From the Principal

At the start of the school year it is timely to revisit what makes a school a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and their families. I believe we all agree that all students, teachers and families need to feel they are safe, supported and respected by all. It has been brought to my attention however, that not everyone in our school feels we have a safe and supportive environment and concerns have been raised regarding bullying behaviours in our school.

It is essential that the whole school community—staff, students and parents work together to recognise, challenge and address issues that arise within our school. It is essential that the whole school community engages with our shared values of respect and responsibility in all our dealings with one another and to model these positive behaviours for our children. Moving forward into the year we will be reviewing our welfare and discipline policy and our implementation of our Positive Behaviour for Learning Initiative. We invite the whole community to be part of this work.

To begin with I would like to carry out a survey regarding community expectations. Over the next fortnight I will speak with each family and student, offering the opportunity to respond to questions in person. The questions are attached to this bulletin for your consideration. We will then begin the reworking of our policies and invite parents to engage in a discussion about the results of our survey and determine the best strategies to support each and every student.

I am also attaching a series of information sheets over the next few weeks. Please take time to read them. It is important we have a shared understanding of exactly what bullying is as we work together.

Bowning P&C Association

Thank you to those who attended the AGM last Monday. Elections were held for office bearers for Bowning P&C 2015. Office bearers are as follows:

President: Nat Allen
Vice-Presidents: Nichole Weir & Vikkii Wallis
Secretary: Deb Cockburn
Treasurer: Marnie Pack
Public Officer: Vikkii Wallis
Publicity Office: Vikkii Wallis & Nat Allen
Uniform Co-ordinator: Jay Boulding
Tuckshop Co-ordinator: Nat Allen
Patrons: Desnee Pack and Brett Farquharson
Congratulations to all office bearers.

Membership to the P&C is open to all with an interest in the school community and involves payment of $2.00. This fee is for voting rights at ordinary meetings and may be paid to the Treasurer, or at the office. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th April, 2015 (please note change of day due to the importance of organising the Small Schools Athletics Carnival).

Fundraising activities for 2015 are as follows:

Term 1: Cake drive
Term 2: Small Schools Athletics Carnival Canteen/Craft stall
Term 3: Manure drive
Term 4: to be advised

Voluntary contributions have remained at $30 per year and may be paid at the school office. These funds help with the purchases of resources such as pens, pencils, textbooks etc.

If you have any ideas for fundraising activities please speak with one of the executive or join us at our meetings. All parents and community members are warmly invited to attend.

Head Lice

There has been a reported case of head lice. Could parents please check your child/ren’s hair and treat accordingly.
This week we wish Happy Birthday to Flynn.

Text Books/Pet Talk/District Swimming Carnival

Textbooks
Maths workbooks and journals have arrived and been issued to students to support teacher programs throughout the year. Costs are as follows:
- Kinder, Yr. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Maths Journals: $17.95
- Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6 Maths Mental workbooks: $10.95
Spelling Mastery workbooks have arrived and will be issued to students as required. Parents will be notified if their child/ren need these books.

Cost for Yrs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be $26.95 each. Payment for these textbooks be forwarded to school. Thank you.

No Personal Property at School Please
We ask that children do not bring their toys to school for play. We have plenty of activities at school. We encourage them to keep personal property at home - to look forward to-and to keep it safe. Any item brought to school is done so at the child’s own risk. Special news items may be brought and left with the teacher when required.

Pet Care Talk
Dionne Arnold from the “Living Safely with Dogs” program with her dog ‘Mickey’ will present an informative talk for our students this Friday 13th February commencing at 12 noon for K/1/2 and 12:50 for 3/4/5/6. Please complete the permission note attached and return to school tomorrow.

Yass District PSSA Swimming Carnival—Friday 20th February
Letters of nomination will be sent to students by Friday to those who are able to compete at district level. Stroke must be correct and the minimum distance to be swum is 50m. Please return notes promptly to ensure nominations are confirmed.

Annual Small School Swimming Carnival

16 of our students travelled to Jugiong to compete in this year’s carnival. The weather was perfect as were our students as they competed in their swimming and novelty events to the best of their ability. Elissa swam in the 50m freestyle and as this was her first race over this distance she did exceptionally well. Dru showed how determined she is as she swam all 4 x 50m events and then backed up to swim in the 100m IM. Mason, Taylor Jane and Dakotah had a great day showing off the potential that they have in the water and never gave up. Liam and Ethan had a fantastic day swimming faster than ever proving what real determination can achieve. Spencer, Ben and William swam well all day contributing to the Bowning School team point score by competing in multiple events and the smiles never left their faces. Bridget, Imogen & Emmily Rose had the pleasure of being able to participate in the novelty events which were expertly run by Mr. Ashton which allowed them to cool off during the day. Jonah swam beautifully in his 25m freestyle event and was sort out by the Wallendbeen team to fill in for them in their Juv. relay team to which he ended up being 1st and last swimmer!! Our most decorated swimmers for the day were Mikaela and Dylan. Dylan won his 11yrs. age race for 50m freestyle and came 2nd or 3rd in the rest of his events against 12 yr. old boys. Mikaela won all of her 7 events for the day. She was well rewarded with the Snr. Girls champion medallion. Our relay teams did exceptionally well as the Jnr. Relay (Dylan, Ben, William & Mikaela) placed 2nd and our teacher/parent relay (Mrs Bush, Nat, Emma & Mr. Ashton) also placed 2nd. A great day was had by all and I would like to say a special thank you to the parents, Nat Allen who had the children organised and Mr Ashton for assisting on the day.

Sherree Bush

Bowning Hall AGM
Parents and Community members are invited to attend the Annual General meeting of Bowning Hall Association to be held on Tuesday 3rd March, 2015 commencing at 7pm. Please come and support the Hall committee in this worthwhile event.
**Photos—Landcare & House Swimming Carnival**

Worms, worms worms

**Community News**

- PICK-UP times are 7.30 and between 10 and 10.30pm.
  Beanbags, pillows etc. are welcome for the front stalls. ALL WELCOME!!!

**St. Augustines -Reconciliation**
The Catholic Parish of St. Augustine’s Yass invites children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their 1st Holy Communion. If you believe your child is ready please enrol your child at the presbytery on Wednesday 18th Feb. or Thursday 19th Feb. between 5-6pm. For further details please contact Dianne Carey 0419276889. Sacramental team leader.

**Landcare Activities**
“GROWING BOWNING” for a sustainable future
This week students in 3/4/5/6 will review the workings of the worm farm and learn about composting. Students will then lead peer support groups involving students from K/1/2 to carry out activities about the worm farm and let them know how they can help. We will also be measuring the height of all our students so we can see just how much Bowning grows throughout the year!

**Attachments**
- School banking flyer
- Principal’s P&C report
- ‘Pet Care’ talk permission note
- Yass Winter Football club flyer
- Yass Junior Rugby Club flyer
- Canberra’s Child magazine
- Community consultation questions
- Class newsletters
- Home Reading hand out

**Reminder**
Parent information afternoon on Thursday 12th February
L.D.—3.00 to 3.30pm
U.D.—3.30 to 4pm

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Website: www.bowning-p.school@nsw.edu.au

**Movies in the Nest**
20th February, 2015 5.30 & 7.30 Movies at Eagles Nets Church, 30-31 Comur Street Yass.

**Timetable:**
5.15pm: doors open—gold coin donation for entry
6.30pm: “Frozen (PG)” in HD
7.15pm: Intermission—hot food for sale
7.30pm: “Edge of Tomorrow (M)” in HD

- All children under 13 need to leave with an adult
- ALL children 13-16yrs. need to leave with an adult
  Unless prior arrangements have been made
- ALL children under 16yrs. Will be required to be signed in and out
Small Schools Swimming Carnival