From the Principal

Happy Easter! I hope you are able to enjoy some restful time with your family over the Easter break.

Staff return to school on Monday 20th April for a professional development day. I would like to thank Mr Ashton for his work with us throughout Term 1 during Mrs Wilson’s absence.

All students K-6 resume on Tuesday 21st April. Thank you to the parents who were available to meet with me yesterday afternoon to discuss our new strategic plan. Your time and input is really appreciated and will help me refine our programs and priorities as we proceed into Term 2. Our school plan will be posted on our website by May 1st. Copies of our draft can be viewed at the school office. Please contact me if you have any questions to ask or ideas to share.

I look forward to further meetings with families to discuss programs, reporting and curriculum changes in the terms ahead. I invite parents to speak with me at any time to gain information or clarification about school.

We are once again seeking parent and community helpers to assist in our classroom programs in Term 2. Our organisation works best if we are able to establish a roster of regular volunteers for either Literacy groups (K/1/2) or Math groups (K-6). If you are interested and available, please indicate what suits you on the note attached and return it to school. Our roster will begin in Week 2, Term 2.

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. We hope to have all families represented at this forum.

Anzac Day March/Bowning P&C Association/Mothers Day Raffle

Anzac Day March

Each year students of Bowning Public School take part in the ANZAC Day March which is held in Yass to commemorate this important day of remembrance. Anzac Day falls on Saturday 25th April. Students who are able to participate are asked to complete the attendance note and return it to school by Wednesday 22nd April.

We have 12 students able to attend the March so far. Thank you to all our families who have returned the ANZAC Day note so promptly—confirming or apologising. We will confirm arrangements for meeting on the day when we return to school next term.

Bowning P&C Association

Thank you to the parents who attended our P&C meeting yesterday. As always, we appreciate the support of the P&C in organising our key events and providing financial assistance to the school to the benefit of every student. Minutes of this meeting will be available at the start of next term. For information for parents. The DEC does not provide injury insurance for students therefore Bowning P&C under the umbrella of the Federation of the P&C Association of NSW have paid for student injury insurance in case students have accidents. This cover isn’t just for broken bones and ambulance trips, this also covers dental, non-Medicare medical expenses and small property losses. This policy applies to all students enrolled at our school, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Mothers Day Raffle

A Mother’s Day raffle for our Small Schools Athletics carnival is being organised by Vikkii Wallis. Donations of items would be appreciated for this raffle and may be left at school.
This week and during the holidays we wish Happy Birthday to Abbey and Taylor Jane.

“Serenity is knowing that your worst shot is still pretty good.”

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 tomorrow, Thursday 2nd April (last day of term), commencing at 10.00am. We have also planned some demonstration lessons. Come along and get involved with some of our new lessons.

Please note change to times.

End of Term Activities
10:00 Shared Reading (K/1/2 room)
• Spelling Mastery (Y 1/2 Library)
• Spelling Mastery (Y 3/4 in classroom)
• Mathletics/Spellodrome (4/5/6)
10:20 Count Me In Too
K/1/2 classroom
3/4/5/6 classroom
10:45 Assembly/Parade
11:15 Morning Tea
11:45 Easter Craft
12:30 Easter Egg Hunt
1:00 Tuckshop lunch

Easter Celebrations /PP5 Relay Team/ Textbooks

PP5 Relay Team
Congratulations to Abbey, Mikaela, William and Dylan who competed at Homebush last Thursday. Well done on your great effort.

Textbooks
Payment for textbooks would be appreciated as soon as possible. Thank you.

Cross Country / Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival

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 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 permission notes be returned as soon as possible.

The Small Schools Athletics carnival will be held at the Bowning Recreation Ground on Friday 8th May (Week 3, Term 2) commencing at 9.30am. All students kinder to Year 6 will participate in this carnival. Full sports uniform should be worn.

This carnival brings together local small schools for a friendly sports competition. Every student will participate in their age race. Children aged 8 to 13 will be nominated to participate in field events (maximum 3 students per school). Our juvenile students (5 to 7yrs) will participate in long jump (maximum 3 students per school) and/or novelty events.

A canteen will operate on the day. This canteen is a major fundraising event for the P&C Association. Your help in preparation and running of the canteen and donations of cakes, slices, popcorn etc. will help make the carnival day a success. If parents can assist in any way at the carnival please complete the note attached to last weeks newsletter.
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.

Attachments

- Binalong Re-enactment flyer
- Roads & Maritime flyer
- Parent/Community helpers roster

Year 6 Easter Egg Raffle

Year 6 are raffling an Easter Egg basket to help raise funds for their end of year gift to the school. Tickets are 50c each and will be drawn at assembly tomorrow. Please see Year 6 students if you wish to purchase tickets.

Landcare Photos

Reminders

District Cross Country permission notes due back at school
Classroom helpers roster
Parent-teacher interviews
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews

Easter reading
Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What’s your child reading right now?
Find out more: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

School calendar
What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

Assignment starters A-Z
What projects or essays does your child have that are due by the end of term? One of them could be among the School A-Z website’s assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments