On the Friday before ANZAC day, and the school held the annual ANZAC commemoration service. Guests included Jai Rowell MP, Councillor Gary Turland, OJ Rushton and Phil Moscatt, Norm Austin and Terry Lemke from the RSL.

Mr Langdon gave an emotional performance of The Band Played Waltzing Matilda and Duncan Reay of year 9 played the Last Post and Reville. In addition, several descendants of diggers and nurses from the Southern Highlands region, participated in the opening of the school's ANZAC garden.

Following short speeches, the garden was opened officially with the invited guests and staff and students involved in the planning and construction of the garden in attendance. The garden contains several plaques featuring the images and brief biographies of some of the local diggers and nurses who volunteered for service in world war one. These plaques are surrounded by plants such as roses, Gallipoli rosemary and Flanders poppies. It was particularly moving to see the descendants of veterans commemorated by the plaques place poppies on the plaques. Bruce Hindmarsh also brought along the Military Medal won by his grandfather, Stanley Hindmarsh, in Palestine in 1918.
Welcome back to term 2...  

Welcome back to term 2. On Anzac Day, the school supported three community ANZAC services in the local community: the dawn service at Mittagong and the morning services at both Bowral and Mittagong. Our students were very well presented and were supported by several staff in the marches. Our school captains, along with Ms Ware and Mr Langdon, also assisted the Kangaloon Public School service on Friday 24th April.

On Friday 24th April, a very moving service was held in the hall with the whole school in attendance. The students were all very respectful and well behaved, a reflection of the deep respect young and old have for the ANZAC story and tradition. Several invited guests were in attendance, including Mr Jai Rowell, MP for Wollondilly and Mr Garry Turland, Wingecarribee councillor. Both Garry and Jai are ex-students of Bowral High School. Mr Phil Moscatt and other representatives from the local RSL were in attendance and Phil presented a moving speech to the assembly.

The ANZAC assembly was followed by the official opening of the ANZAC memorial garden. Led by Mr Geoff Andrew, the students involved did a fantastic job researching, planning and creating the garden and the memorial plaques. The families of the soldiers recognised in the garden were in attendance and everyone agreed that the garden was a fitting memorial to the soldiers.

Some parents have indicated that they are experiencing difficulty with the school app. We have communicated with the App team and they have assured us that all problems should now be rectified. Please let us know if you are experiencing difficulties.

Two new permanent teachers have joined the staff this term. Mr David Petrola has joined the TAS staff and Ms Rebecca Howe will be working in Support. We welcome them to Bowral High School. Congratulations go to Robert Hall and his wife in TAS who welcomed their seventh child – a girl at the start of the term.

A presentation on Safe Behaviour and Anti-Bullying was held in the school hall for the whole school on Wednesday April 29. Linda Langton led the presentation that focused on what safe behaviour looks like and what bullying is and is not. We felt it was important to educate our students that bullying is behaviour that makes us feel anxious, stressed and isolated and is repeated. Some students are reporting one off teasing behaviour as bullying. While this behaviour can be distressing, it is not bullying and all people, young and old, need to develop skills in resilience, resolution and relationship building in order to manage effectively these situations. We will be holding a parent workshop on this topic later in the year. The updated school Anti-Bullying plan has been uploaded to the school website.

Kim Paviour - Principal
Welcome two new staff members

My name is David Petrola. I have been living in the Southern Highlands for 18 years now. I worked as a cabinetmaker for many years before I became a teacher. I have been teaching woodwork from Kindergarten to Year 12 over the last 7 years. I am married and the father of two beautiful children and enjoy spending time with them, playing and watching sports and appreciating time with friends and family.

Hi my name is Becky Howe and I have just been appointed as a Support Teacher at Bowral High School. I previously worked at Lucas Heights Community School and Campbelltown Performing Arts High School, also in Support roles. I am from the Sutherland Shire and had never visited the Southern Highlands before I started this week, but look forward exploring more of this beautiful area. I am very excited about my new position and look forward to working with your children.

NAPLAN 2015

Year 7 and 9 will be undertaking their NAPLAN examinations on 12, 13 and 14 of May 2015. NAPLAN is The National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy and is nation wide examination.

Students at Bowral High School have been preparing for the assessment, both in class and in groups, including the completion of a Trial NAPLAN test on Monday 4th of May. The purpose of the Trial test was to make students familiar with the NAPLAN routine and to provide them with feedback and tips on how to be ready for the examination and do their best.

All students are reminded that that the text types that are to be assessed on Tuesday 12 May are EITHER Persuasive Writing OR Narrative. Students are encouraged to revise both text types.

It is essential that all Year 7 and 9 students bring a CALCULATOR for the numeracy test on Thursday 14 May. If your child is having difficulty in sourcing a working calculator ahead of the test, please contact the school on 4861 2255 and we will be able to provide assistance.

We wish all our students undertaking NAPLAN 2015 all the very best for the test.

Mr Staats - Deputy Principal

Athletics Carnival Postponed

Due to the recent bad weather which resulted in the closure of many council ovals and our own oval, the Athletics Carnival has had to be postponed. It will now take place on Wednesday and Thursday the 3rd and 4th of June.

On the Wednesday, which is sport day anyway, the Athletics Carnival will be a half day in periods 1, 2 and 3. In the afternoon, the seniors will take their normal classes and the juniors will go to their normal sport classes. On the Thursday, it will be a full day of Athletics Carnival activities.

Students need to wear their sports uniforms and or house colours. This is a great day with lots of fun and sporting achievements to celebrate and it is a compulsory whole school event.

Free Tutoring

At the Youth Hub on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons there is free tutoring available to help high school students with Science, Reading & Writing at all levels. Please call 4801 0885 and leave a message. Someone will call you back to book you in.
Bowral High School Cross Country 2015

The school cross country carnival was held on Friday 20th March at Mittagong Sports Ground and Highlands Golf Club. Again it was a well-attended event with over 300 participants and volunteers. With extremely warm conditions the runners really made a strong effort and earned their BBQ lunch, drink and swim upon reaching Bowral Pool after the event. The top 6 from each age group have now qualified for the Zone Carnival held on Friday 15th May at Mulwaree High School. A big thank you to all those who assisted with the day, especially our community partners at Highlands Golf Club for continually allowing us to use their grounds to hold the event.

Congratulations to the winners of each age group:

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Legal Matters

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children’s education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders.

If this happens, it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders that could impact on your child’s education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decision regarding their children’s education.

This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained.

These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children’s learning and support and related issues.

Payments at School

Did you know that all payments at school can be made in person directly at the Finance Office or by phone? If making a payment by phone, please call 48612255, ask for the Finance Office and then provide your debit or credit card details for payments.

Did you know the school has a Building Fund? Donations to the Building Fund are tax deductible at the end of the financial year. This too can be made in person or paid over the phone.

New Phone System

A new telephone and answering system has been installed. When you ring, listen to the messages and make your selection by dialling the number indicated. Any problems please let the front office know.