News from Kim Paviour....

The PBS Day of Celebration on Friday August 8 was a huge success. Students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to play a range of fun activities including tunnel ball, captain ball, skipping, tug of war, trivia and many others. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces and the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Fairness in action. My thanks are extended to the students for their excellent behaviour, the staff for joining in the spirit of the day and to the PBS team who did such a great job organising the assembly and activities.

The amazing generosity of the Bowral/ Mittagong Rotary Club was in evidence during the day. Not only did the members supply over 800 sausages, bread and drinks for the students but they also came along and cooked them as well. The school is very appreciative of their support. Other organisations in the community made donations to the school in the form of prizes for students. These organisations are listed in this newsletter.

The Year 7 Showcase was also a fabulous night. Hundreds of parents attended to watch films made and presented by each Year 7 learning team/class. The work being done in each class this year is exceptional and reflects the commitment of both students and staff. I would especially like to congratulate John Staats and Meg Mitchell on the work they have been doing in leading this important school program. It was great to see so many of our year 7 parents and also our new 2015 Year 7 families attend on the night. The school is committed to building positive relationships with our parents so we can work together to support student engagement and attainment.

On another note: Our students generally represent the school very well in the community and model excellent behaviour and the school values of respect, responsibility and fairness. Rarely however, is the reputation of the school tarnished by the anti-social behaviour of students out in the community, particularly when the relationship to the school is apparent. The school can and will take appropriate action if students engage in anti-social or criminal behaviour whilst in uniform or representing the school. As always, we rely on the support of our parents to ensure that students model respectful and responsible behaviour in the community.

Congratulations go to two of our staff members: Polly Karakasch-Hawker and Andrew Hawker on the birth of their daughter, Lucy on Friday August 8. We wish them well as they begin their journey as parents.

Kim Paviour
Principal

Blue Light Disco - Mittagong RSL, Saturday 30 August, 4pm to 6.30pm. $5 per child, 4 - 14 years and parents and children under 4 free. Prize draw for ticket holders.
Year 7 Education Week Showcase

On Thursday July 31st, The Year 7 Education Week Showcase opened to a packed hall of parents, students and teachers. There were more than 300 people present, many being Year 6 students from local primary schools and their parents keen to preview the exciting programs the school offers to Year 7.

The evening was a wonderful showcase of the work of Year 7 and their teachers. Static displays of each classes' work opened the night. Students proudly displayed the project and class work that reflects each Year 7 classes' designated interest/learning focus; this year the class projects were designed and delivered in conjunction with the University of Wollongong’s In2Uni Year 7 Enrichment Program.

The talent of Year 7 Art students was also on display, including the works produced by the Year 7 Master Artist Challenge, a program designed to identify and develop the skills of the best artists in Year 7.

The evening’s entertainment was provided by students of 7L (the Performing Arts Class). Thank you to Mr Donaldson and Ms Ware for ably preparing our performers. Hospitality, in the form of cake, biscuits and beverages, was provided by Ms Reay and Year 11 hospitality students.

The formal part of the night featured students from each class presenting their class film, the product of their Film Making Workshops in Term 2. The short films introduced their class and previewed their class project (which continue into term 3 and 4).
The evening also saw the announcement of the 2014 Speak Act Lead project – the 40 Day Kindness Program (the ‘40DayKP’).

Speak Act Lead is a student voice and leadership program which teaches values and empowers students ‘to make a difference’ in their world. Year 7 took the opportunity to collect notes for the Speak Act Lead Camps (to be held later this month) where the students will undertake an extraordinary global project and experience first hand ‘to speak, take action and lead’ their school and community in making a difference in the world.

School Education Director, Margaret Turner, was present and congratulated our students and teachers on their magnificent work and dedication. Jess McDonald, a University of Wollongong In2Uni mentor who has worked with our students in their projects, also spoke and praised our students and teachers for their work and their part in opening aspirations to university.

We congratulate Year 7 and their teachers and look forward to the Year 7 Showcase Finale in Term 4 where students will present their completed projects through the medium of film. Thank you also to our Year 8 peer mentors of Year 7, Brent McKeown, Caitlin Killington, Abigail Angwin-Sinclair and Felicity Walsh for speaking and compering the evening.

John Staats
Deputy Principal
PBS Celebration Day

Participation was the key behaviour for success on Friday 8th August when Bowral High School celebrated the successful integration of PBS (Positive Behaviours for Success) into the life of the school.

The tone for the day was set by students arriving at school in house colours - the school buses were awash with blue, red, yellow and green! An assembly to recognise those students who exhibit the school’s values of Respect, Responsibility and Fairness was held at the beginning of the day. The assembly also involved a mock interview of Mrs Paviour by Mr Flaus to explain the benefits of PBS, and entertaining performances from students and staff.
Following the assembly the real fun for the day began with students and staff participating in many activities, including skipping, sack races, captain ball, tunnel ball, dodge ball and tug of war. Students were also treated to a bbq lunch cooked by Rotary.

The final event was a house war chant competition - outstanding chants were performed by each house but Fitzroy and Gibraltar have really set the standard for future sports carnival days. Final house participation points for the day were Belmore 1613, Fitzroy 1843, Gibraltar 1558 and Hume 1580. Congratulations to all students who participated in the day.

Many local businesses provided support for the day. The whole school community would like to thank Gumnut Patisserie, EB Games, Gloria Jean, Priceline, Sports Power, Dot’s Café, Bowral Sweets & Treats, The Bookshop Bowral, Empire Cinema, Hot Canary, Oxley Butchers, Highlands Meats, Williams Meats, McDonalds and Rotary.

Additional photos from the day can be seen on the school web site.

Kim Kelly and the PBS Team
Activity Week 2014, Term 4

Activity Week at Bowral High School has traditionally been held in the last week of term 4. It is a great opportunity for our students to undertake activities they may not always have the opportunity to do, and to spend some time with friends and staff in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. This sort of situation helps to promote good relationships between staff and students and for students to increase friendship bases and to get to know people they may not have in the past.

Activity Week 2014 will run from Monday 15 December to Wednesday 17 December in the last week of term 4.

Shortly, an Activity Week Booklet will be available to students to peruse and choose an activity they wish to do. It is important to look at the cost and all the information provided in the booklet to help make an informed decision with your child.

The selection and payment process is basically as follows:

The information booklets are distributed. Camping and Overnight Stay Activities are offered first - students return preference sheet and a non-refundable deposit to the Finance Office. Then, all other activities are issued for selection and students return the preference sheet and non-refundable deposit to the Finance Office. Activity Week lists are then published and permission notes distributed. Then a 2nd instalment is due together with the return of the permission note to the Finance Office. Lastly a final payment of the balance is due.

Dates for all of the above will be published soon.

Full details of Activity Week will become available on the Bowral High School Website www.bowralhighschool.nsw.edu.au.

Questions regarding Activity Week should be directed to Mr Flaus during school hours on 48612255.

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Bowral High School Athletics Team – 2014

The Zone Athletics Carnival was initially postponed due to bad weather. On the rescheduled date of Thursday 24th July, just over 100 students represented Bowral High School at Canberra’s AIS Athletics Track. The weather was fantastic and allowed for an outstanding performance by the BHS Team. Each and every student competed to the best of their ability and represented the school in a positive fashion. There were numerous place getters, a new record, five Age Champions, and a total of over 50 BHS students who qualified for the Regional Carnival. Blake Meyer was the record breaker setting a new mark of 15.13m in the 16 boys Shot put. Our Zone Age Champions for 2014 were:

- **Alex Martin** (12 boys)
- **Toby Croudson** (14 boys)
- **Eligh Morris** (15 boys)
- **Joel Bottin-Noonan** (17+ boys),
- **Oliva Spears** (17+ girls)

Ultimately, the BHS team won the Zone school points competition, almost doubling the points scored by the second placed Karabar High School.

It was a very short, eight day turn around to the Regional Athletics Carnival which was again held in Canberra on Friday 1st August. On this day, the weather from the cancelled Zone Carnival revisited Canberra with a vengeance. The team of 50 Athletes battled the appalling conditions of wind, rain, sleet and snow as well as the other competitors to again make Bowral High School proud.
There were many exceptional performances with the following students qualifying for the NSW CHS Athletics Carnival:

**Joel Bottin-Noonan, Tayla Croudson, Toby Croudson, Riley Ford, Blake Friedrich, Harrison Hogan, Cameron Malcolm, Emma Marlow, Alex Martin, Blake Meyer, Eligh Morris, Tyrone Rankmore, Ben Turland, Griffin Turner, Matthew Vine**

In his last Regional Carnival Joel Bottin-Noonan was crowned 17+ boys Champion after winning the 110m hurdles, 100m, 200m, long jump and triple jump and placing second in the high jump. It was a fantastic opportunity for the younger members of the BHS team to watch Joel one final time. His talents will be missed next year.

Congratulations to all those who represented BHS this season. A special thank you to the year 12 students who represented BHS in Athletics for the last time.

Good luck to those who will be participating in the NSW CHS Carnival.

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**Mr A Cooke**

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