The Performing Arts are alive and well at Bowral High!

Our students have had a great start to the year with many opportunities to perform and attend concerts in just a few short months, with plenty more to come this term.

Most recently, 17 members of the Bowral High Singers with choral director Michelle Ware, travelled to Sydney on Monday 18 May to sing at “In Concert”, a performance organised by the DEC Arts Unit involving over 800 secondary school singers from around the state at the Sydney Town Hall. The guest artist was Australian independent singer/songwriter, Lior, who performed two numbers with the Combined Secondary Schools Choir, accompanied by the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Public Schools Symphony Orchestra.

The performances were outstanding and included ambitious and challenging works by Borodin and Australian composer, Elena Kats-Chernin who was present at the rehearsal and concert to introduce her works. The students were exceptional ambassadors for their school, mingling with students from other schools and making many new friends. Thanks must go to the families and friends who made the trip into Sydney to attend the concert and take the weary singers home – without their support, opportunities such as this could not happen for our students. The event was streamed live on the Arts Unit YouTube channel. For the link to view this performance, please contact Michelle Ware on 4861 2255.

Once again, we are attending the Meet the Music concert series at the Sydney Opera House. This program with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra has been running for decades and this year we are taking 35 students from years 7 – 12 to the MTM1 series and four to MTM2 series – that’s eight Sydney Symphony concerts in one year for some students! So far, the concerts have been amazing – for more information on these, check out the Sydney Symphony Education page on their website.

The Band and Choir are about to go on tour to Colo Vale and Mittagong Primary schools on Friday 22 May, with combined rehearsals and then a concert for each of the schools. This idea was the brain child of Jeremy Donaldson, music teacher and Band Director. We look forward to other collaborations with our partner primary schools in the future.

Music comes to Bowral High this term! On 5 June, we have the Sydney Youth Orchestra visiting to present a concert of orchestral music for all of Year 7 and elective music classes. On 11 June, a Jazz quartet will be presenting a concert/workshop for all Year 8 and elective music students and then on 22 June, we have an African performance/workshop, “Ghana”, again for all Year 8 and elective students. These performances are designed to link closely with the students’ classroom units of work for Terms 2 and 3 and we look forward to everyone coming along.
Bowral High School Sports

This term in Sport has seen the completion of Zone Cross Country. The school again performed admirably despite smaller numbers this year finishing 3rd overall. **Tayla and Toby Croudson** continued their excellent achievement in Cross Country, qualifying for region along with 20 other students. Congratulations to all participants and to Mr Kich for his outstanding organisation and management. The regional carnival is at Cambewarra on Friday 29th May 2015. The school has again subsidised the bus fare to support our students. This subsidy is through our General Sport Levy and PDHPE faculty funds and not a component of the General School Contribution. The general sport levy payment ensures students have reduced costs on bus trips for our swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. If you have any enquiries regarding the General Sport Levy please contact Mr Davey, Head Teacher PDHPE.

Congratulations to the **girls’ volleyball team** which has qualified for the Regional semifinals after defeating Nowra HS. The girls have worked tirelessly and Mr Cooke, their coach, has helped to develop their skills. Thanks to Mr Kich for driving the team to Bomaderry for the game. Good luck in the next round.

**Liam Cassidy**, Year 12, was successful in making the Southern Region Opens rugby league team for the State championships in Myuna Bay. Liam will participate in a 5 day carnival and compete against regional and city teams as students vie for NSW Combined High Schools selection. This is a highly competitive competition and is a cornerstone of the National Rugby League player identification and recruitment program. Thanks to Mr. Kich who assisted with the selection of the South Coast team and good luck, Liam.

Congratulations to **Tully Manuzic and Daniel Leahy** on their selection in the South Coast touch team and Emily Rutherford on her selection in the South Coast netball team. Good luck at the respective championships.

There have been a number of knockout teams playing and training and it’s important we acknowledge the hard work of the staff coaching the sides. Mr Kich has been working with the **U13s rugby league** team as they prepare for the upcoming Wests Leagues Cup. It is disappointing that the U15s did not show as much commitment and dedication and we were unable to field a team in the U15s section of the Wests Leagues Cup, the first time in the history of the competition. The same can be unfortunately said for the open boys’ team who were withdrawn from the competition as students failed to return notes, didn’t train or simply decided on the day they didn’t want to play. Congratulations to Mr Murton and the **open boys’ cricket** as they continue their winning ways. The open boys’ soccer had a good victory to proceed to the next round under the leadership of Mr Morris, while the **junior boys**, coached by Mr Flaus faced formidable opponents and were defeated despite an outstanding effort. The junior girls’ netball team has qualified for the next round and Miss Atkins and Mrs Brown have supported the skill development and enjoyment for all girls involved. Mr Van Bentum had mixed success with the **boys’ touch**, while Mr Bleasdale continues to prepare for the **softball knockout**. These staff and students work during recess and lunch to prepare, coach and mentor students through sport. Special mention is made for Mr Fisher and Mr Kolednik who coach students in basketball at recess and lunch. Thanks to all involved.

The school athletics carnival was postponed from Week 3 this term and moved to **Wednesday 3rd which is a half day periods 1-3 then normal sport or classes and Thursday 4th June 2015 (Week 7)**. During the half day carnival all students are permitted to wear PE uniform and on the full day they are able to support their house by wearing the relevant colours: Gibraltar – Yellow, Hume – Green, Belmore – Blue and Fitzroy – Red. **THE CARNIVAL IS COMPULSORY** as the days are normal school days. We look forward to continued outstanding participation and the Zone Carnival is on Tuesday 16th June 2015 at the AIS in Canberra. The cost will be $20 if students have paid their $10 Sport Levy or $30 if they haven’t. Many students whom have participated in swimming, cross country and other sports have already paid their levy and have benefited through the reduction of bus fares.
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Koori Kids Reconciliation Challenge

The Reconciliation Challenge is an art competition designed to encourage students to think about reconciliation and what this means in modern Australia. The Koori students and their friends recently went on an excursion to the culturally significant sites along Wombeyan Caves Road. These sites showed the landscape described in the Gundungurra Dreamtime story.

The students took photos of the landscape which they used to create the artwork below. It explains the link between Billy Russell, his descendent Gary Russell (who has been working with our Koori kids group), Gurangatch (a fish/reptilian creature who carved out the landscape) and Bowral High School in passing on cultural knowledge of the local area to bring people of different backgrounds together.

We would like to thank Gary Russell, Elizabeth Taylor and Bob Simpson for volunteering so much of their time to work with the students, and Mrs Mauger for accompanying them on the excursion.

Linda Langton - Deputy Principal

Pre-loved Uniforms for Clothing Pool Wanted

If you have any unwanted uniform items, please consider donating them to the school’s clothing pool. It would be very much appreciated. Just drop them in to the front office. Thanks.
Dates for P&C Meetings 2015

The P&C meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Staff Common Room. All parents and interested citizens are warmly invited to come along and be involved in Bowral High School and our students’ education. The following are the dates for meetings this year:

17 June : 15 July : 19 August : 16 September : 21 October : 18 November

Concert for Nepal

The new name for the Performing Arts Night. We are aiming to raise a substantial amount of money for the Nepalese people following the devastating earthquakes. On Wednesday 10 June starting at 6pm, the students and staff of Bowral High will perform for our community.

Further information is available on the BHS website. Come along and support those who are suffering greatly at this time. Three students have a personal connection with Nepal; they were volunteering at a school in Nepal during the last school holidays.

Bowral’s Got Talent! Returns this year on Friday 31 July and will be a great show. Our primary schools will be performing alongside the high school students to create an exciting night of dance, drama and music. For details, see the BHS website or call the school on 4861 2255.

The BHS Dance Companies will be performing also in June, at the ISER Dance Festival in Wollongong. Amber White has been working hard with the students to choreograph their items for this fantastic celebration of dance in our Public Schools.

Mr Sam Jones has started up a Junior Drama Club for students in Years 7 and 8. They rehearse at recess once a week and there is plenty of fabulous talent being discovered there!

Finally, a round up of the performing arts could not be complete without mentioning the Tuition Program. This year, we have over 50 students involved in learning singing, piano, bassoon, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, guitar and bass guitar. Our outstanding tutors include: Margaret Urlich, Rick Falkiner, Tim Wedde, Melissa Ryder, Tanya Goodman, Alex Zachary and Edwina Carter. For further information about your child being involved in this program, contact Michelle Ware on 486 2255.

We hope to see you at some of our upcoming performances and thank all parents for their ongoing support of the arts.

Michelle Ware - CAPA
Cricket News...Davidson Shield  
CHS Open Boys Cricket Knock-Out Competition Round 2  
Bowral HS vs Lake Illawarra HS - Match Report  

After a number of postponed games due to a wet April, Bowral High hosted Lake Illawarra High at the newly opened, picturesque Centennial Oval on Friday 8 May. Bowral won the toss and elected to bat in windy, autumnal conditions. Despite their shivering and chattering teeth, the Lake Illawarra boys bowled and fielded strongly. The pick of Bowral's batsmen was captain, Cameron Malcolm, who contributed 53 runs in the team total of 120. Cameron’s score was predominantly boundaries, including one magnificent six where the ball was hit very hard in the general direction of the opponent’s school, never to be seen again.  

Bowral's opening bowlers, Cameron Malcolm and Morgan Rykers, bowled with fiery intent, each claiming early wickets. Clayton Barnes' nagging accuracy and with quick Alexander Bates back to his best, Lake Illawarra were dismissed for 70. Bowral HS were outstanding in the field; a highlight being Rykers snaring an unlikely chance with an acrobatic dive to take a super catch wide from second slip. Regardless of individual statistics and results, the boys from both teams played cricket well and in the spirit of the game. Bowral HS will play a Far South Coast team (at home!) in their next round.  

Team: Cameron Malcolm (C), Mitchell Stanmore (VC & WK), Clayton Barnes, Alex Bates, Matthew Bates, Kyle Jesshope, Sam McIlhatton, Joshua Miller, Christian Molloy, Patrick Molloy, Morgan Rykers  
Coach/Manager - Michael Murton

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