From the Principal

Small Schools Carnival

Well done to all students who competed in and enjoyed the Small Schools Athletics carnival last Friday. A special congratulations to: Jasmine Lily (Juv. girl champion), Daytona (Juv. Girl runner up) and Jed (Juv. Boy champion). Congratulations also to Gunning Public for being Outright points winner and Wee Jasper for aggregate points winner.

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to sincerely thank all those parents and volunteers who helped out by working in the canteen selling raffle tickets, donating items of food and assisting with timing of events. Special thanks to Rod Pack and Ben Glover for marking the grounds, Vikki Wallis for organising the raffle and Natalie Allen for co-ordinating the canteen. Your tireless contribution ensured the day was a success. A profit of $300 was made from the raffle and the canteen raised a profit of $916.20. Thank you everyone.

Instructional Leader

As part of the Early Action for Success Program, our school has the benefit of working with an Instructional Leader who is able to assist the staff as we implement new and innovative changes to the way we implement literacy and numeracy classes in the early years. Mrs Jenny Hart will work with us providing resources and professional development. Her next visit will be on Wednesday 20th May when staff will meet to review our student outcomes data.

Upper Division Performance

Upper Division class will be pleased to present a number of musical items to the delegates of the Red Cross conference to be held at Bookham Hall on Tuesday 19th May.

The theme of our performance is the ANZAC story. Transport will be by bus. The class will depart from school at 9am and return by 11am. There is no cost to families involved. Parents are asked to complete the permission slip attached to this bulletin and return it to school by Friday 15th May.

Thank you also to Rowena for her kind donation of pencils to the school.

Clare Pritchard

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

The winners of our PBL this week were: Imogen & Ben

Bowning P&C Association

Congratulations to Jeremiah and his Nan Denise, the winners of our Mother’s Day raffle and Ian Coggan who won 2nd prize. Thank you to Vikki Wallis on organising this very successful raffle.

P&C Association/ GRIP Conference

The next meeting of the Bowning P&C Association will be held on Monday 20th July. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

GRIP Leadership Conference

Students in Years 5 & 6 have been invited to attend the GRIP leadership conference at the AIS Canberra on Monday 25th May. This conference plays an important part in the development of leadership skills in our students. They will leave school at 8am and return by 3.45pm and are required to bring a packed morning tea and lunch and wear their navy sports shirt and school jumper.

Could parents please return the permission note by tomorrow. Please contact the office if you will have difficulties with these times. Travel will be by private car.

A number of resources for students (including leadership badges) will be available for purchase and order on the day. For more information visit: www.gripleadership.com.au/resources
Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive
‘Stewart House 2015 Donation Drive’ envelopes need to be completed and returned to school by Friday 15th May.

Reporting to Parents
During this term, teachers will interview parents regarding their child’s progress at school and prepare a formal written report which is sent home during the last week. Parents of students in Years 1-6 are asked to return their red report folders for updating.

NAPLAN 2015
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing for Years 3 & 5 commenced yesterday and will continue until tomorrow, Thursday 14th May. More information is available at: http://www.naplanforparents.nsw.com.au

Crunch & Munch
We are encouraging our students to bring healthy snacks to school in addition to their sandwiches for afternoon recess.

Our Year 6 students will be running a Crunch and Munch Stall each day at 1pm. Students are able to have their own apple cut and cored or turned into a slinky. Students without fruit from home are able to enjoy a piece of fruit from parent donations.

Parents are also asked to send only water for drinking at school to encourage better health and less sticky accidents.

Upper Division Excursion/School Uniform/Class Dojo

Upper Division Excursion to AIS on Friday 15th May
Mrs Bush has organised a trip to the Australian Institute of Sport for Upper Division students on Friday 15th May. We will be attending the 10am—11.30 session and then attending an educational tour from 11.30 to 1pm. The Australian and Japanese swimming teams will be involved in a Grand Prix event on the day. Cost for the bus and tour is $15.00.

Could parents please complete the permission note attached to last weeks newsletter and return it to school by tomorrow.

School Uniform Policy
Students and families are reminded that the community has worked together to develop a school uniform policy and it is an expectation that every child is dressed in school uniform every day. School uniform promotes school pride and a sense of belonging. It also ensures children are dressed appropriately for all activities undertaken at school. The school will ensure every student has access to school uniform through the support of a clothing pool and student assistance. Please see the attached note and contact Ms Pritchard if you have any further needs or concerns.

Class Dojo
We are pleased to have introduced Class Dojo through the whole school. By accepting our invitation to join, parents are able to:

- See the feedback teachers are giving your child
- Communicate with their child’s teacher through Dojo messaging;
- Help your child see their strengths, and build on them at home

Teachers are using this program to provide instant feedback and monitor classroom behaviours. For more information, ask a staff member or join us for an information session on Friday 22nd May at 2:00pm—just before assembly.
Small Schools Athletics Photos

Community News/Attachments/Photos/Reminders

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Bowning Progress Association
The next meeting of the Bowning Progress Association will be held this Thursday, 14th May at 7.30pm at the Bowning Hotel.

Attachments
- Yass Valley Council flyers x 3
- Binalong re-enactment flyer
- Red Cross permission note – Upper Division only
- Uniform note
- DEC Religious Education flyer

Reminders
- Textbook payments are now due
- GRIP & AIS Swimming notes are now due
**Food Allergy Week 17-23 May**
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

**Is your child making friends at school?**

**Mastering spelling**
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

**Choosing a mobile phone**

**Year 10 subject selection**
In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well.