From the Principal
Good luck to our Regional representatives, Abbey, Mikaela, Dylan and William, who will be swimming at the 2015 South Coast Swimming Championships at Dapto this Friday 6th March. We wish them well.

Thank you to all those parents who attended our assembly and afternoon tea last Friday. Assemblies are important events in the school term and we appreciate parents giving their time and support to all our students.

I wish to once again thank Mr Greg Boutcher for his generous donation to our School. We will put these funds towards planned technology purchases.

Our next assembly will be held on Thursday 2nd April, the last day of Term 1. We hope to see you all again.

Through the course of this term I have been attending many meetings with colleagues regarding the preparation of our three year strategic plan—2015—2017. An important step in this process will be consulting with the community to ensure we have a shared vision regarding the way forward for our school. Meetings and interviews will be held throughout week 8. Details will be forward-ed to you by separate notes.

Next week Helena Painting will begin the Resilience Doughnut program with our most senior students. We are grateful to Helena for her ongoing support for the wellbeing of our students.

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)
Each school day students are being recognised for demonstrating our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience in the playground with tickets in our weekly draw. Through our PBL program we are able to clarify and reinforce expectations about behaviour.

This week our focus is on fair and friendly interactions on the playground and in our classrooms. Our values of Respect and Responsibility are demonstrated through the way we treat each other.

Teachers will be spotting out the great behaviour in our school catching our students “doing good”. Raffle tickets will be given and we will draw 2 winners from the school box at Monday morning lines.

Bowning P&C Association/Home Reading
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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, 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.

Top Tips for Home Reading Success
We are pleased with your support of our home reading diaries and the support you are giving your children (from K-6) with learning to read and reading to learn.

- When your kids see you read and write, it teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills.
- Reading with your kids at home will help them in all areas of their learning at school.
- Read together with your kids and have a range of reading material available at home.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Be confident that your child will learn to read.

For more school information visit www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/
There is a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.

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

Fruit Donations
Students are asked to provide one extra piece of fruit that will be cut up for all students to share at fruit break during the term. Thank you.

Tissues Needed
Each year we ask our families to donate one box of tissues for use in their child’s classroom. This is a classroom consumable in high demand and we appreciate your support in this matter.

Play dough Required
Supplies of play dough are required in the K/1/2 classroom. If any parents could make some it would be very much appreciated. A copy of a recipe taken from the ABC’s Playschool page was attached to last weeks’ bulletin. Thank you

Core Rules for Public Schools/District Cross Country

Core Rules for Discipline in NSW Public Schools
Are you and your children aware that all students in NSW public schools are expected to:
- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for all teachers, other school staff and helpers including following class rules, speaking courteously and co-operating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.
- We will be fostering adherence to these Core Rules through our PBL lessons. Parents are encouraged to share these 6 statements with their children and discuss how your family can help us uphold the values of our school and the expectations of the public education system.

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. 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 permission note and return it to school by Monday 9th March. Training has commenced for this event.
Clean Up Australia Photos

Community News/Attachments

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: https://store.netballnsw.com/index.php/community/clinic/school-holiday-clinics/netball-nsw-school-holiday-clinic-yass-15042014.html

Registrations close Thursday 2 April 2015.

Reminders
District Cross Country permission notes due back at school by Monday 9th March.
Cake drive order form due back at school by Friday 20th March.

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Attachments
• Bullying facts handout sheet

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.
Does multi-tasking reduce focus?  
Can your kids really study while updating their Facebook page, listening to their music players and messaging their friends?  
Research shows dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and a greater ability to retrieve information.  

When kids are bullied  
We send our kids off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn’t stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime. Find out more:  

Removing head lice and nits  
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


Reading with your child at home  
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.  