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锰 Nut Aware Reminder**
We ask families not to send nuts or nut products to the school site or to school activities. Please see Ms. Pritchard if you have any questions or concerns.

Term 3 Health Warning
For safety’s sake, if your child/ren seem unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

However, if they miraculously recover by 11.00am, ready to race around the backyard, keeping them in bed all day may send the message that staying home isn’t nearly as much fun as going to school.

That said, our goal is to have every child at school every day of the term. Participation in daily school activities is the key to learning success.

CWA/ROSTRUM Public Speaking Competition
‘Talkfest’ will be held at Berinba Public School on Thursday 7th August (Yrs. 2, 4 and 6) and Friday 8th August for Years 3 & 5. This public competition is open to all students from Yrs. 2—6. As a school we are keen to support this annual event and look forward to as many entries as possible.

Teachers will support all students with their public speaking efforts. Entry donation is $5.00 per family (payable at the door not school). Entry forms are attached and are to be returned to school by Friday 1st August.

CWA Country of the Year Poster
Finished posters are due this Friday 18th July.

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Raising Concerns
If parents find they have a problem or concern with school, the first thing to do is raise that concern directly with your child’s teacher or the principal, in person or in writing. Simply contact the office to make an appointment. It is important to share your concerns directly with the school so that we are able to work through them with you in a fair and supportive process. For more advice go to http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school.
Term 3 Electives
The 6 week electives program will commence on Friday 1st August between 2 and 3pm.

Students will select one activity to participate in throughout the term.

Information will be included in next week’s bulletin for all our wonderful volunteers. We look forward to seeing you on the 1st August.

Bowning P&C Information
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 if you will be attending the working bee, can help with deliveries or would like to place an order.

P&C Meeting
The next meeting of the Bowning P&C Association will be held on Monday 21st July at 3.15pm. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Term 3 Whole School Excursion to Canberra

K/1/2 Excursion to see “Wombat Stew” at Canberra Theatre—Thursday July 24th
Students in Years K/1/2 will delight in this performance of “Wombat Stew—Live on Stage”. Transport to the Canberra Theatre will be by Bush’s Bus—departing at 9:30 and returning by 2:45pm. Morning tea and lunch will need to be packed as children will have both at the theatre precinct.

The cost of this excursion is $30 per student ($15 theatre ticket/$15 bus). Please complete the permission note and payment by Friday 18th July. If you require any assistance please contact the office.

3/4/5/6 Excursion to Canberra - National Museum of Australia—Thursday July 24th
Students in Years 3/4/5/6 will visit the National Museum of Australia on Thursday 24th July. Students will participate in programs while at the museum and also explore some of the galleries with our teachers. 5/6 will participate in the museum game and 3/4 will look at symbols of Australia.

The cost of this excursion is $20 per students ($15 bus and $5 program fee). Please complete the permission note and payment by Friday 18th July. If you require any assistance please contact the office.

Instalments for these excursions may be made at the office. Thank you.

Live Life Well@ School
We are pleased to have been successful in our application for funding to promote Live Life Well @ School. Through this funding we have purchased kitchen appliances, gardening tools and have finance to carry out some playground markings for games in the COLA area.

We are promoting healthy life choices. Please see the Crunch and Sip pamphlet attached to this bulletin for information about preferred lunch options and tips.
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 Hall Trivia Night

Bowning Hall Trivia night will take place on Saturday 2nd August commencing at 7pm.

Cost $10.00 per person, 8 people to a table.

To book a table please phone Jean Cokayne on 62276574

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:
- Bowning Hall flyer
- CWA/Rostrum Talkfest entry form
- Canberra’s Child magazine
- Crunch and Sip Flyer

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PERMISSION NOTES DUE

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Copies of Bowning Recipe Books for Sale $10.00

Available for purchase from the School Office

Fundraising Thanks!

Thanks to Vikki Wallis and her willing, young helpers, for their efforts working at the Big Bookham Garage Sale on behalf of the School/P&C.
COLA—Covered outdoor learning area. A covered structure in the playground which does double duty as a learning and play area.

Curriculum—is the planned program of teaching and learning constructed by educators in partnership with learners and others to achieve agreed educational outcomes. Creative Arts—a key learning area covering visual arts, dance, drama and music.

School Jargon Busters

Schools sometimes have their own language. Below is a list of common abbreviations or terms to make the world inside the school gates seem a little more familiar:

A
AC—Aboriginal co-ordinator

B
BOS—Board of Studies

C
CA—Creative Arts
CLO—Community Liaison Officer—encourage and support parents and the wider community to be actively involved in school activities and students progress
COGS—Connected outcome groups—units of work studies from Kindergarten to Year 6 which have been designed to link all key learning areas (KLA’s) together around one topic

D
DEC—Department of Education and Communities

E
English—students learn about and learn to use ENGLISH language and literature
ESL—English as a second language

F
FACS—Family & Community Services

G
G&T—Gifted and Talented
Grammar—is a way of describing how language works

H
HSC—Higher School Certificate
HSIE—Human Society and its Environment—students study history, geography, civics and citizenship
HSLO—Home School Liaison Officers work with school communities to encourage all students to attend school regularly

I
ICT—information and communication technologies
IEP—Individual education plan
Infants—Small primary schools for students from Kindergarten to Year 2
IWB—Interactive whiteboards, also referred to as electronic whiteboards

More information will be in next week's newsletter.