From the Principal
Last Thursday morning I was pleased to hold our first “Friendly Schools and Families” forum. I wish to thank, Mecheal and Ben Glover, Nichole Weir, Rowena Dyball, Denise Hicks and Vikki Wallis for their time, support, interest and input.

I also thank our Year 5 and 6 students for their mature approach to working with parents and teachers and for helping us make this a policy which truly represents parents, staff and students.

I encourage any parent who was not able to attend our forum to contact me regarding ideas and further information. The draft policy was sent home last week. The amended policy will be uploaded to our website at the end of week 4.

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This week we wish Happy Birthday to Zane and Mr Pack.

"Laughter makes you live better and longer"

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 next 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. Ms 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.

Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival/U.D. Excursion

The Small Schools Athletics carnival will be held at the Bowning Recreation Ground this 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 competition. 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.

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 to attend an educational tour and meet the Australian and Japanese swimming teams. Cost for the bus and tour is $15.00. Could parents please complete the permission note attached and return it to school by Wednesday 13th May. Travel will be by Bush’s bus.

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.
Bowning Anzac Memorial Photos

Community News/Attachments/Reminders

How to contact us:
Phone: 6227 6093
Fax: 6227 6121
Email: bowning-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.bowning-p.school@nsw.edu.au

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

Attachments
- Upper Division permission note to AIS
- Canberra’s Child magazine
- Yrs. 5/6 only—GRIP leadersh ip conference permission note

Landcare Photos—Term 2

Reminders
- Textbook payments are now due
- Stewart House envelopes are now due
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

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

Financial literacy

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/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

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. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

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. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z