From the Principal
Friday is the last day of our intensive swimming program which has once again been a great success. Our thanks to the Intensive Swim School teachers, Meaghan Stacey and Alex Gooe and also to Maddie Dowan for sharing their expertise with us.

Children are able to bring spending money to the pool this 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 looking forward to Presentation Night next Monday. Children need to arrive by 5:30pm. Please see page 2. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

As we are saying farewell to Mrs Armour this year, we are organising a card and gift in recognition of her work at Bowning Public School. The children have all signed the card and any parent who would like to add their signature or good wishes is welcome to do so. Just stop by the office and see Desnee.

Reports will be sent home this Friday. Parents who would like to speak with their child/ren’s teacher are welcome to do so by making an appointment with the teacher or through the office.

Clare Pritchard

Ringing of the Bell
On Wednesday 17th December we will farewell our Year 6 students at 3pm as they leave the school grounds. Parents and community members are welcome to join us as we send off Year 6.

Visit to Thomas Eccles Gardens & Horton House
On 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. Travel will be by Bush’s bus. Could parents please complete the permission note attached and return it to school by Wednesday 10th December.

Election of Captains 2015
Due to unforeseen illness voting for School Captains will take place next Monday 8th 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.

A Bike Rack for Bowning!
We are thrilled to have a wonderful new bike rack at school. This has been made for us by Oliver and Kylie Kimpton. A huge thank you for this great contribution. All our cyclists are very impressed!

Community Christmas Carols
Bowning Community Christmas carols will be held at St. James Church on 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 this bulletin returning it to School by Wednesday 10th December.

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Calendar of Events
Monday 24th Nov. to Friday 5th Dec.–Whole school swimming scheme
Thursday 4th December–Prop making 1.45—3.00
Monday 8th December–2015 Captains speeches at 11.30am
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 6pm
Wednesday 17th December–Picnic day/Yr. 6 farewell/ringing of bell/Last day of Term 4

Presentation Night 2014
Monday 8th December 6pm
Students to arrive by 5.30pm
“If your ship doesn’t come in just swim out to it”

Playground Photos/Accounts/Library Books Due

Payments Due
The Department of Education and Communities closed its financial year on 30th November 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

Presentation Night/Yr. 6 Parent Help/Picnic Day

Presentation Night
Parents and students are reminded that Presentation Night will be held this Monday 8th December at the Bowning Hall. The formal program will begin at 6pm. Supper will be served at the close of prize giving and then we will present our show.

All families are asked to bring a plate of food to share for the presentation night supper. We look forward to a wonderful celebration.

All students are asked to arrive at 5.30pm and be seated with their school mates at the front of the hall. Students in kindergarten and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are asked to arrive dressed in their costume/clothes. Students in Years 5 and 6 are asked to come dressed in school uniform for the formal proceedings and then will change during supper. Please ensure they bring costume pieces in a bag with name on it.

All students will have face paint/stage make-up put on by teachers and helpers before joining their family for supper. Parents must remain in the supper room until show time. Parents are asked to ensure their child is supervised during supper and if they need to use the toilet. No student is to be outside on the play equipment at any time. Thank you.

Any parent able to assist with face painting on the night is asked to contact the office.

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 supper on presentation evening.

Picnic Day Planning
A short meeting to plan picnic day will be held after prop making tomorrow, 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 Photos

Attachments:
- Bowning Community Christmas Carol flyer
- Bowning Community Christmas Carol RSVP
- Rollin On Café cherry flyer
- Yass visit permission note

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

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PERMISSION NOTES & REMINDERS
Monday 8th Dec-
Presentation Night 6pm
and Yr. 6 Parent Help 10am
Community Carols RSVP
due Wed 10th December
Friday 12th Dec. -School Christmas Performance in Yass
Wednesday 17th Dec-Picnic Day/Year 6 Farewell
**For the love of science**

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won’t always be right.


**Summer holiday fun**

Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You’ll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.


**Avoiding homework drama**

Bell Shakespeare’s artistic director, John Bell, discusses Shakespeare and how to make it accessible. He says to tell your teen not to worry about the language; to concentrate on the characters, the dilemmas, and the problems they face, and find out how to identify with the protagonists in the story.


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**Pleasures of free play**

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.


**Succeed in science**


**Helping teenagers celebrate safely**

Parties are part and parcel of a teenager’s life. While most celebrations go off without a hitch, they can go wrong and get out of hand – particularly if the party is unplanned. Here are some tips to help ensure your teenager and their friends have fun but remain safe.