 April 2016	to	Friday 1 July 2016
Term 3	Tuesday 19 July 2016	to	Friday 23 September 2016
Term 4	Monday 10 October 2016	to	Friday 16 December 2016

School Uniform Shop

Don't forget to stock up on school uniform supplies at the uniform shop which is located in the school hall.

Operating hours:

Tuesday 8.15am to 9.15am

Wednesday 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Thursday 8.15am to 9.15am