News from the Principal...

Welcome back to term three and the icy weather. It’s always a challenge staying warm at this time of the year but the school is fortunate to have been equipped with new gas heaters a couple of years ago. They certainly are being put to good use.

At the end of last term, the school community mourned the death of Pam Cahill, an ex-staff member who worked at Bowral High School from the late 1980s up until 2012. Pam worked in the English faculty and also taught Drama. She co-authored a successful musical: *Lost in a Box* with Andrew Lyons which was performed at the school and also in other schools across the state. Alongside her husband, Rowan Cahill, who also taught English and History for many years, Pam was a valued and much loved member of our community. We extend our deepest sympathies to Rowan and their three children Damien, Erin and Tim and also Pam’s sister, Jenny Clough.

Term three promises to be an exciting one with three special events planned for Education Week. Bowral High School has been asked to host the *NSW Australian of the Year Tour of Honour*.

On **29 July**, the following group will visit our school:
- Debora-Lee Furness, 2015 NSW Australian of the Year
- Genevieve Clay-Smith, 2015 NSW Young Australian of the Year
- Reverend Graham Long AM, 2014 NSW Local Hero

Corey Payne, former NSW Young Australian of the Year and professional sportsman will MC the event.

The tour will be start in Sydney and proceed to Wagga Wagga over a three day period. A Q and A session will be conducted in our school hall with the three special guests on stage. Students from Bowral High School, along with student leaders from each of our partner primary schools and Moss Vale High School will be in the audience. The panel will answer questions from the audience.

This is a great opportunity for students to hear inspiring stories from these prominent Australians.

**The NAIDOC Week Celebrations will be held on Monday 27 July.**

The **Year 7 Showcase** will also take place in Education Week on **Thursday 30 July** and the week will finish with **Bowral’s Got Talent** on **Friday 31 July**. We hope to see lots of parents at both the Showcase and Bowral’s Got Talent to celebrate the talents and achievements of our students.

Kim Paviour - Principal

AVCAT 2016 Scholarships and Bursary Applications

The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) are pleased to announce that the above applications open on 18 August 2015. AVCAT is a national independent charity helping children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women to a better future through higher education.

Scholarship selection is on a need and merit basis. There is also a special AVCAT Commemorative Bursary in recognition of 30 years of service to the veteran community, valued at $15,000 for financial assistance for university studies.

All applications open on 28 August 2015, and **strictly** close on 31 October 2015.

For more information about AVCAT please visit our website or ring 02 9213 7999 or avcat@dva.gov.au for any queries or concerns.
Rebecca at the Sydney Eisteddfod
Recently, Rebecca Westley year 11 attended the Sydney Eisteddfod for dance with her dance school. This Eisteddfod covers all aspects of the Performing Arts and students from all over Australia attended. Rebecca performed outstandingly and was placed within the top 20. Congratulations Rebecca!

Photos of Winkipop Media

Congratulations Liam
In the recent school holidays, Year 12 student, Liam Cassidy, was selected to represent NSW Combined High Schools at the Australian Schoolboy Rugby League Championships held at Wollongong. He represented himself and the school with distinction and helped his team to the championship trophy by scoring a try in the final. The team won 24-18 against NSW Combined Catholic Colleges.

It is the first time in Bowral High School history that we have had a student represent NSW Combined High Schools in Rugby League in the 18’s age group and for this, Liam is to be commended. Liam was initially selected for South Coast Schools playing against Riverina Schools on 22nd April in Canberra. He was selected to play in the Greater Southern Schools Team to play at the NSW Combined High Schools Championships at Toronto on May 25 to 27th.

Adam Kich
PDHPE Faculty.
Year 7 Education Week Showcase Evening
Thursday, 30 July, School Hall at 6pm, all welcome

Once again Year 7 and their class projects will be a focus of Bowral High School’s Education Week Celebration. Year 7 students will be announcing their class specific projects using short films, speeches and a display of their work.

Each Year 7 class has a designated learning style and focus. Students have been working on class projects since the beginning of Term 2. Last term, students also completed a film-making workshop with Mr Staats and Ms Mitchell in preparation for the Showcase.

The Education Week Showcase is an opportunity for students to report on the progress of their projects to date.

Their projects are due for completion in Term 4 and will be concluded in a film festival at Bowral Empire Cinema in November.

Year 7’s project displays will be open for public viewing in the School Hall from 6.00 pm. Speeches and films will commence at 6.45 pm.

The evening will also launch the 2015 Speak, Act, Lead (student leadership and enrichment) Program. We will outline an extraordinary opportunity for our Year 7 students to make a difference in project of global significance. There will also be an update on our ASPIRE (university linkages) Program.

We welcome all current and prospective/future students and families of the Bowral High School community to attend.

Thank you

Mr Staats - Deputy Principal

Bowral’s Got Talent!
Friday 31 July at 6pm in the BHS Hall

Our Interact student group has teamed up with Bowral Rotary and the CAPA Faculty to launch Bowral’s Got Talent 2015. Performances will feature most of our partner primary schools as well as talented Bowral High students.

For details, see our website.
Athletics Report 2015

On Wednesday 3rd June and Thursday the 4th June we held our annual school athletics carnival. We were blessed with two gorgeous, sunny winter days and had a great turn out of students on both days. All students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to interact in a more informal environment. There were many great performances and several records broken. They included:

Kaleb Bell - Discus - 35.96m  
Alek Umiastowski - 100m - 11.5 seconds  
Eligh Morris - 1500m - 04.44.64 minutes  
Ashley Veg - Discus - 18.10m  
Olivia Tumanov - Discus - 21.79m

Congratulations to all of these students and to all students who attended. It is always so great to see the students enjoying themselves and interacting in a positive manner with each other and the staff. The results of the carnival were very close!

1st Place - Gibraltar (3541)  
2nd Place - Belmore (3398)  
3rd Place - Hume (3385)  
4th Place - Fitzroy (3307)

Congratulations Gibraltar!!

Age Champions were -

Girls
12 years - Codee Brown  
13 years - Olivia Tumanow  
14 years - Krystal-Lee Miller  
15 years - Georgia Barr & Jordanna Chapman

Boys
12 years - Tom Eccleston  
13 years - Alex Martin  
14 years - Kaleb Bell  
15 years - Toby Croudson Chapman

16 years - Brooke Todd  
17 years - Olivia Spears  
16 years - Cameron Malcolm  
17 years - Liam Cassidy

Congratulations to all of the above students for their excellent effort and outstanding results!

The Zone Athletics Carnival was held at the end of Term 2. It was down in Canberra at the Australian Institute of Sport. We left school at 6.15 am and returned around 6pm. Conditions were cold and wet all day. Despite the weather our 100 students that attended did our school proud and Bowral high School won the carnival by a resounding 200 points. Kaleb Bell was the 14 years boys Age Champion, an excellent result! Congratulations Kaleb! The regional Athletics carnival will be held in week 3 of this term We have 60 students attending. Good luck to them all!

Sue Brown - PDHPE Faculty
At the end of term 2, 44 students and four staff went on the annual three day ski trip to Thredbo. Unfortunately Mother Nature did not produce any natural snow, but there was still plenty of man-made snow for us to use. Each day students were given instruction on how to ski or snowboard. Many of the students had not been skiing so it was amazing to see how quickly they picked up their skills. They started on the beginner slopes but by the end were able to successfully negotiate more difficult intermediate slopes.

We stayed in a lodge just outside Jindabyne. There was plenty to do including playing pool, table tennis, playing games, watching movies or generally just chatting with each other.

As usual, the students were a credit to Bowral High. There were many comments made from the lodge staff about how polite and helpful our students were.

All in all it was a great experience for everyone involved and students left with whole lot of new skills and friendships that can be taken into the future.

Andrew Morgan
Ski Trip Co-ordinator
Bowral High School
2015 NAIDOC Celebration Day

Please join us to celebrate NAIDOC Day on Monday, 27th July.

Our assembly will commence at 9.15am and will be followed by a Morning Tea hosted by the Hospitality students and the Koori Kids Club.

We will also be offering lunch with our Koori students from 1.30pm, followed by time for a yarn and a dancing display by the students.

We hope you can join us for some or all of these activities to help celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Did you know?
Parent Online Payment (POP) is available from Monday 27 July 2015. Please see our website for instructions on how to pay for fees and excursions online
Australian Federation of Graduate Women - Bundanoon Branch

The Bundanoon Branch of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women (AFGW) is planning an event this November to celebrate the Sesquicentenary of Education in Bundanoon.

AFGW membership is open to all women with tertiary qualifications, however formal tertiary qualifications are not essential as Associate Membership is available.

AFGW Bundanoon Branch wish to acknowledge the achievements of women who are past local students, many of whom have made outstanding contributions to society. Past women students are invited to attend this function which will be a Saturday luncheon or dinner.

Names and contact details of those interested could be forwarded to Judy Andrews, AFGW Bundanoon Branch, e: judyolivia1@gmail.com. For further details AFGW (NSDW) http://afgwnsw.org.au/ and AFGW Bundanoon Branch https://www.facebook.com/pages/AFGW-Bundanoon-Branch/559160240880745

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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. Here are the dates for meetings this year:

**19 August, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November**
Snow day at Bowral High...we won’t forget Friday 17 July 2015!