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The next meeting of the Bowning P&C Association is our AGM which will be held on Monday 9th February at 3.15pm.

At the AGM all executive positions are declared open and nominations are called for and voted on. During the 1st meeting we plan fundraising and social events for the new year. Your input is very welcome. Please come along. We look forward to working closely with you to make 2015 a great year.

Our first Landcare activity for 2015 will be re-establishing our worm farm to process the children’s food scraps. Margaret Schofield from Wormway Bookham will visit Bowning Public School on Thursday 5th February at 2pm. Margaret will talk to the Upper Division students and provide some pamphlets and a book on worm farming. She will bring worms and worm castings and assist us in setting up the worm farm.

Interested parents and community members are welcome to join us for this informative session. Visitors are asked to sign in at the school office on arrival.

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This week we wish Happy Birthday to Ms. Pritchard.

“Grab a chance and you won’t be sorry for a might-have-been”

Text Books/Pet Talk/House 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 not yet arrived but will be issued to students as when required available. 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.

K/1/2 Pet Care Talk
Dionne Arnold from the "Living Safely with Dogs" program with her dog 'Mickey' will present an informative talk for our K/1/2 students on Friday 13th February commencing at 12 noon.

House Swimming Carnival
All students K-6 will participate in our own school house swimming carnival tomorrow at Binalong pool. The carnival will commence at 10.00am. Could students/parents be at the pool by 9.30am for set up. Children are to remain in shaded areas when not swimming, wear a rash or T shirt as much as possible, a school hat and apply sunscreen frequently.

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Lower Division
The school will provide all stationery items required by our Lower Division class - this includes pencils, colours and exercise books. Each student will also be issued with a home reading diary and folder for home activities.

This Year K/1/2 students will be issued with a Handwriting workbook and a Maths Student Journal. The cost of these 2 items is outlined above.

Mr Ashton invites all K/1/2 parents to an information afternoon on Thursday 12th February from 3 - 3:30pm. Routines and classroom organisation will be explained. We hope you can join him. Please complete RSVP and return to school by Monday 9th February.

Student Requirements
Upper Division
It is customary for Upper Division students to bring their own stationery items to school. This will include - lead pencil/s, colour pencils/textas, a ruler, a red pen, a blue or black pen (Year 6 only) a glue stick, a pair of scissors and pencil sharpener and an eraser. Please ensure each item is labelled the with student’s name. All these items are also available in the Upper Division room as required by students.

Supplies are kept for those who do not have their own stationery supplies at school for any reason.

The school will provide exercise books, a home reading diary and homework folder. Handwriting workbooks, Maths mentals and student journals will be issued. The cost of these items is outlined above.

Ms Pritchard invites all 3/4/5/6 parents to an information afternoon on Thursday 12th February from 3:30 - 4:00pm. Routines, classroom organisation and homework arrangements will be explained. We hope you can join her. Please complete RSVP and return to school by Monday 9th February.
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Attachments

- Jugiong Writers festival flyer
- Information afternoon RSVP

Reminder
Upper Division permission notes for Small Schools Swimming carnival are required tomorrow

Bowning House Swimming carnival commences at 10am. Pool opens at 9.15am.
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.


Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?


Parents pool their tips
Ask your child to write all their teachers’ names on their timetables and make a copy for the fridge. If they have a mobile phone, have them take a photo of their timetable so they have it with them all the time. Read more tips from experienced parents. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-checklist](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-checklist)

Benefits of team sports
If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated. Find out more: [http://](http://)

2015 homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips)

Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.


Eight ways to get your kids organised
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