We are all very excited about the new administration block being established at our school. Work has begun preparing the site and the building will arrive this Friday! Fences will remain around the site for the duration of work to ensure the safety of all students.

The new building will be of the same style as our BER library and provide facility standard office accommodation and “front of house” area. Our existing office space will then be used to provide more appropriate accommodation for our intensive programs such as reading recovery or school counselling and student welfare meetings. It will also allow our Upper Division learning space to expand and better meet the needs of our “bigger” class.

All those who attended the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival in Jugiong last Friday were great participants and well behaved all the long hot day. Congratulations to all those students and thanks once again to their parents for providing transport and support.

A very positive and productive P&C meeting was held on Monday night. Fund raising events and projects to support the students in 2013 have been planned. The P&C will assist the school to further develop the garden beds around the school, provide library and learning resources and give financial assistance to enable students to participate in a broader range of sporting events. Every student benefits from the work of the P&C and I hope 2013 is a year where every family can contribute in some way to these activities.

Clare Pritchard

Small Schools Swimming Carnival / Band

The Annual Small Schools’ Swimming carnival
Thank you to all our students, staff and families who participated in or assisted with the Small Schools Swimming carnival at Jugiong last Friday. A great day was had by all. Special congratulations to Alarna Pack McLucas who was Senior Girl Runner Up at the carnival.

District Swimming Carnival
The District Swimming carnival for selected students will take place on Wednesday 20th February. Nomination forms have been sent home with students who have qualified to participate in this competitive carnival.

Band Program 2013
This term students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to take part in the program. Mr Greenwood will attend the school each Friday afternoon from 2:00—2:45.

Students can choose from a range of brass or woodwind instruments and receive tuition during the band lesson from Mr Greenwood. Those who play guitar or percussion (or other instruments) are also encouraged to take part.

Parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 students are asked to complete the Band Participation note attached to last weeks’ bulletin and return it to school by Thursday 14th February. Any student electing to participate in this program will be asked to make an ongoing commitment throughout the year.
This week we wish Happy Birthday to Jacob Kennedy.

Active After Schools Program/Mini-Music

**Active After Schools Program**
Our Active After Schools Program will commence next Monday with netball/ball skills. This will be led by Marnie.

Cool drinks and fruit will be provided for afternoon tea. Sessions run from 3 to 4pm with bus students able to take part, but leave early to meet the buses. Please complete the consent form attached and return it to school as soon as possible.

**Mini-Music for Parents/Community**
Helena Painting will once again be visiting our school once a week as a Community Worker. On Tuesday mornings from 9—10 am she will be holding a fun and informal get together for mothers and children 0-5 years. This group will meet for coffee, chat, play and musical activities. All are welcome.

Helena will also continue her work on the History Project with Upper Division students and chat with children on the playground during recess time.

**blogED**
Upper Division students are being introduced to a blogging tool known as blogED which is accessed at school and home through their secure student portal. An introduction was given to students and parents yesterday. Please see the attached flyer for further information or contact Ms Pritchard.

**Bowning P&C/Parent & Community News**

**Bowning P&C News**
Thank you to all those who attended the AGM last Monday evening. Elections were held for office bearers for Bowning P&C 2013. Office bearers are as follows:

- President: Kylie Kimpton
- Vice Presidents: Fiona & Claydon Butt
- Secretary: Debbie Cockburn
- Treasurer: Marnie Pack
- Public/Publicity Officer: Connie Elliott
- Uniform Co-ordinator: Patsy Collier
- Tuckshop Co-ordinator: Natalie Allen
- Patrons: Desnee Pack and Brett Farquharson

Congratulations to all 2013 office bearers.

Membership to the P&C is open to all with an interest in the school community and involves payment of $2.00. This fee may be paid to the Treasurer, at the close of any general meeting. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 13th May at 6pm**.

Fundraising activities are as follows:

- **Term 1: Bulbs**
- **Term 2: Small Schools Athletics carnival**
- **Term 3: Sheep manure**
- **Term 4:** to be advised

Voluntary contributions—each year families are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the school. All funds collected assist us in providing the resources required for our teaching programs. The amount of $30 per family has been set by the Association at our 2013 Annual General meeting and is payable to the school.

- **Working Bee**—there will be a working bee at our school on Sunday 3rd March commencing at 9am, with a BBQ at 12.30pm. If you can assist please come along with gloves, rakes and shovels and help us beautify our school. For catering purposes could you please complete the note attached and return it to school by Monday 23rd February.

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars”
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

Please phone Connie to discuss on 0423771304.

Plastic Bags required
Mrs Armour requires plastic bags to be used in the library. If you can assist could they please be forwarded to school.

- Yass Valley Council flyer
- Working bee catering note
- blogED flyer (Upper Division only)
- Active After Schools consent form
- Canberra’s Child magazine

Bowning Recipe Books for Sale $15.00
Available for purchase from the School Office
DET TIPS

Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.


Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.


Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework

Technology talks
Find out about all the technologies your child could be using at school, at home and on the go. Scan the A-Z list for overall knowledge, find out how gadgets work, what their good points are and other usages you may need to be aware of.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology