SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE 2016

On Tuesday the 8 March, 27 students from Year 10 travelled to Mittagong RSL to participate in the Southern Highlands Science and Engineering Challenge run by Newcastle University and Rotary Bowral.

Students participated against 6 other schools in a number of activities designed to test and expand their knowledge and love of science and engineering. Activities included designing a bionic hand, building a rover to travel over uneven terrain while carrying weights, designing a hovercraft to navigate an obstacle course, constructing an ‘earthquake proof’ building a bridge capable of carrying a trolley with weights.

The day was broken up into two sessions with Bowral High leading the pack going into lunch. The students managed to come first in two activities, ‘Helta Skelta Shelter’ and ‘Grasping at Straws’ and did well in ‘Flat Pack Challenge’ and ‘Stringways’. There was a bit of trouble at the ‘Hover Frenzy’ station with the hovercraft refusing to move, however some last minute tweaking saw the hovercraft moving much faster albeit without much control.

The final event was testing the strength of the bridges constructed during the day. Bowral High entered this event with one of the lightest bridges weighing just 64 grams. While the bridge managed to handle the weight of the trolley alone, it struggled to carry the trolley across with a weight, breaking in the process. After the bridge testing was done, all the points were tallied up which resulted in Bowral High School coming in 5th place out of seven schools.

The students received many comments during the day regarding their excellent behaviour and engagement. The organisers were impressed that all students were enthusiastic and involved themselves in their activities. The students of are to be commended on their attitude and effort during what was a beneficial and fun day.

Andrew Hawker
Science Teacher
Bowral High Rocks
With
Battle of the Bands!!!

On Tuesday 15 March, five rockin’ bands played to over 200 students during recess and lunch time in the first Battle of the Bands for over 20 years. Compered by the always-entertaining Mr Manojlovic who really got the audience going, the sizzling hot performances were met by deafening cheering from the adoring groupies. Alas, there could only be one winner and it was a Year 12 band called Champer Damp performing, “Skin of the bone”. Featuring the descant record amongst other things, the band members were: Victoria Morris on vocals, Ruby Turkic on backing vocals and recorder, Emilia Tortorella on electric guitar, Sinead Campion on bass and Jayden Hauptberger on drums.

In 2nd place was “I don’t know”, followed by a tie for 3rd between “Light of your eyes” and “Mum Said No”, with “Footprints on the Moon” coming home in 5th. It was an excellent event and raised a valuable $174 towards the purchase of a performance drumkit for the school. Special thanks to Mr Donaldson for being the driving force behind Battle of the Bands and of course the CAPA staff, Entertainment Industry students and other helpers for making it all happen on the day. Stay tuned for the next Battle of the Bands announcement!

Advance notice - Bowral Unplugged!

On Wednesday 6 April, students and staff will be presenting a fantastic program of acoustic and classical music in the Performing Arts Space, starting at 6pm. Entry is $5 for students and $10 for adults. Come and witness the strong musical talents of our school community in a final hoorah to Term 1.

Music Tuition Program and Instrumental Hire Scheme

Students can register to learn an instrument and even hire before they buy at Bowral High. See the CAPA staff about learning to play an instrument so you can get started in Term 2.

Weekly rehearsals:

Junior Band 8am Wednesday
Concert Band 8am Friday
Bowral High Singers 3:30 – 5pm Tuesdays
Jazz Band and Ukulele Club during lunch times
Respect  Responsibility  Fairness

Hassett Cup Knockout Cricket

On Monday 7 March, the U/15 knockout cricket team was pitted against our arch rivals Moss Vale High School. The battle for local domination was hard fought and tense until the very end.

Bowral lost the toss and were sent into bat, a decision Moss Vale started to question after our top order took complete control of the match. After an early wicket, Mitchell Bayliss (15) and Ryan McCann (40) settled our innings and quickly gained the ascendancy. Liam Bayliss (30) came to the crease to replace his brother and looked right at home, smashing the bowlers to all parts of the ground. Unfortunately our set batsman made great starts and then got themselves out just when they started to look comfortable. Our captain, Zac DeHosson (24) continued this trend, hitting the ball cleanly until he made one mistake and got himself out.

Unfortunately we fell apart in the second half of our innings to be bowled out in the 31st over for 137.

In the second innings our attack played with precision and kept the run rate right down, about 2 an over for the first 20 overs. Unfortunately we let ourselves down with a few missed chances through this stage of the game. All bowlers were fantastic, hitting their lines and length with incredible accuracy. As Moss Vale looked to push the scoring along our bowlers took some chances. Jordan Lillie (1-21) got us started with well flighted spin, deceiving the batsman into a false shot. Chad Walker (1-13) chipped in with nagging line and length. However, it was our captain Zac DeHosson who was a standout for the day. His pace and accuracy were unplayable and his 3-17 could easily have been more.

In the end, Moss Vale prevailed, getting our score in the 34th over, for the loss of 5 wickets.

The game was played in such good spirit. Both teams represented their schools with distinction and were an excellent example of sportsmanship in the highlands community. With such a young team representing Bowral, the school cricket teams look to be in great hands for the years to come.

Nathaniel Camarsh
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 21 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey have been sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Monday 21 March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

**Mr Staats**  
Deputy Principal

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### Are you in Business?

Would you like to reduce your taxable income at tax time?

You can make taxable deductions to Bowral High School Building Fund, and do something for your child’s school as well as helping your own back pocket too.

Contact the school directly on 4861 2255. Payments can be made by credit card over the phone.

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### Some Calendar Dates for Term 1 2016

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BOWRAL & DISTRICT HOSPITAL – CENTENARY SCHOLARSHIP

At a presentation ceremony at Bowral Hospital on Friday 4 March, Mitchell Brummell, Year 12 2015, was announced as this year’s recipient of the Bowral and District Hospital Centenary Scholarship. The scholarship was presented by Bowral Hospital General Manager Valerie Jovanovi and the Former Director of Nursing Joan Lowe, who made mention of the outstanding impression Mitchell made with his application and at interview.

The Centenary Scholarship was established in 1989 by the staff of Bowral & District Hospital to acknowledge the assistance the Hospital had received from the local community during its first 100 years. Year 12 students intending to study a health related course after their HSC are eligible to apply for this scholarship valued at $1000 per year for a maximum of 4 years.

Mitchell Brummell has begun his studies in the Bachelor of Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Wollongong and said the money will be used to cover expenses such as text book costs.

Mitchell’s proud parents, Beau and Jenny Seaton, and Bowral High School representatives, Linda Langton and Christine Beasley were present at the ceremony.
FROM THE LIBRARY – NEW OLIVER LIBRARY SYSTEM

We have completed the roll over to the new Oliver Library System and on your student portal page you should see the new Oliver Library Icon

If you click on this Icon it will take you to be page below. Here you are able to search the catalogue for resources you may need for your assignments, not just our library but the library shown below. By changing the Basic Search to Federated search your search will automatically include these websites and libraries.

If you have any trouble come and see me in the Library

Mrs. Bell-Mackie

Reading is the greatest pleasure in life.