Calendar of Events
Thursday 26th March—PPS relay team at Homebush
Tuesday 31st March—Parent meeting 1.45pm
Thursday 2nd April—Last Day of Term 1/Assembly/Tuckshop

Term 2
Tuesday 21st April—students return to school
Saturday 25th April—Anzac Day March
Wednesday 29th April—District Cross Country at Gunning (8 years & older only)
Thursday 30th April—Friendly Families Meeting

Friday 8th May—Small School Athletics at Bowning Recreation Oval

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From the Principal
I am grateful to the community for your response to my Community Consultation Survey. Having the opportunity to speak with a representative of each family has given valuable insight into thoughts about our school, our values and our future directions. Our discussions have informed both the draft versions of our new school plan (2015—2017) and our Friendly Families policy.

On Tuesday 31st March I will be holding a parent meeting to discuss our school plan for 2015—2017. This new strategic plan highlights our key priorities by bringing together community, school and departmental requirements and initiatives.

I do hope you will be able to join me. The meeting will be held from 1:45—3:00pm in the school library. Refreshments will be served (a P&C meeting will be held the same afternoon from 3:15 to discuss the small schools athletics carnival.)

A draft plan will be sent home prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend you are welcome to phone to discuss ideas or send your responses in writing. Please find an RSVP attached to this bulletin.

Next week I will be taking three days leave to attend my sisters wedding. In 2014 she moved to Africa where she and her husband will settle. I am excited to have them back here in Australia for their big day. In my absence Mrs Roberts and Mrs Bush will work with 3/4/5/6. My husband will settle. I am excited to have them back here in Australia for their big day. In my absence Mrs Roberts and Mrs Bush will work with 3/4/5/6. Please contact Mrs Manuatu should you have any concerns or need any assistance.

Finally congratulations staff and students; Our artworks received 2nd (3/4/5/6) and 3rd (K/1/2) place in the Yass Show! Good Luck to our State Relay swimming team who are competing at Homebush next week. Clare Pritchard

Friendly Families Forum Claim the Date Thursday 30th April
A day of discussion and workshops for staff, families and students is planned for Thursday 30th April towards clarifying our Positive Behaviour, Welfare and Discipline policies. There will also be anti-bullying and team building activities for students on the day. Margaret Bourke, our Learning and Support consultant will be assisting us. Invitations will be sent to each home at the start of Term 2.

Bowning P&C Association/Milo T20 Cricket Cup/Trials

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).

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 fund-raising activities please speak with one of the executive or join us at our meetings. All parents and community members are warmly invited to attend.

MILO T20 BLAST SCHOOL CUP
All the kids had a great day at the Milo T20 Blast School Cricket Cup. Playing in aged based teams made up of students from across local small schools, every child had an opportunity to take part. We even had some great dance finalists—congratulations to Chase, Dakotah and Jed.

I would also like to complement all our students on their good behaviour, participation and presentation. You made a great impression and the teachers were all very proud of you. Thanks to parents who attended and supported the students and staff.

Netball/Soccer Trials
Thanks to Mr Ashton and Mrs Bush for supporting our students who attended the Year 5/6 team sport trials last Friday. It was great to have our small school students taking part in the Yass PSSA activities. Congratulations Ben Bingley and Mikaela Allen on their success.
Easter/PBL/Nut Aware School /Reading Reminder

Easter Celebrations and End of Term Assembly
Parents and Community members are warmly invited to join us to celebrate Easter with assembly, morning tea, craft, games and egg hunt on Thursday 2nd April (last day of term) at 11.30am. Please complete the RSVP slip attached to this bulletin and return to school by Wednesday 25th March.

PBL Success
Congratulations to Saige & Elissa winners of our PBL raffle for Week 7.

Nut Aware School
Please remember that our school is a nut aware school and students and families are asked to not bring foods containing nuts to school. Products labelled “May Contain Traces of Nuts” are suitable for school lunches.

Home Reading Diaries
Every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 is expected to read every day. Parents are asked to assist by completing their child’s reading diary.

Text Books/Cross Country Change of Date/National Day of Action Against Bullying

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. Cost for Yrs. 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 will be $26.95 each. A letter indicating amounts owing will be sent home over the next week. Payment would be appreciated as soon as possible. Thank you.

District Cross Country Carnival – “CHANGE OF DATE”
All students 8 years old this year and above will take part in the cross country carnival at Gunning showground on WEDNESDAY 29TH April (Term 2, Week 2) from 9.30am to 2.30pm. On this day, students will walk the course at 10.45am. When all children have walked the course the Cross Country will commence. A canteen will be available on the day.

Could parents please complete the new permission note attached to last weeks’ newsletter and return it to school by Monday 30th March.

National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence Incursion
A video conference which supports the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence for Years 4,5 and 6 will take place on Friday 20th March.

The presentation will:
- help students identify ways to manage and prevent cyberbullying behaviour
- encourage students to seek support if they experience cyberbullying
- encourage students to be good bystanders if they witness cyberbullying
- help students recognise bullying online
- provide strategies
T20 Cricket Photos

Community News/Attachments/Reminders

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Bookham Ag. Bureau Photo Competition
The Bookham Ag. Bureau Sheep Show is on Saturday April 11th. There is a photographic and art competition at this show and they would welcome entries from Bowning students. Entries need to be placed by Friday 10th April but will accept late entries up to 9.00am on the 11th April. Please contact Phil Cox on 62262372 for more information.

Yass Netball Clinic
Netball NSW—School Holidays Clinic will be held on Wednesday 15th April from 10am to 1pm at O’Connor Park, Yass for children aged 5—12 years. The clinic is 3 hours long with all activities targeted to be age specific and tailored to participant skill levels. Children can catch up with friends, try some new netball skills or learn what netball is all about, plus each participant will receive a Netball NSW goodie bag which includes a Gilbert netball. Registration is online only at:

Registrations close Thursday 2 April 2015.

Movies in the Nest 20/03/2015
Featuring “The Lego Movie” (PG) starting at 5.30pm. Followed by “The Guardians of the Galaxy (M) starting at 7.30pm.

All children (U16) will be required to be signed in and out by an adult. Parents, why not drop your kids off and go out for dinner!

More Information:
Join Facebook Group: Eagles Nest Church Yass—Community Events
Contact Gary Jones on 0427 227 920

Reminders
District Cross Country permission notes due back at school by Monday 30th March.
Cake drive order form due back at school by Friday 20th March.

Attachments
• Easter celebrations RSVP note
• Easter bonnet tips
• Cake Drive order form
• Parent meeting RSVP
• Bowning Lions car boot flyer
• Canberra’s Child magazine
• Hume’s Heyday festival flyer
Facts about fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.


Amazing art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular Art Express exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.


Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Completed Expression of Interest form should be returned to your primary school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.

Sounding out aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.


Fitness for the family
Michelle Bridges talks about how to make fitness a priority for the whole family - and the start of a lifetime habit for your kids. Try out tips to keep your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family