From the Principal:
Happy Easter! I hope you are able to enjoy some restful time with your family over the Easter break.

Staff return to school on Monday 28th April for a professional development day. Staff will be participating in training as well as working towards the implementation of the NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum

All students K-6 resume on Tuesday 29th April.

Easter Hat Parade
A great day of celebration was held at school today. Students K-6 took part in a wonderful range of Easter activities.

Thank you to Mrs Armour for planning and organising such an exciting and fun filled day.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival
The annual Small Schools’ Athletics carnival will be held on Friday 2nd May (week 1, Term 2). This carnival is held at the Bowning Recreation Ground commencing at 9.30am. All Bowning students Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in this carnival. Full sports uniform should be worn.

This carnival brings together local small schools for a friendly sports competition. Every student will participate in their age race. Children aged 8 to 13 will be nominated to participate in field events (maximum 3 students per school).

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

A canteen will operate on the day. This canteen is a major fundraising event for the P&C Association. Your help in preparation and running of the canteen and donations of cakes, slices, popcorn etc. will help make the carnival day a success. If parents can assist in any way at the carnival could you please phone Nat Allen (0478201369), our co-ordinator for this fundraiser.

Raffle
Please support the P&C by selling/purchasing the ‘Mothers Day Raffle’. Tickets were attached to last weeks’ newsletter. Tickets are $1.00 each and prizes will be drawn at our Small Schools carnival on Friday 2nd May.

Thankyou
A big thankyou to Kylie Kimpton for making a new carry bag cover for our shade cloth. A job well done!

Tuckshop/ District X Country

Tuckshop this Friday 11th April
Tuckshop will take place this Friday, the final day of Term 1. Upper Division parents are requested to supply assorted sweet item treats for the day.

District Cross Country
Congratulations to all our participants in the District Cross Country last Friday. Despite the weather every entrant completed the course.

A Special congratulations to Ben Bingley for qualifying for the Regional Cross Country carnival to be held at Cambrerarra on Friday 30th May.

Easter Hat Making Workshop
Another thankyou to Mrs Armour for organising and running the Easter Hat making workshop. The students’ creations were clever and colourful and a lot of fun was had by all. Thanks also to Mrs Wilson and the many parents who made time to help Mrs Armour and the children.

“The Dragon Returns” DVD for sale!
We are fortunate to have a DVD recording of Presentation Night 2013 which was generously organised by Connie Elliott. Thank you Connie for all your help.

If you are interested in securing a copy of the DVD, please complete the order form attached to this bulletin. A payment of $3.00 is asked to assist with costs. DVDs will be available on our return to school Term 2.
This week and during the holidays we wish Happy Birthday to Taylor-Jane, Bridget, Oliver, Abbey and Kalani.

"If you wait for opportunities to occur you will be one of the crowd".

Yr. 5, 2015 Opportunity Placement/PBS/ASR

**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 will be available at school. Any parents wanting further information or an application package are asked to contact the school.

**PBS**

At Bowning Public School we are respectful, responsible and safe. The winners of our PBS raffle this Week are: Chase & Kalani

Congratulations!!

**Annual School Report 2013**

The annual school report for 2013 is now available via our website under the "Our School" tab. Printed copies will be made available from the school office. Please contact Mrs Pack in the school office if interested.

**No Choir this Thursday**

There will be no practice on Thursday afternoon. Choir begins again Week 2, Term 2.

Textbooks/Voluntary Contributions/Mini-Music/Anzac Day March/Stewart House

**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 P&C Association at our 2014 AGM and is payable to the school.

**Mini-Music for Parents/Community – Change of Day**

Mini-music takes place each Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 3 pm. Helena will be holding a fun and informal get together for mothers and children 0-5 years. This group will meet for coffee, chat, play and musical activities. All are welcome.

**Anzac Day March**

Each year students of Bowning Public School take part in the ANZAC DAY MARCH which is held in Yass to commemorate this important day of remembrance. Anzac Day falls on Friday 25th April, the last week of the school holidays. Students who are available to participate are asked to complete the attendance note attached to last weeks’ newsletter and return it to school by Thursday 10th April.

**Stewart House Donation Drive**

'Stewart House 2014 Donation Drive' supports 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the donation envelope, complete the details on the back and return it to school by this Friday, 11th April.
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

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

Attachments:
• DVD purchase note
• Canberra’s Child magazine
• Bookham Sheep Show & Country Fair flyer

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District Cross Country Photos

Community Events & Attachments
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](http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0)

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/1lji1mZ](http://bit.ly/1lji1mZ)

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: [http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk](http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk)

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: [http://bit.ly/188OerY](http://bit.ly/188OerY)

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](http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)