



Principals Message

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and restful holiday and trust that you will have the chance to spend some quality time with loved ones. We look forward to working with you once again in 2017 and thank you for everything you have done to build our community at Bowral High School.

Kim Paviour

Congratulations Toby Croudson!!



Toby Croudson has been awarded a Major Award - The **“Laurie Constanine Award - for the Most Outstanding Representative in Secondary School Sport”** and a **South Coast SSA Sporting Blue for 2016.**

The South Coast Sports Association determine the recipient of these sporting awards. These awards are the highest accolade the South Coast SSA can bestow on its athletes. Toby will be presented with his awards on Tuesday 13 December.

Congratulations to Toby for this outstanding and well deserved achievement.

Year 7 & 8 Showcase Finale, Empire Cinema

On Wednesday 16 November, the Bowral High Year 7 and 8 Showcase Finale premiered fifteen original films to two packed sessions at Bowral's Empire Cinemas. The films were the product of Year 7 and 8 Project classes, where students use their class designation and learning focus to produce a film that reflects the class' dominant learning style.

An appreciative audience of students, parents, teachers and community leaders enjoyed the rich diversity of films that celebrated student achievement and learning at Bowral High.

Our audience enjoyed 90 minutes of student film on the 'big screen' with the trimmings of choctops and popcorn as part of the ticket price.



Teachers nominated students from their classes for 'Oscar Awards'. These awards recognised student effort, achievement and team work both in front of the camera and behind the scenes. The evening was compered by students from our Year 8 XSELS project group. Pre-program entertainment was provided by students from our Year 7 and 8 Performing Arts classes. All who attended are invited to provide feedback on our 'big night' by completing a quick on-line survey using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VJ8S7VR>

An enormous thanks goes to all the students involved, our Project teachers (Ms Morthorpe, Mr Miller, Mr Cox, Mr Staats, Ms Mauger, Ms Ware, Ms Sutton, Ms Howe, Mr Facer, Mr Morgan, Mr Andrew, and Mrs Ottens and Mrs Geer), music teachers (Ms Ware and Mr Morgan) who prepared the students for their performance, XSELS teachers (Mr Manojlovic and Ms Craker) and Vincent McManus who assisted students and staff with filming and editing.

2016 is our 4th year of Showcase and in this time the students have produced upwards of 60 films.

John Staats
Deputy Principal





Year 7 & 8 Showcase Finale, Empire Cinema





Locality Signage Unveiling

The unveiling of the first Wingecarribee Shire Locality signage to signify the Traditional Land of the Gundungurra people was celebrated on Thursday 10 November 2016. On the grassed area adjacent to Links Road, Bowral High Koori students were present for this historic occasion that was marked by a Welcome to Country by Auntie Val, traditional owner and elder of the Gundungurra people. There was also a smoking ceremony and address by Councillor Whipper. Following the ceremony the students joined community and guests at Wingecarribee Aboriginal Community Cultural Centre for a celebration and lunch. The project will see the installation of Locality signage for each of the Shire's 53 gazetted Localities signifying the traditional land of the Gundungurra people and the culmination of many years of work by the local Aboriginal community. A great day was had by all.

**Mrs Kauflin and
Miss Craker**





What's Up Wednesday winds up

What's Up Wednesday continues for the next two weeks at recess on Wednesday in E39. The final upcoming presentations for 2016 are:

Week 8 – Journalism: Jackie Meyers (Editor), Southern Highlands News

Week 9 – Law: Scott Leary (Solicitor and Principal), Haille Paine Solicitors Bowral

All students are welcome to attend these sessions to find out more about a career they are interested in or to explore a new career possibility.

ASPIRE

Our ASPIRE excursions for Years 7 to 10 have been heading out to the various universities throughout November.

Students from Year 7 visited the Campbelltown campus of Western Sydney University (4 November), Year 8 will be going to UTS Broadway campus (24 November), Year 9 visited the Australian National University in Canberra (17 November). Earlier in the year, students from Year 10 visited the Wollongong campus of the University of Wollongong (7 June) as part of UOW's In2Uni program.

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Whilst acknowledging that a university pathway isn't for all students, the ASPIRE excursions are designed to broaden students' career aspirations by having them experience the travel routes to each university, participate in activities on campus, and view accommodation options. Students are always excitedly discussing possible university pathways on the way home after each excursion.





Year 10 Work Experience

The final week of Year 10 work experience is in Week 8: 28 November – 2 December. Paperwork was given to students at the end of Term 3 for the organisation of this, and all participating students will be receiving a Work Experience Journal (that needs to be with them at all times during their placement) during Week 7. Students not participating in work experience are expected to attend classes at school as usual.

The students, staff, parents, carers, and community of Bowral High School would like to thank the following host employers for their involvement with our school last year in providing students a Workplace Learning placement. The opportunities they provided to our students was invaluable. Each work experience/placement takes a considerable amount of time and effort for the host employer, and many hosted more than one student throughout the year.

Please support these businesses wherever possible, in appreciation of the time and effort that they have invested in our students.

Adam Shute	Dyason Brickwork Pty Ltd	National Zoo and Aquarium
Alcorn St Vet Clinic	Elm Vale	Naturally Curious
Allen Stark	Elouera Woodworks	News Xpress Highlands Marketplace
Allfitz Constructions	Empire Performance Studios	Nigel Delamont Electrical
Ambervale Public School	Esco Pazzo	No 325 Café
Andrew Knowles Electrical	Flowers by van Til	NPWS main administration office
ANZ Bank, Bowral	Freedom Hair	NSW Police - Goulburn Police Station
ANZ Bank, Mittagong	G&K Coenen Builders	Oxley Butchery
APC Recruitment	Gardens R Us	P M White Building
Australia Zoo	GFI Australia	Palate Pleasure
Australian College of Makeup & Special Effects	Gibraltar Golf Course, Gibraltar Hotel	Paul Webb Plumbing Pty Ltd
Avanti Carpets & Restorations	GKB Plumbing	Penny Peters Real Estate
Back in Action Physiotherapy	Greenhills Plumbing	Power Smash Repairs
Bambinos	Gumnut Patisserie	Precision Fleet Maintenance
Barbara's Storehouse	H Francis & Co	Priceline Pharmacy
Bargo Hair Studio	Harbisoncare (Burradoo)	Randwick Equine Centre
Bargo Sports Club	Harbisoncare (Moss Vale)	Raw & Wild Market & Café
Berrima Buslines	Highland Gourment Meats	Reece Plumbing
Berrima District Veterinary Hospital	Highland Stone Walls	Repco Auto Parts
Blooms of Bowral	Highlands Health Club	Reviglio Earthmoving
Bong Bong Veterinary Hospital	Highlands XRAY	Richard Cox PTY LTD
Boral Cement Ltd	Hill Top Hair and Beauty Studio	Salvation Army Family Store
Boral Construction Materials & Cement	Hill Top Kinder Garden	SCS Building & Construction
Bovine & Swine Barbecue	HMAS Albatross	Shear n Dipity Hair Cottage
Bowral High School (Art)	Ho Jo Espresso	Shields Automotive
Bowral High School (PE)	Home Care Maintenance	Shore Hire P/L
Bowral Public School	HOYTS CORP	Shot To Pieces
Bradman Foundation	Hudson Home Timber & Hardware	Silver Pines Vet Clinic
Brant Wickenden Painting	Impact Smash Repairs	Siva Beauty, Body and Soul and Hour Room
Busy Bees Pre-School & Long Day Care Centre	Janet's 4 Massage	Soundfirm Pty Ltd
Centennial Vineyards Restaurant	JAX Tyres Mittagong	Southern Highlands Christian School
Chevalier College	JP Bates & Inwood Surveyors	Southern Highlands Concrete Constructions Pty Ltd
Cheveu Studio	Kangaroo Valley Bakehouse	Southern Highlands Industrial Supplies
CIPS Real Estate	Kelmscott Designs	Southern Highlands Motorcycle Centre
Coles Supermarket, Bowral	Kennards Hire	Southern Highlands News
Colin McNeill Building	LCN Electrical P/L	Southern Highlands Service Centre
Colo Vale Public School	Lizzie Yuill	Southern Highlands Truck & Tractor
Community Links Wollondilly	Luci D Interiors	St Judes Anglican Church, Bowral
Cricketwood Enterprises	Marcus O'Connell Electrical Pty Ltd	Step Ahead Kids ELC
D&M Auto Electrics	McVitty Grove Café	Stonetree Landscapes Pty Ltd
Darren Meyers Constructions	MDeC Pty Ltd	Sydney Theatre Company
David McKinnon Building Services	Mittagong Preschool Kindergarten	Tammie Ash @ Exclusive Hair
Dent Aviation (NSW) Pty Ltd	Mittagong Public School	Taronga Zoo
Dogue Country Retreat	Mittagong RSL	Tavener Landscapes
Don Ceramics, Bowral	Moss Vale Aquatic Centre	TBWA Group Australia
Dragon Motorcycle Repairs	Moss Vale Community Pharmacy	
	MRE Building Contracting	
	National Rugby League	





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The Disability Trust
The Regal Hair Lounge
The Sensory Lady
The Shaggy Cow
The Vogue Room

The Woodage
Theaslea Preschool
Think Big Stud
Thirlmere Public School
United Culture

Vaucluse Little School
Vibe Hair
Wariapendi Nursery
We Know Pets
Wembley Road Preschool

Please contact Christine Beasley, Careers Advisor on 4861 7540 or christine.beasley@det.nsw.edu.au, regarding career education at Bowral High School.

Year 10 Work Experience - These are just some of our students who have been on work experience. Please go to our facebook page to see more photos.



Austin Lockhart - Gumnut Patisserie



Zac Bishop - JAX Tyres



Kodie-Lee Blyth - Priceline Pharmacy Mittagong



Bridget Moore - Esco Pazzo



Chloe Brecely - Blooms Florist



Tomas Langley - The Brown Bookshop





Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Night Term 4

On Tuesday 22 November, our talented musicians, actors and dancers performed for an enthusiastic and supportive audience of over 100 people at the final Performing Arts Night for 2016. This was also the first time we have used the hall's new sound system which was ably managed by Entertainment student, Bree Seymour. The HSC Entertainment class also ran lighting and stage management for the evening and showed how much confidence and skill they have gained this year in managing and producing performance events. Highlights included performances by the BHS Jazz Band, Concert Band and Singers as well as the Year 9 and 10 Dance classes and Year 10 Drama students. Solo and small ensemble performances included original compositions and a few "first time" performers, all of whom gave the audience a great night of entertainment.

BHS Singers perform carols at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Corbett Plaza

On Saturday night 26 November, members of the BHS Singers, their families and friends all joined together to lead the community in singing favourite Christmas carols as part of the Wingecarribee Shire Council's Lighting of the Christmas Tree, a stunning centre-piece in Corbett Plaza during the festive season. Santa arrived on a vintage fire truck and all the Bowral High boys and girls received a little present from Santa which really made their night! We look forward to supporting our community throughout 2017 with more local performances.



BHS Concert Band plays at Dream Cricket

On a drizzly 28 October Southern Highlands spring day, the BHS Concert Band performed, at Bradman Oval as young people from far and wide arrived for a fun day of cricket-related activities. Despite the rain, Mr Morgan was able to lead the Band in some rousing numbers which brightened up the opening of the Dream Cricket event. Special thanks go to the Bowral Rotary Club for assisting with transport for all the equipment and instruments.

Meet the Music 2017 concerts

Parents are reminded that for current Years 7 -11 students, all notes and payment must be to the Finance Office by this Thursday 1 December. Year 7, 2017 will receive separate information in their Orientation Day pack.





Farewell to Mr Mark Morgan and staff changes in 2017

We have been very fortunate to have had the skills and talents of Music teacher, Mark Morgan at our school since Jeremy Donaldson was successful in gaining a permanent music teaching position at Moss Vale HS. Despite having very big shoes to fill, Mr Morgan has enthusiastically taken on everything asked of him and more. His own musical talents have brought much to class lessons and ensemble rehearsals alike. We are very grateful for his hard work and passion for teaching Music as this has been of great benefit to all the students under his care and tuition. We wish him all the best (and will miss his great guitar playing)!

Mrs Karakasch-Hawker will be taking some time off in 2017 to care for her growing family and we wish her and Mr Hawker all the best for the new arrival of their second child. Mr Alexander Manjlovic will be stepping into more of a music role next year and we are looking forward to a great year ahead as he works with our junior music classes and ensembles.

Music Tuition Program 2017

After a very successful year in tuition at BHS, we would like to thank Mel Ryder, Rick Falkiner, Ben Jones, Tanya Goodman, Margaret Ulrich, Tim Wedde and Alex Zachary for their expertise. We wish them all a safe and restful holiday season. Students wanting to start learning an instrument or singing next year should collect an expression of interest from the Music staffroom before the end of this year.

BHS Jazz Band performs at Colo Vale Public School Stage 3 Fair

On Friday 18 November, Mr Morgan and Ms Ware are very proud of the students and they certainly were a wonderful advertisement for Bowral High. Here is some feedback from Mrs Maureen Peitrucha, Assistant Principal at Colo Vale Public School.

"Thank you so much for your wonderful Jazz Band coming to Colo Vale to support our Stage 3 Fair. The music really set the mood for a relaxing, stress free event. We look forward to linking more with the high school in the future."



7L Tour to Hill Top Public School



During Term 4, 7L have been learning through a project-based approach and on Thursday 1 December, their project came to its conclusion with a tour to Hill Top PS, where they led music workshops with students from Stage 2 and 3 as well as performing for Kindergarten and Stage 1 students. This project involved students taking responsibility for the entire preparation process including liaison with the Principal, arranging for bus quotes, completing the variation to routine and risk assessment paperwork, as well as planning

and rehearsing for the workshops and performance. It was a highly successful morning and the 7L students demonstrated not only fabulous musical talent but also mature leadership skills throughout the project. Parents will be able to hear all about it from the students themselves at a parent exhibition on Monday 5 December at 5.30pm in the Music rooms.

Ms Ware
7L Music and Project teacher





XSELS Graduation Evening & Parent Information Night

More than 80 parents, students and teachers joined last Thursday evening to celebrate the achievements of students who were graduating from the Year 8 Student Leadership Project called XSELS. XSELS stands for eXcellence in Social and Emotional Learning Skills. SELs is taking the world by storm in education, business, and leadership as a core element of 21st Century learning and leadership.

The XSELS mission statement:

In XSELS we choose to build on our strengths to deal with life's challenges by becoming great communicators and trusted resilient leaders.

The school XSELS project, led by Mr Manojlovic, Ms Craker and Mr Staats, began as 'MADSELS' in 2014/5 and has grown from strength to strength and now is a permanent feature of school life.



Graduating students told the audience about their experiences, challenges, success and personal growth. The night also featured a 10 minute mini-film documentary that tells of their leadership in the school and community. Audience members had the opportunity to ask questions of the graduating students. Our students responded with confidence, humour and sincerity. Everyone was touched by the warmth and genuine regard XSELS students had for each other, their teachers and the project.

We congratulate our XSELS graduates and warmly welcome the 2017 XSELS students into the project.



Mr Staats
Deputy Principal



Christmas Giving Tree

Each year our prefects organise the giving tree, where gifts and non perishable items are collected, placed under the tree in the foyer and then distributed to a local charity.

If you would like to help out by donating this year, please send in your donations with your child to take to their roll call teacher. Or alternatively you can bring them into the front office. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Bowral High School would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Have a enjoyable and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you back at school in 2017

Dates to remember:

Friday 27 January, 2017 - Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day

Monday 30 January, 2017 - Year 7 and Year 12 start school

Tuesday 31 January, 2017 - Years 8, 9,10 and 11 students resume school

For more information please check our website.





Alumni News....

The school was delighted to hear recently that one of our alumni and the school dux of 2011, Rebecca Staats, has been awarded the University Medal for her double Honours Arts Degree in Anthropology and Archaeology at Sydney University.

Her thesis, on landscape, memory and identity in Ireland, employed research methods from both archaeology and anthropology. Rebecca said she can trace the origins of one section of her thesis back to 2010 and her Modern History historical research project she undertook with Mrs Martin at Bowral High.

From little things, big things grow.

Rebecca hopes to use her undergraduate success to help her with her aim of post-graduate study in Europe.



Some Calendar Dates for Term 4 2016

Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	28 Nov Year 10 Work Experience Week	29 Nov	30 Nov	1 Dec Formal Assemblies 7L Tour to Hill Top Public School	2 Dec V8 Super Cars - Support class
Week 9	5 Dec	6 Dec Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day	7 Dec Presentation Night Year Meetings	8 Dec	9 Dec
Week 10	12 Dec Activity Week	13 Dec Activity Week	14 Dec Activity Week	15 Dec Activity Week	16 Dec Last Day for Students
Week 11	19 December Staff Development Day	20 December Staff Development Day	21 December	22 December	23 December

