Friendly Families Forum
Claim the Date
Thursday 30th April
A day of discussion and workshops for staff, families and students is planned for tomorrow, 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.

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From the Principal
Congratulations to all our students who participated in the 2015 District Cross Country. Your positive participation and sportsmanship reflected our school values and school pride.

I look forward to meeting with parents and student representatives tomorrow as we work through our Friendly Families policy at the forum. We will work in the library from 10am. All parents are warmly invited to participate. In this way, staff, students and families will all participate in the development of our school policy.

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)
The winners for our PBL this week were: Jonah & Aidan.

Congratulations
Bowning War Memorial Service
Congratulations to all our students for their participation in the Bowning War Memorial Service last Friday. The students presented very well in their school uniforms and showed respect for the occasion, taking on the responsibility for their own behaviour or supporting younger peers. The service was a moving community event and the school was proud to be involved.

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Bowning P&C Association-Mothers Day Raffle/P&C Meeting
Anzac Day March
Thank you to Liam, Taylor Jane, Lily, Aidan, Shane, Chase, Alysha, Emmily Rose, Jasmine Lily and William who represented our school proudly in the Anzac Day march in Yass last Saturday.

Bowning P&C Association Mothers Day Raffle
Please support the P&C by selling/purchasing tickets in our Mother’s Day raffle to be drawn at the Small Schools Athletics carnival next Friday 8th May. This raffle is being organised by Vikkii Wallis. Donations of items would be appreciated for this raffle and may be left at school. Tickets are $1 each.

The next meeting of the Bowning P&C Association will be held next Monday 4th May, 2015.

All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Year 5 Opportunity Placement in 2016
Applications are now being accepted from Year 4 students seeking opportunity class placements for Year 5, 2016. Application packages are now available at school. Any parents wanting further information are asked to contact the school. Parents must apply online by Friday 15 May, 2015.

Bowning P&C Meeting
Monday 4th May
3:15pm
School Staff Room
All welcome
Stewart House/ NAPLAN/Premiers Reading Challenge

Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive
‘Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive’ envelopes need to be completed and returned 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) 2015. 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. Mrs Pritchard will supervise the students completing the tests in the library.

Premiers Reading Challenge
All students K-6 will be participating in the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Classroom reading, library books and Upper Division home reading texts will be recorded towards the children’s book count. Please speak with your class teacher or visit the Reading Challenge website for more information.

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.

Information letters outlining important information about class programs for Term 2 have been forwarded home. Please do not hesitate in contacting your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

The Small Schools Athletics carnival will be held at the Bowing Recreation Ground next 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. Donations can be left at school the day prior to the carnival or delivered to the canteen on the day. Parents who can assist in any way at the carnival are asked to contact the office.
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Website: www.bowning-p.school@nsw.edu.au

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
• Karate classes flyer

Thank You
The Newman family have donated a big bag of apples to restart fruit break. Fruit platters will be prepared by our senior students and put out for students to “Crunch and Munch” on during afternoon recess.

Attachments

Reminders
Textbook payments are now due

Bowning Memorial Anzac Photos
Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help: Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children

Financial literacy

Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children

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Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Help with ratios
Homework is full of tricky maths questions. Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. This glossary gives straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.