From the Principal

On Friday I will be in Nar- randera to attend the first Early Action for Success meeting. Mrs Roberts will take Upper Division. I will be working with Principals from across the Southern Tablelands who are in schools also funded through this great program. The key focus for 2015 is to improve children’s writing skills whilst continuing to work across all aspects of literacy and numeracy. We will be working with experts from Sydney office to discuss teaching methods and to look at the results of our early assessment tasks.

Kindergarten parents are asked to read the “Best Start” information letter attached to this bulletin. Now that students are settled into school they will be given the opportunity to work individually with their teacher to determine their early literacy and numeracy skills. Later in the term, parents will receive a written report indicating where their child is placed on the learning continuum and the kinds of activities that will lead them further in their learning. Please see me if you have any concerns regarding this program.

As I continue to speak with students and families to get input through our Community Consultation Survey, I would encourage any parent who would like to speak with me in person to contact the office to book a time (it is often hard to catch me on the fly after school). I am happy to speak with you in person or by phone. Children are speaking with me during play or quiet moments.

Bowning Public School
Newsletter

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Bowning P&C Association

The next meeting of the Bowning P&C Association will be held on Tuesday 31st March, 2015 (please note change of day due to the importance of organising the Small Schools Athletics carnival).

Fundraising activities for 2015

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, text-books 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 reported cases of head lice at our school. Could parents please check your child/ren’s hair and treat accordingly. Thank you.

Clean Up Australia-Schools Day

On Friday 27th February our school will take part in Clean Up Australia Day 2015. K/1/2 will work in our school grounds. 3/4/5/6 will walk to the Recreation Ground to clean up in our Town. While there, students will be able to undertake some running training in preparation for the Cross Country. Activities will also take place between 9 and 11am. Students will be supervised by their class teacher. Ms Pritchard and Mrs Bush will work with 3/4/5/6.

Clare Pritchard
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. Could payment for these textbooks be forwarded to school. Thank you.

Pet Care Talk
Our students were given guidance about safe ways to approach a dog and what to do if approached by an angry dog by Dionne Arnold from the ‘Living Safely with Dogs’ program.

Parents are encouraged to ask their children to demonstrate this learning to reinforce the important safety messages. Parents are welcome to contact their child’s teacher if more information is required. See our photo gallery for some images from the day.

Yass District PSSA Swimming Carnival—Friday 20th February
Good luck to our students Mikaela, Abbey, Elissa, Dakotah, Dru, Mason, Dylan, William and Benjamin who will be competing at the District PSSA Swimming carnival this Friday 20th February.

Landcare/District Cross Country

Landcare Activities
“GROWING BOWNING” for a sustainable future

Our students have been busy working with Kath and Marie to discover the “ins and outs” of composting. Soil was added to the base of our fruit trees so marigolds can be planted. We also measured everyone’s height, so we can see how much Bowning Grows!

District Cross Country Carnival
All students 8 years old this year and above will take part in the cross country carnival at Gunning showground on Friday March 20th from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Bowning P&C will pay for the bus on this day. Please note a canteen will be available on the day. Sausage sizzle/cakes/drinks.

Students will walk the course at 10.45am. When all children have walked the course the Cross Country will commence.

The order of events are:
- 8/9 yr. girls
- 8/9 yr. boys
- 10 yr. girls
- 10 yr. boys
- 11 yr. girls
- 11 yr. boys
- 12 yr. girls
- 12 yr. boys
- 13 yr. girls
- 13 yr. boys

Could parents please complete the permission note attached and return it to school by Monday 9th March. Training has already commenced for this event.
How to contact us:
Phone: 6227 6093
Fax:      6227 6121
Email: bowning-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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

• PICK-UP times are 7.30 and between 10 and 10.30pm.

Beanbags, pillows etc. are welcome for the front stalls. ALL WELCOME!!!

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.

Attachments
- Bowning P&C minutes
- Bullying facts handout sheet
- Compulsory School attendance fact sheet
- Cross Country permission note (for 8 yrs & older)
- Best Start Information letter (Kindergarten only)
Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?


Assignment starters for the arts
Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.


Year 10 subject selection
How can you help your teen decide on subjects for Years 11 and 12? These tips talk about balancing choices based on your teen’s strengths, while keeping their options open.


Vocational education
Many kids now use Year 11 and 12 to get a head start on a traineeship or an apprenticeship, or gain other valuable industry experience.


Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


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