Calendar of Events

Monday 24th Nov. to Friday 5th Dec.—Whole school swimming scheme

Thursday 27th November—Prop making 12.00–3pm

Monday 1st December—2015 Captains speech/es at 11.30am

Thursday 4th December—Prop making 1.45–3.00

Monday 8th December—Yr. 6 parents help decorate hall at 10am/Presentation Night at 6pm

Friday 12th December—visit to Linton/Yass Valley Aged care

Tuesday 16th December—Community Christmas carols

Wednesday 17th December—Picnic day/Yr. 6 farewell/ringing of bell/Last day of Term 4

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From the Principal

We have made a great start to the 2014 Intensive Swimming Program. All the swimming teachers and staff are impressed by the skills our students have retained or improved upon throughout the last year. We now have 15 students working in the top of the pool program meaning they are competent at swimming at least 25 metres freestyle. Well done!

Children are able to bring spending money to the pool on Friday to purchase a small item from the canteen. Please remember, no drinks or hot food and only a small amount of money for a sweet or packet of chips etc.

We are well underway in preparing our Christmas concert and Carols performance. Should you have any concerns over costumes, please contact the school for assistance. If you are aware your child will not be able to attend our Presentation Night on Monday 8th December, please advise Ms Pritchard as soon as possible.

We would appreciate borrowing a Christmas Tree for the hall on the night. Should anyone have one we could use, please advise Ms Pritchard.

We will be organising Christmas craft and cooking activities for students K-6 on Wed. 10/12, Thurs. 11/12, Mon. 15/12 and Tues. 16/12. Please complete the slip attached to this bulletin if you are able to help on any of those days from 11:30—1:30. Thanks

Clare Pritchard

Election of Captains 2015/Report Folders

Election of School Captains 2015

Voting for School Captains will take place next 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. We will also distribute the Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificates to our students on this day.

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.

Final Active After Schools Session

Active After Schools activities will finish next Monday 1st December. This is the last session ever, as funding for the program ceases this year. We thank Marnie Pack for her long standing support and involvement in the program and her delivery of activities over many years of the program here in Bowning.

Presentation Night 2014

Monday 8th December 6pm

Students to arrive by 5.45pm

Term 4 Homework

Upper Division Homework tasks and Lower Division Home Reading will continue until Friday 5th December. Please ensure all readers are returned to school after that date for stocktaking. Library books are also due.
This week we wish Happy Birthday to Chase and Hunter Chesher

“A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than knowledge that is idle.”

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

**Book Prize Donations**
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**

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

**New Timetable Arrangements for 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 tomorrow, 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 - 3:00pm. On this day we plan to be making props for our Aussie Christmas Show and also decorating the classroom and office for Christmas.

- Year 6 Parents Help Required
It is our tradition to ask the families of Year 6 students to help us decorate the hall for presentation night. This will take place from 10am on Monday the 8th December. Year 6 parents are also asked to serve the supper on Presentation evening. Please indicate your availability on the slip attached to this bulletin and return to school by Tuesday 2nd December

- 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.

- Landcare Visit
Thanks to Kath, Elizabeth and Marie for their Landcare visit last Thursday. Our seedlings are going well and we are all developing new skills and getting excited about building a productive garden.
Landcare Photos

Attachments/Landcare Photos /Permission Notes

Attachments:
- Year 6 Parent Help
- Christmas Craft and cooking help

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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

Parent Help workshop
Thursday 27/11 & 4/12

Christmas Craft/Cooking Help
Wed. 10th, Thursday 11th, Monday 15th & Tues. 16th Dec. 11.30—1.30

Monday 8th Dec-
Presentation Night 6pm
and Yr. 6 Parent Help 10am

Friday 12th Dec. -School Christmas Performance in Yass

Wednesday 17th Dec-Picnic Day/Year 6 Farewell
Kids, homework and lies
Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O’Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.


Maths at home
Kids’ early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.


Comprehension help for teens
Some kids will read perfectly in primary school and then suddenly struggle with comprehension in high school. Here’s why.


Planning for the future
Throughout your child’s school life you’ll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future. Here’s a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school.


Maths tips for tweens
Kids who find maths easy in the early years of school can be turned off quickly if they get confused and can’t work it out. Here are 10 ways to get your tween through the more challenging times.


Helping your child measure mass and volume
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