Welcome back to School!
It is great to return to school this term. In preparation for a busy term the staff met yesterday to carry out training on child protection and best practice in improving student learning outcomes. Timetables and school routines have been set and we look forward to a great term ahead.

I hope you had a most enjoyable holiday period with your child/ren. It is great to see all the familiar faces returning and we especially welcome our 5 new kindergarten students: Alysha, Imogen, Jacob, Shane and Mason.

We are proud to have 44 students enrolled in our school for 2013.

Mrs Armour will work with us 3 days each week—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She will provide literacy and numeracy support each of those days. She will continue her vital work in the school library and coordinate technology in our school. All students K-6 are asked to have a bag suitable to protect books when borrowing from the library. Library lessons will begin on Tuesday 12th February (K/1/2) and Wednesday 13th February (3/4/5/6).

Mrs Michelle Manuatu will return to Bowning on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and for a full day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday throughout first semester. She will be providing Reading Recovery lessons and learning support across the grades.

Students
Students are asked to bring a small snack of fruit, dried fruit, vegetable sticks or cheese for daily fruit break. It is very much appreciated if fruit for younger students can be cut at home and sealed in a container or snap lock bag for freshness. Students are able to use the weather shed fridge to store lunches and drinks on hot days. Students may place their labelled lunches and drinks in this facility each morning. Students are also encouraged to drink plenty of water throughout the school day. They may keep a water bottle on their desk during hot weather to ensure they can keep hydrated without having to leave the classroom. We appreciate students bringing only water to school.

Parents are also asked that when picking up or dropping off their child/ren they do so at the Airy Street car park. Cars MUST NOT come into the school grounds.

Parents are reminded that all students are expected to dress in full school uniform each day. It is a mark of school pride and ensures children are dressed suitably for all activities—inside and outside the classroom. The broad brimmed blue school hat is to be worn at all times outdoors during term 1 and 4. Please ensure each item of clothing is clearly marked with your child/ren’s name.

Clare Pritchard

Calendar of Events
Wednesday 6th February—Bowling P&C AGM 6pm
Wednesday 7th February—School House Swimming carnival at Binalong Pool (Kinder to Year 6)
Friday 8th February—Small School Swimming Carnival at Jugiong Pool

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Our daily timetable is as follows:
8.55am—morning lines
9am—1st morning session
9.55am—10 min. fruit break
10.05am—2nd morning session
11.00am—recess
11.30am—middle session
1.00pm—daily fitness
1.15pm—lunch
2.00pm—afternoon session
3.00pm—dismissal

Parents are encouraged to meet with each other in the COLA area before and after school rather than the front car park. Though we are a small school, the car park is a busy area each morning and afternoon. We are concerned for the safety of toddlers, students and parents.
This week we wish Happy Birthday to Tamara.

Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.”

Bowning School House Swimming Carnival

All students K-6 will participate in our own school carnival to be held next Wednesday 6th February at the Binalong Pool. This is a House carnival where children compete for their team—Paterson (green t shirt) or Lawson (yellow t shirt), according to their house. They must also bring appropriate sun protection including school hat and sunscreen. Even our non-swimmers will be catered for. The carnival will begin at 10am and will conclude by 2pm. Entry to the pool is $1.20 per child and $1.00 per spectator, payable at the pool. Children will be expected to remain in allocated shaded areas whenever they are out of the pool. Rash vest or T shirts should be worn as much as possible.

School hats are to be worn at all times when out of the pool, sunscreen will be reapplied frequently and children must bring plenty of water and cool drinks. A canteen is available on the day. In the interest of sun safety we will endeavour to complete our carnival as quickly as possible. Parents are reminded that all staff will be attending the carnival to supervise students and organise events, therefore the school will be locked until the staff return at the close of the carnival. The results of our school house swimming carnival will indicate nominations for the Annual Small Schools carnival at Jugiong pool on Friday 8th February.

Please return all notes by Monday 4th February.

Bowning P&C /Parent Information

Bowning P&C News
The next meeting of the P&C is our AGM which will be held on Monday 11th February, 2013. At the AGM all executive positions are declared open and nominations are called for and voted on. During the 1st meeting we plan fundraising and social events for the new year. Your input is very welcome. Please mark you calendar and come along. We look forward to working closely with you to make 2013 a great year.

Student Banking
Student banking will take place on Thursdays. If you wish your child/ren to open a banking account please contact Mrs Pack at the office.

Permission Notes
At the beginning of the school year it is standard practice to seek permission for children to participate in a few of our ongoing programs. Attached to this bulletin are permission notes for excursion within the village, authority to publish students work and photos and scripture lessons. If you have any questions regarding these notes please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Parents are reminded to notify the office of any changes to their child/ren’s personal details such as phone/mobile numbers or address. Parents are also reminded that if their child transfers to a new school their student records card and all related documentation will be forwarded by us to the new school unless we are advised otherwise in writing.

Text books
Textbooks will be issued to students to support teacher programs through the year. A list will be sent home when textbooks arrive.

Bowning Public School
Gino’s Fruit & Veg.
Don’t forget Gino’s Fruit & Veg orders. Orders may be faxed, emailed or phoned and deliveries will take place each Friday, at Bowning School.

Email: ginosveg@bigpond.com
Ph: 69454076   Mob: 0422078724
Fax: 69454136

Yass Minor Rugby League
Yass Minor Rugby League Club invites all players to register for the 2013 season.
Under 6’s—Under 16’s
Saturday 23rd February 2013 at Walker Park Football fields, Yass
11.00am—2.00pm
Cost per player—$95.00
(family discount available)

New players are more than welcome to register. You must bring along your original birth certificate. *Girls can register to play up to Under 12’s

All enquiries contact Peter Timmer on 62261241 or 0418261050

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ATTACHMENTS

**Attachments:**
- House Swimming carnival permission and catering note
- Excursion within the village, Authority to publish students work and photos and scripture permission notes
- Yass Valley Council flyers x 2

_Bowring Recipe Books for Sale $15.00 Available for purchase from the School Office_
Anaphylaxis information
If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know – see Action steps for parents.

Schoolkids Bonus
The Schoolkids Bonus can help lighten the financial load. It replaces the old Education Tax Refund and it’s simple: there’s no need to collect receipts or claim it through your tax. Eligible families need to register by 31 December.

Vaccine for boys
In 2013 boys in Year 7 will be offered a vaccine that protects against infections that can lead to cancer. The vaccine is already available for girls.

Job outlook – career quiz
Here’s a career quiz to help your teenager identify what occupations they are most likely to be good at.

Apprentice stories
Apprenticeships can be the passport to a better job, a higher pay packet and a more rewarding life. Watch videos of real stories and achievements as told by well-known apprenticeship ambassadors.