I thoroughly enjoyed our House Swimming Carnival at Binalong Pool yesterday. The excellent behaviour of our students, their high level of participation in all events and the great support of so many parents made the day a great success. The results of the carnival can be found on page 2 of this bulletin.

This week we welcome Kit-tanya and her family to Bowning Public School. Our school population is now 45.

Tomorrow I will attend the annual Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival at Jugiong with all students who have nominated to participate. Students not attending the carnival will be supervised at school by Mrs Wilson and Mrs Manuatu.

The AGM and first P&C meeting for 2013 is to be held next Monday evening. I am excited to be able to announce the imminent arrival of an administration block to Bowning which will greatly enhance the facilities of our school. I will be glad to have the opportunity to discuss the Department’s plans for the siting of the building with those able to attend the meeting and will address any questions you might have. Meeting starts at 6pm. I look forward to seeing you then.

Clare Pritchard

Community Helpers are required to help Mrs Armour and Mrs Manuatu with reading on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week from 9am to 9:45am. If you can assist please contact the office.

The Annual Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow at Jugiong pool. Nominated students for the Small Schools Carnival must be at the pool by 9.15am. Students are asked to assemble where the school flag and shade shelters are set up at the pool. Parents are advised that the supervising teacher will be Ms Pritchard.

Good luck to all our students! Those students not involved in the carnival will attend school as usual.

The Band Program 2013

This year we welcome back Mr David Greenwood who will coordinate the Yass High School link band program.

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 this bulletin and return it to school by Tuesday 12th 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 Imogen Dyson and Ms Pritchard.

“Life is not the number of breaths you take but the number of moments that take your breath away”

Bowning School House Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all students, staff and families for participating in or assisting with our House Swimming Carnival at Binalong pool yesterday. A great day was had by one and all – made even better by a real sense of team spirit, sportsmanship and excellent behaviour. Congratulations to Paterson, the winning House. Well done to all our champions and runners-up listed:

Juv. Girl winner: Elissa Mann
Jnr. Girl Winner: Abbey Selwyn
Jnr. Girl Runner-Up: Mikaela Allen
Jnr. Boy Winner: William Kimpton
Jnr. Boy Runner-Up: Dylan Mann
Snr. Girl Winner: Alarna Pack McLucas
Snr. Girl Runner-Up: Sarah Robertson
Snr. Boy Winner: Brody Butt
Snr. Boy Runner-Up: James Hartwig

Active After Schools will start in week 4. See next week’s newsletter for details.

Bowning P&C /Parent & Community News

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 your 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.

Library
Library lessons will begin next Tuesday 12th February (K/1/2) and Wednesday 13th February (3/4/5/6).

Technology Time
Mrs Armour is continuing to coordinate access to computers across the school. All students need to accurately enter their unique use name and password to log onto any computer at school.

Our K/1/2 students are being issued with a special note this week asking parents to assist their child/children in learning how to type their name in preparation for computer lessons at school. Please find your note attached to this bulletin.

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 (starting 12th February) 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. Please return the attached slip for catering purposes.

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

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

**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

**Catholic Reconciliation**
First Reconciliation registration will be held on Wednesday 13th February and Thursday 14th February between 5-6pm at St. Augustines’s presbytery. If your child is in Year 3 or older, and wishes to continue their journey in faith please attend registration on one of the above dates. For further enquiries contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 (Sacramental Team Leader).

*Attachments:*
- Yass Valley Council flyer
- Soccer registration flyer
- Technology notice (lower division—new enrolments)
- Band program note
- Mini music catering note
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. Find out more: http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-

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. Find out more: http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/news/2012/20121122_02.html

Job outlook – career quiz
Here's a career quiz to help your teenager identify what occupations they are most likely to be good at. Find out more: http://joboutlook.gov.au/pages/careerquiz.aspx

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. Find out more: http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/AAAmbassadors/Ambassadors.asp