From the Principal
Welcome back to a busy Term 2. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday with your family.

I am sorry to advise that Mrs Wilson remains unfit for work and is not returning to school this term as planned. Miss Kristy Robertson has stepped in to work with us. Kristy has worked with both classes during first term and is known to all the children. She comes to us with excellent credentials and is excited to be working at Bowning.

Mrs Sherree Bush will be attending the ANZAC March with our children on Saturday. Thank you to all those taking part and representing our school. The details for the ANZAC March are outlined below. All students are able to attend if available.

We are all invited to attend a service at the Bowning Memorial on Friday 24th April. Staff and all students K-6 will attend. Please see the details below and join us if you are able.

Community & Parent Helpers Required
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—9am to 10am on Wed. Thurs. & Frid.) or Maths groups (K-6 - 11.40 to 12.15 on Tues. Wed. Thurs.). If you are interested and available, please contact the office as soon as possible or complete the form attached and return it to school. Our roster will begin next week.

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

***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 Nuts" are suitable for school lunches.

Saturday Anzac Day March/P&C Association-Mothers Day Raffle/ Bowning War Memorial service

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 meet Mrs Bush at Kaffine 2582 Café (opposite Clubhouse Hotel), Yass by 10.30am in full blue school uniform including broad brimmed hat. The march will take place at 11am.

Easter Raffle Winner
Congratulations to Mrs Pat Larkham, the winner of the Year 6 Easter raffle. A total of $133.00 was raised towards the Year 6 end of year gift to the school.

Bowning P&C Association Mothers Day Raffle—a Please find attached raffle tickets for our Mothers Day raffle to be drawn at the Small Schools Athletics carnival. This raffle is being organised by Vikki Wallis. Donations of items would be appreciated for this raffle and may be left at school. Tickets are $1 each.

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Bowning War Memorial Service
The Lions Club of Bowning & Districts have invited Bowning students and parents to participate in the inaugural Anzac Day service at the new Bowning Hall memorial (near the Hall) at 11am on Friday 24th April. Flowers will be laid by our students in remembrance of those who lost their lives. The Upper Division class will also present a song and recite a poem.

A sausage sizzle will be provided for those attending. Could you please indicate on the note attached if you will be attending.
This week we wish Happy Birthday to Kalani and Bridget.

“...never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”

Stewart House/ NAPLAN/Textbooks/Cross Country Reminder

Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive
‘Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive’ supports 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT. Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the donation envelope, complete the details on the back and return it to school by Friday 15th May.

NAPLAN 2015
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing 2015 will take place on Tuesday 12th (Language conventions), Wednesday 13th (Reading) and Thursday 14th May (Numeracy). Every year all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests. The results of NAPLAN help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. Participation in these tests is mandatory for all students in Yrs. 3, 5, 7 & 9.

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

Cross Country Reminder
Nominated students will attend the District Cross Country next Wednesday 29th April. Bus departs school at 9.30am and returns at approximately 2.30pm. A canteen will be available on the day.

Term 2 Timetable/Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival

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8:40 Morning Fitness
9:00 Literacy Block
   K/1/2 Mrs Manuatu
   3/4 Ms Pritchard
   5/6 Mrs Bush/
      Miss Robertson
11:00 Lunch
11:40 Numeracy Block
1:00 Afternoon Recess
1:30 Integrated Learning
   (Fruit Break) including History, Art, Music, Science, Health and Sport.
   Class teachers will provide Library on Monday (3/4/5/6) and Tuesday (K/1/2).
   Mrs Manuatu will continue to coordinate Learning and Support programs and provide Reading Recovery lessons. Mrs Bush will continue to coordinate Sport and Ms Pritchard will coordinate Music.

The Small Schools Athletics carnival will be held at the Bowning Recreation Ground on Friday 8th May (Week 3) 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 contact the office.

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Bowning Progress Association
The Bowning Progress Association will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for the building of a Bowning skate park for our children and to support Can Assist.

First prize is a weeks accommodation at Broulee. Raffle tickets are available from the school office @ $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00 and the winning ticket will be drawn at “The Bowning Family Bush Dance” at Bowning Hall on Saturday 2nd May.

Attachments
- Fridays Anzac day memorial service catering note
- Bowning Family Bush Dance
- Raffle Tickets
- Yass Valley Council flyer
- Canberra’s Child magazine
- Stewart House donation envelope
- Parent/community helpers note
- “Vine” Community Foodcare flyer

Reminders
Classroom helpers roster
Textbook payments are now due

Community News/Attachments/Reminders

Photos
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.

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.

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.