From the Principal:

Our annual school public speaking competition with the topics being set around the “Winter” theme will be held this term on June 24th. Any student from K-6 is welcome to participate by giving a speech. Speeches will be 3 minutes for Yrs. 4/5/6, 2 minutes for Yrs. 2/3 and 1 minute for K/1. All classes will perform items and works of art will be on display.

It has been great to meet with many parents to discuss their children’s progress at school. Anyone who would still like to make an appointment may do so at any time by contacting the office or their child’s teacher directly.

Top Tips for Public Speaking

- Public speaking helps kids to develop confidence and build up their self-esteem.
- Create opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family.
- Show them how to use palm cards.
- Good speakers make eye contact with the audience.
- Help them develop a good pace and correct volume for the room.
- Spend time listening to your child’s speeches


Milo

Year 6 students will be making warm milo for all students each Friday morning between 8.30 and 8:50am throughout Term 2. This week MILO will be on Thursday because of the District Athletics carnival.

The winner of our first “Milo” raffle drawn at last Fridays’ Assembly was Jonah Allen.

PBS Winners

Our PBS winners for this week are Mason & Samuel.

P&C Information

This Sunday 8th June there will be a tombola stall at the Big Bookham Garage sale at St. Columbus’ Church, Bookham, to raise funds for the P&C.

We are asking all families to please donate clean empty jars and/or assorted goodies to fill the jars for our stall (crayons, hair things, small toys, soaps etc.). Please no food items!

We would love some extra helpers if anyone is able to volunteer an hour or so any time between 9am and 4pm.

Any enquiries contact Vikkii Wallis on 0432988363 or bigbookhamgaragesale@gmail.com

Manure Drive

Our term 3 manure drive is one of the most important fundraising events of the year. We hope you will all support this endeavour to raise funds.

The bagging of manure will take place on Saturday 16th August from 8.30am at Kim & Bimbi Turners property 264 Lachlan Valley Way, Bowning. The working bee generally takes 2 to 3 hours but any amount of help would be appreciated as ‘many hands make light work’.

Deliveries to Canberra will be on Saturday 23rd August and to Yass on Saturday 30th August. Please notify the office or return the attached slip if you will be attending the working bee, can help with deliveries or would like to place an order.
“If we did all the things we are capable of doing we would truly astound ourselves”

**Writing Workshop/Resilience information**

**Lion’s Club of Yass**

**Writing Workshop**

Many of our students in Years 5 and 6 attended a writing workshop with Dr Stephanie Owen Reeder last Wednesday. The workshop was challenging and informative.

Upper Division are studying one or her books,

**Staying Strong at School**

Children need to develop the skills to bounce back from disappointment and setbacks.

- Resilience needs to be taught to kids.
- Resilience helps your child bounce back.
- Commend your child for the things they’re good at.
- Extracurricular activities help develop social skills.
- Kids notice how well you handle stress and challenges and then copy your behaviour.
- Life isn’t fair. Teach your child how to accept that and adapt to challenging circumstances.

If you are ever worried about your child’s wellbeing at school, please speak directly with the staff and work with us to ensure all students are happy and safe each and every day.

**REMINDER:**

District Sports carnival Friday 6th April at 9.30am at Victoria Park, Yass.

**Electives/Binalong Excursion**

**Term 3 Electives**

Throughout term 3 we would like to offer the children the opportunity to work in interest groups to carry out a project. To run the 6 week program we are seeking the support of parents and community members who would be available each Friday afternoon between 2 and 3pm. We are keen for people to share any skill, interest or hobby they have. Some of the popular activities have included:

- Beading/Jewellery making
- Craft stick projects
- Painting/Drawing
- Cooking
- Scrapbooking
- Knitting
- Bike Maintenance
- Model making
- Gardening
- Clay work
- Needlework
- Badge making

Please see the attached note and return to school if you can help. Thanks for your support.

**‘The Man from Ironbark’ Excursion**

Binalong Public school has invited our students to join them at the Mechanics Institute in Binalong to celebrate Banjo’s 150th year by performing a theatrical performance of ‘The Man from Ironbark’ on Friday 13th June, 2014 at 1.30pm.

Travel will be by O’Mara’s bus leaving school at 1pm and returning by 3pm. Cost is $10.00 per student or $20.00 per family. Could permission notes please be returned to school by Wednesday 11th June. Please contact the office if you require further information.

**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. There are still 12 reports outstanding.
Photos of 2014

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.

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

PERMISSION NOTES DUE

- Ironbark permission note due back by Wednesday 11th June

Attachments:
- P&C Manure drive note
- Term 3 electives note
- Bowning Lions Club Community needs assessment note
- Canberra’s Child magazine

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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

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 to 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 reading books and spoken to 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/1m0agn

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.