From the Principal
Dear Parents,

This will be our final newsletter for 2014. We hope all parents, students & community members have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I congratulate and thank all the students for their tremendous performance on Presentation Night. I thank all our community for their support and wonderful contributions to supper.

As we begin our final week of school, each day the children are continuing to complete literacy and numeracy tasks and are participating in some Christmas Craft and cooking activities. In the afternoon they are playing outdoor games and sports with their peers. We are also working hard to prepare our Christmas Carol performance for our visit to Thomas Eccles Gardens and Horton House this Friday. This is a very important and much appreciated visit. Please ensure permission notes are returned as soon as possible.

As we begin to review the year and plan for 2015, I am pleased to advise that Mrs Sherree Bush will be working with us 2 days per week next year, working with the Upper Division class and providing sports lessons to both K/1/2 and 3/4/5/6.

Mrs Manuatu will continue as our Reading Recovery teacher, a program she delivers to Year 1 students of both Bowning and Gunning. She will also continue as our learning and support teacher, our Early Action in Literacy and Numeracy support teacher and provide library sessions for both classes.

Mrs Wilson will return to take the K/1/2 class and I will continue to work with 3/4/5/6.

We look forward to a wonderful year. Students will return to school on Wednesday 28th January, 2015.

Clare Pritchard

Yass Visit/Ringing of the Bell/Community Carols

Visit to Thomas Eccles Gardens & Horton House
This Friday, 12th December all students will visit Thomas Eccles Retirement home (10am) and Horton House (1pm) to perform Christmas songs and carols for the residents. We will have lunch in Coronation Park between concerts. Please pack plenty of food and drink for this busy day. Families are also invited to pack a food item that can be shared for the picnic. Travel will be by Bush’s bus. Please return the permission note ASAP.

Ringing of the Bell
On Wednesday 17th December we will farewell our Year 6 students at 2.45pm as they leave the school grounds. Parents and community members are welcome to join us as we send off Year 6. We farewell Sophie, Oliver, Shyenne, James, Alarna & Cory who will be heading off to High School in 2015. We wish them well in their new schools.

Community Christmas Carols
Bowning Community Christmas carols will be held at St. James Church next Tuesday 16th December. Bowning students K-6 are invited to take part in the carols and nativity. Please indicate if your child is attending carols on the slip attached to last weeks’ bulletin returning it to School by Monday 15th December.
This week and during the holidays we wish Happy Birthday to Jed, Aidan, James, Spencer, Imogen, Darcy, and Selina.

Bushfire Management

**RISK FACTORS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
The bush fire danger season generally runs from 1 October until 31 March annually. Bowning Public School is listed on the NSW Schools in School Bush Fire Prone Area which means that there is a risk that the school may be affected by bush fire, particularly during the spring and summer months.

**BUSHFIRE SAFETY**
At Bowning Public School we undertake planning and preparation for the bushfire season. We will monitor local conditions during the bushfire season, particularly when there is bushfire activity in the area at which time we will be advised by the NSW Rural Fire Service of the best course of action to take.

An emergency response plan was updated by the Principal in consultation with the Yass Rural Fire Service. Gather up to date information on fire activity and monitor bush fire conditions by:

- Listening to the local radio station and/or monitor the NSW Rural Fire Service for information about bush fire activity or fire danger ratings.
- Obtaining major fire updates and preparation advice from the NSW Rural Fire Service website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.
- Obtaining RFS Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737) which is staffed on a 24 hour basis.

Presentation Night/Picnic Day

**Presentation Night**
All parents, grandparents and community members are thanked for their support and attendance at our Presentation Night. We were thrilled by the children’s performances and grateful to the community for their enthusiastic response. A great night was had by all.

Thank you again to all those who helped with the organising and running of this night. Your assistance is truly appreciated.

**Picnic Day**
On Wednesday 17th December we will celebrate the closing of the school year with Picnic Day.

Parents are warmly invited to attend and take part in all the activities we have planned. The children love to have you take part.

**Schedule**
- 9:00am morning lines and classroom pack up.
- 10:00 Land Care planting activities.
- 11:00 Morning Tea
- 11:30 Fun and Games including water balloon challenge, watermelon eating competition and more.
- 1:00 BBQ lunch
- 1:45 Adults vs Children: T Ball
- 2:45 Farewell to Year 6, ringing of the bell and graduation cake.
- 3:00 Dismissal.

**Payments Due**
Families owing money to the school and P&C who have not organised an instalment plan, are asked to please finalise their account before school closes next Wednesday 17th December. We thank you for your prompt response to this matter.
Presentation Night Photos

Attachments/Permission Notes

Attachments:
- Binalong swimming lessons flyer
- Progress Assoc. flyer
- Netball flyer
- Canberras Child magazine

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Fundraising Meeting for Mel
On Sunday 14th December there will be a fundraising meeting in the entertaining area of the Bowning Hotel at 3pm. This meeting will discuss fundraising ideas to help raise money for Mel Callow.

Harden-Murrumburrah Camera Club
The camera club invites entries for their photographic competition/exhibition to be held in March 2015. If you wish further information please contact the Bowning School office.

2015 Australia Day Awards
Nominations for the 2015 Australia Day awards are now being called for by Yass Valley Council. If parents/community require more information or nomination forms please contact the School office.

Progress Association Meeting
Community is invited to the Bowning Progress Association meeting this Thursday 11th December, 7.30pm, at the Bowning Hotel events area. Dinner is available to order and pre bookings are appreciated.

PERMISSION NOTES & REMINDERS

Community Carols RSVP due now
Friday 12th Dec. - School Christmas Performance in Yass
Wednesday 17th Dec. Picnic Day/Year 6 Farewell
Teach your kids to be waterproof
As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips

Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays
Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child’s hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments. The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit: http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html


Ready for high school
Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn’t be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Choosing school shoes
Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let’s face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn’t evolved much at all.