From the Principal

We are all deeply saddened at the passing of Mel Callow. We will all feel the loss of such a caring and vibrant member of our school and community. Our thoughts are with Richard, Caleb and Bridget at this difficult time. When children lose someone close to them, they will experience grief over the days and months that follow.

Please be assured that as a staff and community we will support all our students in the days ahead. Any parents who have particular concerns regarding the wellbeing of their child/ren is encouraged to contact the school to arrange support.

Clare Pritchard

Writing Success

Congratulations to Mikaela Allen for winning the Yass Lions Literacy Program. Mikaela wins $100 first prize plus books. Also congratulations to Ben and Kalani on receiving encouragement awards. Students from Yass Public, Berinba and Mount Carmel also competed in this program.

Well done Team Bowning!

Educational Excursion

Next Thursday 6th August, (Week 4) our school will take part in a special excursion to celebrate education week. All students K-6 will visit Brungle Aboriginal Education Centre to take part in a day of indigenous studies and cultural activities.

There will be lessons on traditional story, dance, bush tucker and boomerang throwing. Students are asked to dress in full sports uniform – including blue school tracksuit. Beanies and coats may be worn for warmth.

Students are to take their water bottle, moming tea and lunch.

Transport will be by Bush’s bus. The bus will leave school at 8.20am and return to school by 3.30pm. Students who travel to and from school by bus will maintain their usual arrangements. Town families are to allow for time changes on that day.

Please sign the permission note attached to last week’s newsletter and return it to school by Monday 3rd August.

The cost of this excursion will be covered by the school.

New Enrolments for 2016

If you know of any children who will be enrolling at Bowning please notify the school so an information pack can be forwarded to them.
“Knowing what you can’t do is more important than knowing what you can.”

Earn and Learn/Rostrum Public Speaking Competition

Earn and Learn
Anyone from the school community—staff, parents and friends who shop at Woolworths, can collect stickers to place on sticker cards (cards are available from school). They’ll get one sticker for every $10 they spend.

Once completed the sticker cards can be placed in a collection box, at either the school or the local Woolies. The program concludes on Tuesday 8th September.

CWA/Rostrum Public Speaking Competition
Talkfest will be held at Berinba Public School on Thursday 13th August at 6.30pm for Yrs. 2, 7.30pm for Yrs. 4 and 6 and Friday 14th August at 7.00pm for Years 3 & 5.

This public competition is open to all students from Yrs. 2-6. As a school we are keen to support this annual event and look forward to as many entries as possible. It is evident from our own public speaking competition, that we have a number of talented speakers who are encouraged to take part. Teachers will support all students with their public speaking efforts. Entry donation is $5.00 per family (payable at the door not school).

Entry forms should be returned to school by Friday 7th August.

We appreciate your support and encouragement of our children in developing public speaking skills.

CWA Poster Competition Results/ Arabin Cup/YOGA

CWA Poster Competition
Results of the CWA poster competition are as follows:
Congratulations to:
Year 6: Equal first Abbey Selwyn and Ben Bingley
Years 4 & 5:
1st: Dru Wallis,
2nd: Dakotah Williams
3rd: William Kimpton
Years 2 & 3
1st: Emmily Rose Cairns
2nd: Jeremiah Reid
3rd: Zane Chesher
Yrs. 1 & Kindergarten
1st: Jasmine Lily Cairns
2nd: Shane Smith
Highly Recommended:
Saige Williams

Congratulations to all our participants on a job well done.

Could parents please advise the office tomorrow if your child/ren will be attending the morning tea and presentation this Friday July 31st at 10.30am in the CWA Rooms, Banjo Patterson Park.

Arabin Cup
Students K-6 have been invited to participate in the annual Arabin Cup T-ball competition to be held at Binalong Gold club on Friday 11th September, 2015. Travel will be by Bush’s bus leaving school at 9.15am and returning by 2.30pm. There is no cost involved as funding has been provided for this event.

Could parents please complete the permission note attached and return it to school by Monday 7th September.

YOGA LESSONS
THIS FRIDAY MORNING!
8:20am K/1/2
8:50 am 3/4/5/6
In the School Library
Sculptures & Shadows & Computer Lab Photos

Community Events/Reminders

Attachments
- Yass Valley Council flyers x 2
- Arabin Cup permission note
- P&C minutes x 2

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Community Helpers
Parents and community members are invited to assist the Lower Division class during Maths (10—11am) on Wednesday or Friday during Term 3. Please contact the office if you wish to be involved.

Ballet in Bowning
Ballet in Bowning will take place in Bowning Hall each Sunday afternoon at 2pm. There is no cost involved and all ages are welcome to attend. For enquiries please phone Cecile after 5pm on 62276456.

Reminders
Upper Division diaries must be signed over the weekend and returned on Mondays

Permission note for excursion to Brungle Aboriginal Education Centre

Public Speaking entry forms to be returned to school by Friday 7th August
Helping Your Child at Home
In early years of primary school, students learn to read through rhymes, storytelling and following along with their favourite book. Learning to write begins with scribble and drawings. Here are some hints to help your child develop reading/writing:

- Share rhymes and songs and encourage your child to join in
- Save safe cardboard and household items for your child to build with. Ask them to describe what they are building
- Have a dress-up box for your child to use for imaginative play
- Listen to your child and respond to their ideas with questions and ask for more information
- Write down your child’s stories as they tell you and encourage them to read it back to you
- Point out and talk about letters and words all around. For example, on cereal boxes, car number plates, signs
- Cook simple things together. Read out the recipe, talk through what you are doing
- Look at junk mail and talk about the things for sale
- Provide materials and create a writing/drawing table or area
- Talk about family photos and histories

Reading Together
Reading is an important way to make the link from spoken words to written words. Reading to your child is a valuable thing to do. Here are some tips:

- Encourage your child to select the books, magazines, catalogues, multimedia stories or DVD’s
- Discuss the pictures in a book and encourage your child to talk about the pictures
- Share wordless picture books to develop imagination, ideas and vocabulary by naming things in the pictures
- Re-read your child’s favourite books and stories
- Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books
- Support your child to make their own books with pictures and then “read” the story to you