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Calendar of Events
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Monday 26th May - GRIP excursion to Canberra (Yrs. 5/6 only)
Friday 30th May—Regional Cross Country at Cambewarra/Assembly
Wednesday 4th June—Scripture
Friday 6th June—District Athletics carnival
Sunday 8th June—P&C Tombola stall
Friday 27th June—last day of Term 2

Inside this issue:
PBS winners/ Musica Viva/ Choir
P&C information/ Computer programs/GRIP conference
SSA athletics photos/Community events & attach-
Contact details/ DET tips

Grip Leadership Conference
Monday 26th May
Year 5/6 students only
Bus departs 7:30am sharp!
This week we wish Happy Birthday to Mrs Armour, Mrs Bingley, Mrs Newman and Cory.

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

**Musica Viva**
Students K-6 will be attending the Musica Viva performance of ‘Jacana’ at Jugiong Public School tomorrow, Thursday 22nd May leaving school at 9am and returning by 12:00. Travel and performance costs will be paid for by P&C. A small recess canteen will also be available on the day. Item costs will be 20c. This quartet of piano, viola, clarinet and cello will take students through the urban coastal and outback landscapes of Australia.

**Choir**
Mrs Wilson will resume choir next Thursday afternoon, 29th May (from 3:10 to 3:40pm). Any students from Years 2 to 6 are encouraged to join. Please complete the permission note attached and return to school by Monday 26th May.

**Lions Writing Workshop with Dr Stephanie Owen Reeder**
Students in Years 5/6 are invited to nominate to take part in a creative writing workshop led by a local published author Dr Own

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**P&C/Computer Programs/GRIP 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**
Next 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 a 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 it to school by Friday 23rd May.

Please contact the office if you will have difficulties with these times. A permission note was attached to last week's newsletter.
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.

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Ph: 69454076    Mob: 0422078724
Fax: 69454136

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

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.

PERMISSION NOTES DUE

- GRIP Leadership Note (Yrs. 5/6 only) due Friday 23rd May
- Public Speaking Note (whole school) due Wednesday 28th May
- The Man from Ironbark permission note due back by Wednesday 11th June

Attachments:
- Bowning P&C minutes
- ‘Blessing of the Animals’ flyer
- ‘The Man from Ironbark’ permission note
- Interview request notes
- Lions Club writing workshop permission note (Yrs. 5/6 only)
- Choir permission note
- (Yrs. 2-6 only)

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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” 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