Head On success at the Satellite Slideshow!

Several Bowral High students recently featured in the awards for secondary students at the second Head On Satellite Slideshow, a photographic competition.

Bowral High had the second largest number of entries from secondary schools and this was largely due to the encouragement and support of Michelle Young in the Creative & Performing Arts faculty.

The Bowral High participants were Bec Smith, Emily Marcocci, Magic Young, Patrick Bard, Victoria Fisher, Emma Kelly and Erin O'Toole.

We congratulate Emma Kelly who was awarded best series and Erin O'Toole was awarded second prize.

Important notice for parents
Due to a short school term and the exams timetable, reports will not be issued until Week 1 of Term 3.
A note from Kim Paviour…

Last year we told you about the great successes of our HSC students in Visual Arts. Four students had their work chosen for Art Express; Sophie Everingham, Ashleigh Harrington, Jim Lewis-Ward and Emma Dunn were the four outstanding students. Just this week we have learnt that Emma Dunn has had her major work purchased by the state government for the Wilkins collection. The Wilkins collection is made up of the art works of outstanding NSW students from the past 30 years. Bowral High School now has two artworks in the collection - former student Belinda Gilroy and Emma Dunn. We extend our warm congratulations to Emma. (Pictured right is Belinda’s work and below is Emma’s.)

Last week the Naplan tests were held and our students behaved very well and tried their best. Meg Mitchell, Marella Lee-Roscoe and John Staats managed the tests along with a team of staff. For the first time the school provided the students with fresh apples to help sustain them throughout the three days of testing, for which the students were very grateful. The results of the tests will be delivered to parents later in the year.

Madeline George of Year 9, travelled to Sydney Town Hall last week with her family and Mr Manojlovic to participate in the Celebration of Public Education Awards night. Madeline received a PinPoint scholarship which supports female students in early high school in western and south-western Sydney to achieve their potential. Madeline receives financial support to help her reach her educational goals. The school is very proud of Madeline.

Welcome to Susan Tankard who has joined the English faculty for the rest of the year. Susan replaces Natalia Cricri who left at the end of term one to take up permanent employment elsewhere.

The Tell Them From Me surveys were concluded last term and we have received a comprehensive report that covers a range of areas including students feedback on engagement, bullying, relationships with teachers and the level of student advocacy provided by the school. The next step is to conduct student focus groups so we can get more detailed information from students. This information will be used to inform the new school plan that will begin in 2015. The school will commit resources to support the strategies that are developed as a result of this major survey process.

Finally, thank you to the parents who joined us for the Parent and Teacher interviews on Monday May 26. Over 1600 interviews took place on the night. Staff left very tired but happy to have the opportunity to meet with parents and discuss the progress of our students. There will be another parent workshop held shortly.

Kim Paviour - Principal
Hello from your new P&C President!

I would like to introduce myself and welcome you all to come to the Bowral High School P&C Meetings. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in term time, at 7pm, in the staff common room. We are finished by 8.30 or 9pm. Our next meeting is Wednesday 18th June. Please put it on your calendar!

I come to the role of President after having been Treasurer of the P&C for the last 3 years and a member of the P&C since 2006. I currently have two children at the school, in Years 8 and 10. My two eldest children have finished school and are both studying at University, and my youngest is at Bowral Public School still.

I am a strong supporter and advocate of public education generally, and, having lived in the Highlands now for 20 years, all my children have attended Bowral Public and Bowral High. The P&C is a body that is all about being partners with the school in the education of your children. The P&C is a great forum for a number of reasons. By coming to meetings, you not only find out what is happening within the school, you get to have a say in getting positive things happening for the school, and it is also a great way to meet other parents – maybe even make some new friends! (I know I have!)

So please come to our next meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 18th June, for some supper, a cuppa, and your chance to make a difference to your child’s education.

Lesley Staats - P&C President

The 2014 P&C Committee

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Term 3 commences for students on Tuesday 15 July 2014
Ben Quilty visits Bowral High School!

Year 11 Visual Arts students were extremely privileged to have famous Australian artist, Ben Quilty, visit them at school last month. The Visual Arts students have been conducting a case study for their HSC about the artist and his work. Mr Quilty came and spoke to year 11 about his artistic practice, his artworks and people who influence his work. He discussed his body of work from his Torana images, which won the Archibald prize. This was a trip to Afghanistan, where he was commissioned by the Australian War Museum as the official war artist.

The students asked him pertinent questions and as a result gathered a deeper knowledge about his practice. He also discussed the many career and further study options that there is available in the Visual Arts.

The students really appreciated his time and the gift of books he gave them. A truly rewarding experience.