From the Principal:
Welcome back to a busy Term 2. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday with your family.

Our students are looking terrific dressed in uniform each day. 15 of our students proudly represented our school at the ANZAC day march last Friday, dressed in full uniform and displaying great respect and responsibility. I appreciated the time and support of the families who were able to attend.

We look forward to our carnival on Friday. Students are reminded to wear their new sports shirt, blue shorts or skorts, blue tracksuit to keep warm (on what is predicted to be a very cold day) and their broad brimmed school hat. Look for our new blue school flag on arrival at the field and assemble under the school tent.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the carnival and again at the P&C meeting to be held Monday 12th May—week 3.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival
The annual Small Schools’ Athletics carnival will be held this Friday 2nd May. This carnival is held at the Bowning Recreation Ground commencing at 9.30am. All Bowning students Kinder to Year 6 will participate in this carnival. Full sports uniform should be worn.

Every student will participate in their age race. Children aged 8 to 13 have been nominated to participate in field events (maximum 3 students per school).

Our nominated junior students (5 to 7 yrs.) will participate in long jump (maximum 3 students per school) and/or ball skills.

Anzac Day March/NAPLAN

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Thank you to Oliver, Alarna, Dru, Taylor-Jane, Shane, Chase, Liam, Aidan, Mason, Dakotah, Hunter, Emmily-Rose, Jasmine-Lily, Alysha and Zane who represented Bowning School in the Anzac Day march last Friday. These children represented our school proudly.

NAPLAN 2014
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will take place on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. Every year all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The results of NAPLAN help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. Participation in these tests is mandatory for all students in Yrs. 3, 4, 7 and 9.
“Positive thinking is a form of thought which habitually looks for the best results from the worst conditions.

Yr. 5, 2015 Opportunity Placement/Little Shop of Horrors Performance

Year 5 Opportunity Placement in 2015
Applications are now being accepted from Year 4 students seeking opportunity class placements for Year 5, 2015.

Application packages are now available at school. Any parents wanting further information or an application package are asked to contact the school.

‘Little Shop of Horrors’ Performance
Students in Yrs. 4, 5 & 6 have been invited to the dress rehearsal of Yass Highs performance of ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ on Wednesday 7th May from 11.20am to 1.30pm at Yass High School. A gold coin donation is requested. Transport will be by private car.

If parents can assist please indicate on the permission note attached and return it to school by Friday 2nd May. Ms Pritchard will attend the performance with the students. Year 3 students will be supervised by Mrs Armour at school.

Alysha’s Easter joy!!

Textbooks/Voluntary Contributions/ Mini-Music/ P&C

Textbooks
Costs are as follows:
Maths $12.00
Spelling Conventions: $11.20
Spelling Mastery: $24.50

Years 1/2
Cost of these workbooks are $10.50.

Payment for these textbooks is now due, please forward this amount to school. Thank you

Voluntary Contributions
Each year families are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the school. All funds collected assist us in providing the resources required for our teaching programs. The amount of $30 per family has been set by the Association at our 2014 AGM and is payable to the school.

Mini-Music for Parents/Community—Change of Venue & time
Mini-music takes place each Tuesday from 10—12pm at the CWA rooms near the Bowning Hall. Helena will be holding a fun and informal playgroup for mothers and children 0-5 years. This group will meet for coffee, chat, play and musical activities. All are welcome.

P&C Meeting Term 2
The next meeting of the Bowning P&C association is to be held on Monday 12th May at 3:15pm in the school staff room.

P&C MEETING
Monday 12th May
2014
3:15pm

All parents and community members are welcome to attend. From
Easter Assembly Photos

Community Events & Attachments

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.

Email: ginosveg@bigpond.com
Ph: 69454076   Mob: 0422078724
Fax: 69454136

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

Attachment:
- ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ permission note (Yrs. 4, 5 & 6 only)
- Small Schools carnival travel arrangements note
- Yass High school flyer
- ‘Walk the Bowning Hill’ flyer
- Family Energy rebate flyer
- Yass Vet ‘Open Day’ flyer

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Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult:

http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?
It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for:


Essays due soon?
Learning how to plan, write and polish an essay is a skill that takes a long time for most people to learn. Different types of essays follow different rules of structure. If your teen is currently working on an essay, you’ll find this video (and the links to fact sheets on the right hand side of the page) really useful in explaining the “how to” of essay writing as it’s taught in NSW public schools:

http://bit.ly/1ljf1mZ

School holiday kids and family camps
It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more:

http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Managing screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common-sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: