DAILY ROUTINE FOR SWIMMING WEEKS 8 & 9

Students are to wear their swimmers under their school uniform each day to school. Students are to pack dry underwear, a towel and goggles in a strong plastic bag or tote bag.

At the pool, students place their school uniform into their bag while they swim.

After their lesson, students will change into their uniform and place swimmers, towel and goggles into the bag.

Wet swimming gear will be taken home each day to be prepared for the next.

Please ensure every item (including undies) are labelled with your child/rens name/initials.

From the Principal

Welcome Emily Baxter, a student of Yass High School, who is undertaking work experience in our school each Tuesday until the end of term.

Next Monday is the beginning of our 2 week intensive swimming program. We are grateful to the P&C for their financial support in paying for the bus and the cost of an austswim trained teacher to assist with the program. Every student will be tested on Monday.

Any student in years 2-6 who is unable to swim 25 metres in freestyle or who is still developing style and competence will be placed in the DEC learn to swim program.

Students in kindergarten and Year 1 will work with an austswim trained swimmer and supervised by school staff. Students in 2-6 who are stronger swimmers will be supervised in drill and training activities by Mrs Bush.

Parents who are able to attend any day of the program will be asked to assist our groups “on the deck” watching the groups and assisting any child needing to leave the pool for any reason. If you will be at the pool at any of the swimming sessions and able to assist, please notify the office. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

As I will be absent from school this Wednesday and Thursday, please see Mrs Bush or Mrs Roberts for any assistance you may require. Thank you.

Clare Pritchard

Bowning P&C

The P&C have been invited to do a raffle/stall at the Bowning Lions Family Fun Day on Sunday 30th November. If you can assist at any time during the day please return the roster attached to last weeks’ newsletter.

Nominations Due for Election of School Captains 2015

Students who nominate will be asked to make a short speech to the school assembly outlining how, as school leader, they would support our school and uphold the values of our community. Nominations must be returned to school by Wednesday 26th November, 2014. Voting will take place on Monday 1st December after the nominees give their speeches at an assembly to be held from 11.30am. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

Report Folders

There are still 5 families that need to return their report folders for second semester. Could parents please return them as soon as possible for updating.

Year 6 Orientation

On Wednesday December 3 (Week 9 of term) Year 6 students will attend Yass High School for a full day orientation program. Transport to and from the High School is by private arrangement. Please complete the permission note attached to last weeks’ newsletter.

Presentation Night 2014

Monday 8th December 6pm

Students to arrive by 5.45pm Please see note attached to this bulletin regarding roles and costumes.
This week we wish
Happy Birthday to
Dakotah.

“Action may not
bring happiness,
but there is no
happiness without
action”

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**Book Prize Donations/Accounts/Library Books Due**

**Book Prize Donations**
An invitation is issued to members of the school community to donate money to be spent on book prizes that will be awarded on Presentation Night, Monday the 8th December, commencing at 6pm. Books generally cost between $15 and $30 but donations of $10 are most welcome as they can be combined with others to fund a prize. Donations sent to the office will be gratefully received.

**Payments Due**
The Department of Education and Communities closes the financial year on 1st December 2014. We are now finalising accounts for 2014 and request that all money owing to the school be forwarded as soon as possible unless by prior arrangements. Families with money owing will be sent an account. Families who would like to pay by instalment are asked to do so by arrangement with the Principal. They are welcome to make payments at anytime.

Uniform purchases are arranged by the school office staff on behalf of the Parent and Citizens’ Association. Parents may forward money owing for uniform purchases to the school office. Payment can be in cash or by cheque made out to the Bowning P&C Association.

We thank you for your prompt response to these matters.

**ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS**

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**Routine Changes/Prop Making /Seed Planting**

**New Timetable Arrangements from Week 8, 2014.**
During our swimming program we will vary our routine to better meet the needs of students and staff.

Each day will be as follows:

- **9:00** Class Groups
- **9:15** Depart for Pool
- **11:00** Return for Lunch
- **11:45** Class Groups (with fruit break)
- **1:45** Afternoon Recess
- **2:15** Concert Practice/Activities

**Help Wanted for Making Concert Props**
There are a number of items we need to create, paint, make and prepare to help us with both our Presentation Night, Concert and our Christmas Carol Performance to be held in Yass. We are hoping parents will be able to join us to assist in the tasks.

The first day will be Thursday 27th November from 12:00 - 3:00. On this day we will be painting scenes for our Presentation night show.

The second will be held on Thursday 4th December from 1:45 - 3:00. On this day we plan to be making props for our Aussie Christmas Show and also decorating the classroom and office for Christmas. Please complete the RSVP attached to this bulletin to indicate your availability.

**Picnic Day Planning**
A short meeting to plan picnic day will be held after prop making on Thursday 4th December from 3 - 3:30pm. Parents interested in assisting with our end of year celebration are asked to attend or contact Ms Pritchard with ideas. Picnic Day is to be held on the school grounds this year and will conclude with Year 6 ringing the bell for the final send off.

**Landcare Visit**
On Thursday afternoon between 2 and 3pm our great Landcare helpers will visit once again to assist the children plant their seedlings into larger containers. The children will also be involved with planting some seeds to propagate native plants. Parents and community members are welcome to join us.
Ensemble Photos

Attachments /Ensemble photos/Permission Notes

Attachments:
- Presentation Night Roles & Costumes
- RSVP Prop Making and Picnic Day Planning
- Community Carols flyer

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Health Alert
When head lice are present in hair, children’s hair must be treated before they can return to school. Your understanding and support in this matter is appreciated.

Please refer to our Health and Safety Booklet for further information. If you did not receive your copy, please contact the office and we will forward one promptly.

PERMISSION NOTES & REMINDERS

Whole School Swimming note due back by Friday 21st November

School Captain nomination forms due back to school by Wednesday 26th November

Dates to Remember
- Monday 8th Dec - Presentation Night
- Friday 12th Dec - School Christmas Performance in Yass
- Wednesday 17th Dec - Picnic Day/Year 6 Farewell
DET Tips

Future Leaders Program
An ideal development opportunity for school Student Representative Council (SRC) or any student who shows leadership potential. To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit http://dss.nsw.gov.au/futureleadersprimary/ for primary school programs and http://dss.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary/ for secondary schools.

Understanding climate change
Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO’s scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling. Find out more: http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx

Little Aussie Songsters competition
An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster. The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

Ready for high school
Just to let you know that the Transition to High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.


Word clouds
Has your child made a word cloud yet? It’s a great idea for adding to book reports, assignments and even for revision. Cut and paste a big slab of the text into a Wordle for a visual summary of the major themes. Create a Wordle: http://www.wordle.net/

Natural disasters
Is your child studying the science behind natural disasters? The science assignment starter gives interesting links and resources that explain the causes of disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes.