



Bowral High School

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Principals Remarks

So many outstanding events occurring here at Bowral HS!

IN CONCERT Performance

I had the pleasure of attending IN CONCERT at the Sydney Town Hall Wednesday 23rd May. A selection of our students was among a massed choir of more than 600 voices, accompanied by a seventy five piece symphony orchestra. To say the least, I was absolutely blown away!

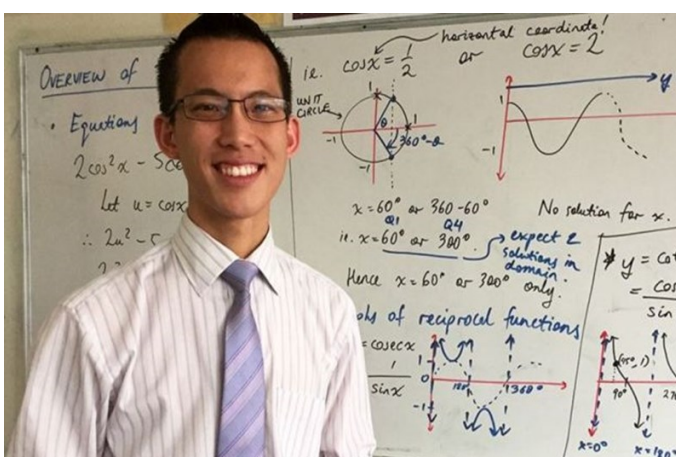
A big thank you goes to Ms Ware and Mrs Karakasch-Hawker, who selflessly prepared and supported our student representatives in the lead up to the big night. It was lovely to meet so many parents who were in attendance on the night, in support of their own children and the school.



Annual Athletics Carnival @ Bowral HS

Bowral HS held its annual Athletics Carnival on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th May.

Again, it was a wonderful success, with all students either competing towards age championship events, or being a part of the participation events. Attendance on the two days was extremely high, with a tremendous school spirit experienced throughout the event. A big thank you goes out to Mr Cooke and Mr Davey for organising and overseeing the running of the carnival. Thank you to all staff that carried out their roles so diligently and thank you to all students, for making the day such a memorable experience!



Eddie Woo

The world famous "Mr WooTube" visited Bowral HS on Friday 18th May. For those who don't know, Eddie was recently a top 10 finalist in the *Global Teacher Prize Awards* – the winner awarded US \$1million dollars prizemoney. Students and staff who attended his workshop in the hall were enthralled by his presentation. Eddie presented a range of challenging mathematical ideas and concepts that were open for discussion. Thank you to Mr Murton who provided this amazing enrichment opportunity for the students of Bowral HS.



Southern Highlands Science and Engineering Challenge – Bowral HS crowned champions!

The Science and Engineering Challenge (SEC) is a nationwide STEM outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities, Rotary clubs, universities and sponsors. A tremendous vote of thanks goes out to our two Science teachers Mrs Kowalczyk and Miss Hook and their fabulous year 10 students on their famous victory! We wish them well as they progress to the “Super Challenge” at Newcastle University later this term.

NAPLAN (online)

Another year has come and gone in regard to NAPLAN. Logistically, it was quite a large initiative to organise this year for our year 7 and year 9 students. This was due to the added complexity of completing the tests online. A big thank you goes out to Mrs Kelly and many other support staff, who contributed to the meticulous running of NAPLAN in 2018.

Ration Challenge

Bowral HS has taken up the Ration Challenge in 2018! A whole host of students and staff are partaking in this ‘act for peace’. The Ration Challenge has been designed to reflect, as closely as possible, what it’s like to eat rations as a Syrian refugee in Jordan.

Currently the school has raised in excess of \$3600! What a wonderful effort!

Last week, the school received a personalised YouTube message from the founder of the Ration Challenge, an aid worker in Syria.

The hyperlink is listed below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrRe_TbcyZw&feature=youtu.be

A big thank you to Mr Staats and Ms Kauflin for the work they have done in organising this important fundraising initiative.

Jason Conroy



BHS UNIFORM SHOP—DAYLIGHT SCHOOLWEAR

Opening Hours in our School Hall - Tuesday 8-11am and Thursday 1-4pm

Mobile 0481 354 648 Online ordering available Term 3.

News from the Interact Club

Interact has been hard at work once again this term with our fundraising efforts for Cambodia and other projects in the school and community. Our goal for fundraising for Cambodia is drawing nearer. In a couple of weeks we will be holding our next public barbeque, this will occur in **Corbett Plaza, on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of June**. There will be a sausage sizzle as well as home baked cakes, with all profits going straight into our Cambodia savings. We would love to see everyone there.

Interact is also supporting the upcoming school musical, running the canteen and front of house. This is our service to the school. Interact loves supporting the performing arts at Bowral High and this musical is no exception.

In the wider community, Interact is planning a large event for August, so stay tuned for more news on this.

Interact meets every Monday and Friday at lunch in B03. All are welcome and we encourage anybody with any interest in supporting the community to come along and become a new member. Come along and support the club through the donation of your time and skills.



Bowral High School presents ...

THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN ROCK MUSICAL

**Friday 15 June 7pm
Saturday 16 June 1.30pm
Saturday 16 June 7pm**



**Get your tickets from the Finance Office
or phone 4861 2255**

Adults: \$15

Child/student/concession: \$10

Family Deal: \$40 (2 adults + 2 children)



Bowral matches NSW JCL record

The BHS chess team travelled to Warrawong High School to compete in round 3 of the statewide secondary school tournament. The team also progressed to the third round in the previous year and were looking to break that record.

Alexi Lawrence accepted the challenge of taking the black pieces on board 2 and looked to play a fast tempo game. However, such haste proved to be his undoing and Warrawong took an early 1-0 lead.

Jack Fahey made his debut for the team and played a free flowing game where both players had opportunities, yet neither could launch a telling blow. Jack managed to claw his way back from a seemingly losing late position to salvage a stalemate.



Opening moves: On boards 1 to 4 (left to right); Matthew, Alexi, Bailey and Jack



Friendly competition: Jack (far right) sees the lighter side of missing an early queen capture as Bailey looks on.

Our team captain **Matthew Sutcliffe** was again tasked with the difficult assignment of taking on the best opposition player. After a tight opening and middle game, a telling knight fork proved enough for Warrawong to seal victory with an unassailable 2.5 - 0.5 lead.

Bailey Whitton kept his composure to secure victory on board 3 with a patient forced mate, managing to overcome a well organised defence to boost team spirits.

The teams enjoyed a few friendly games and outstanding hospitality from Warrawong HS, before wishing their team well for the rest of the competition.

Warrawong HS	2.5
Bowral HS	1.5

Bowral HS Chess Team:

Matthew Sutcliffe (c), Alexi Lawrence, Bailey Whitton and Jack Fahey

Mr C Hayden— BHS Chess Organiser

Some Calendar Dates for Term 2 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	11 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12 June HSC Biology Field Trip	13 June Yr 10 into Yr 11 Subject Information Evening	14 June Chemistry Enrichment Day MUSICAL Primary Schools Matinee	15 June MUSICAL Matinee and Opening Night
Week 8	18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June Zone Athletics MTM1 Concert 3	22 June
Week 9	25 June	26 June SKI TRIP	27 June SKI TRIP	28 June SKI TRIP Inter-school Chess challenge	29 June SKI TRIP NAIDOC Assembly Band Performance at Hill Top PS
Week 10	2 July Yr 11 English Incursion	3 July Yr 11 English Incursion	4 July MTM2 Concert 2	5 July	6 July Last day of Term 2.