Milo
Following our cricket workshop last term, the school was awarded a great deal of Milo to share. YUM!

The Year 6 students will be making warm milo for all students each Friday morning between 8:30 and 8:50am throughout Term 2.

There will also be a continuous raffle to win a 1.25 kilogram tin of Milo. There are 4 tins to be won. A winner will be drawn each time 100 tickets have been sold.

Tickets (3) are attached to this bulletin and are 50 cents each or 3 for a dollar and will be on sale from the Year 6 students each school morning. All money raised will go towards the 2014 Year 6 gift to the school.

Good luck and thanks for your support!

From the Principal:
We are looking forward to hosting a “Mid Winter Festival” on Tuesday 24th of June. At this festival we will hold our annual school public speaking competition with the topics being set around the “Winter” theme. Any student from K-6 is welcome to participate by giving a speech. All classes will perform items and works of art will be on display.

Students will be focussing on talking and listening skills in class this term. Parents are asked to encourage their child/ren to participate. Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter and due by Wednesday 28th May.

Red Report Folders
Students will be issued with Semester 1 progress reports at the end of Term 2. All students in Years 1-6 are asked to ensure they have returned their red report folders to the school office for updating.

A New Program for School:
The Resilience Doughnut
We will be introducing this great program to assist our students recognise and build on their personal strengths. This program can be used with all ages. To begin with Helena Painting will lead Year 6 through this Resilience program. Any interested parents are invited to an information session from 11am tomorrow, Thursday, 15th May.

NAPLAN / TERM 2 HOMEWORK

NAPLAN 2014
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing 2014 for Years 3 & 5 commenced last Monday and will continue until Tomorrow, Thursday 15th May.

The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. Participation in these tests is mandatory for all students in Years 3 & 5. More information is available at: http://www.naplanforparents.nsw.com.au

UPPER DIVISION HOMEWORK
Homework tasks are being issued each Monday to be completed throughout the week and returned for marking each Friday. Maths booklets for the term have been issued. Students are to complete one unit each week. They are also asked to learn their spelling words, practise a table and read each night.

Our Term 2 reading focus is “Australian Authors”. Every student has selected a book by an Australian writer. Reading of the book is to be completed by the end of week 7. Students have time to read in class as well as at home. A book review and model will be prepared as homework tasks during weeks 7 and 8 and are to be presented to the class in week 9.

We look forward to some creative projects but first the books must be read!! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Ms Pritchard. Project details will be issued next week.
“Consider the postage stamp; its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.”

**PBS Winners**
Our first PBS raffle for Term 2 has been drawn. This week our winners are: **Olive & Spencer**.

**Musica Viva**
Students K-6 will be attending the Musica Viva performance of ‘Jacana’ at Jugiong Public School on Thursday 22nd May. Travel and performance costs will be paid for by P&C.

This quartet of piano, viola, clarinet and cello will take students through the urban, coastal and outback landscapes of Australia. Could parents please complete the permission note attached to last week’s newsletter and return it to school by Monday 19th May. A small recess canteen will be available on the day. Item costs will be 20c.

**CHOIR**
Mrs Wilson will resume choir next Thursday afternoon, 22nd May (from 3:10 to 3:40pm). Any students from Years 2 to 6 are welcome to join. Year 1 students who are already members are encouraged to continue. Interested younger students may speak with Mrs Wilson about joining.

**P&C Information**
The Term 2 meeting of the P&C was held on Monday afternoon. Minutes of that meeting will be available in the next newsletter.

The P&C will be providing financial support for this term’s Musica Viva excursion, PBS signs for the playground and support for our Grip leadership conference.

**Access for all students to Adobe and Microsoft programs to support learning.**

All NSW Department of Education and Communities students are eligible to download Adobe and Microsoft software from a DEC provided website.

Access to these programs is through their own school email account @education.nsw.gov.au


**Grip Leadership Conference—Years 5/6**
On Monday 26th May, our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in a motivating conference about leadership which will be held at the AIS in Canberra.

This conference is ideal for all upper primary students, especially those in their last year of primary school. All upper primary students play an important leadership role in the school. Dress is to be our full blue SPORTS uniform. Students must bring packed recess/lunch and drinks. The cost of travel on the day is being paid for by the school. The P&C are providing a subsidy for each student towards the cost of the ticket. As a result we are able to offer this wonderful experience at the cost of $15 per student.

Transport will be by O’Mara’s bus. The bus must depart from school at 7.30am sharp and will return to school by 4pm. Could parents please complete the permission note attached and return to school by Friday 23rd May. Please contact the office if you will have difficulties with these times. A permission note is attached to this newsletter.
Small Schools Athletics 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

Mini-Music for Parents/Community
Mini-music takes place each Tuesday from 10 am -12 pm at the CWA rooms near the Bowning Hall. 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.

Attachments:
• GRIP leadership conference (Yrs. 5/6 only)
• Yass Vet ‘Million Paws Walk’ flyer
• Bowning Public Speaking nomination form

PERMISSION NOTES DUE

• Musica Viva note due
  Monday 19th May

• Bookclub  due Friday 16th May

• GRIP Leadership Note (Yrs. 5/6 only) due Friday 23rd May

• Public Speaking Note (whole school) due

Final Copies of Bowning Recipe Books
for Sale $10.00
Available for purchase from the School Office
Please note new price $10.00

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which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English.

Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Study help for high school

It’s often quite difficult parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing.)

www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser: www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number”