From the Principal

This week is welcome week. Welcome to Mrs Lucy Saunders who will be covering Release from Face to Face time this year and we also welcome back Miss Kristy Robertson who will be taking some of the lower division students for Reading Recovery, as well as teaching some of the numeracy lessons.

We had our first P & C meeting for the year yesterday and I would like to thank all who attended and have taken on roles this year. Without a great P & C we would not be able to provide our students with as many resources. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of parents.

In future newsletters I will explain school funding and how it is used at Bowning Public School.

Tracey Leggett
(Relieving Principal)

Student Profile

My name is William Kimpton and I am in Year 6 and School Captain.

My friends are Spencer, Cooper and Samuel.

I am going to Yanco High School in 2017 and my favourite sport is cricket.

Bowning P&C

Thank you to those who attended the AGM last Monday. Elections were held for office bearers for Bowning P&C 2016. Office bearers are as follows:

- President: Nat Allen
- Vice-Presidents: Nichole Weir & Vikkii Wallis
- Secretary: Kylie Kimpton
- Treasurer: Marnie Pack
- Public Officer: Desnee Pack
- Publicity Officers: Vikkii Wallis & Nichole Weir
- Uniform Co-ordinator: Desnee Pack

Tuckshop Co-ordinator: Nat Allen & Renee Simkus
Patrons: Desnee Pack and Brett Farquharson

Congratulations to all office bearers.

Bowning P&C Association

Membership to the P&C is open to all with an interest in the school community and involves payment of $2.00. This fee is for voting rights at ordinary meetings and may be paid to the Treasurer, or at the office. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 9th May, 2016.

Voluntary contributions have remained at $30 per year and may be paid at the school office. These funds help with the purchases of resources such as pens, pencils, textbooks etc.

If you have any ideas for fund-raising activities please speak with one of the executive or join us at our meetings. All parents and community members are warmly invited to attend.

PBL Awards

The winners of our PBL awards this week are Dakotah and Taylor Jane.

Operation Art 2016

Mrs Lucy Saunders will be working with students K-6 in creating artwork to be chosen for ‘Operation Art 2016’.

All our students will create work that is inspiring & uplifting. From those works of art 4 will be chosen by a panel of judges and sent to Sydney to be judged and possibly hung in The Children’s Hospital at Westmead. Please see flyer attached.
This week we wish Happy Birthday to Todd, Bailey & Flynn.

"Life is 10 percent what you make it, and 90 percent how you take it".

Textbooks/Student Requirements

**Textbooks**
Maths workbooks and journals have arrived and been issued to students to support teacher programs throughout the year.

Costs are as follows:
- Go Maths: Kinder $18.00 each
- Go Maths Mentals: Yrs. 1,2,3,4,5,6 $11.00 each
- Go Maths Journals: Yrs.1,2,3,4,5,6 $18.00 each
- Spelling Mastery Yr. 2 only, $21.00 each

**Lower Division**
The school will provide all stationery items required by Lower Division—this includes pencils, colours and exercise books. Each student will also be issued with a home reading diary and folder for home activities.

**Upper Division**
It is customary for Upper Division students to bring their own stationery items to school. This will include lead pencils, coloured pencils/textas, a ruler, a red pen, a blue or black pen, a glue stick, a pair of scissors, pencil sharpener and an eraser.

All these items are also available in the Upper Division room as required by students. Supplies are kept for those who do not have their own stationery supplies at school for any reason.

The school will provide exercise books, a home reading diary and homework folder. Handwriting workbooks, Maths mentals and student journals have been issued. The cost of these items is outlined above.

House Swimming Carnival

**House Swimming Carnival**
A request was made at the P&C meeting last Monday for Bowning to hold a School House Swimming Carnival. This carnival will be held at Binalong Pool on Tuesday 1st March from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. This will be a fun day with children in swimming and novelty events. Children are to remain in shaded areas when not swimming, wear a rash or T shirt as much as possible, a school hat and apply sunscreen frequently.

A sausage sizzle will be provided on the day at a cost of $2 a sausage. Could parents also supply plenty of drinking water and snacks etc. for their child/ren.

Please complete the permission note attached and return it to school by Monday 22nd February. Cost is $3 per student & $1 per spectator (payable at the pool).

**Introducing Thunder and Charlotte!**
This term, Lower Division are investigating the basic needs for survival of animals, including humans, and how our senses help us stay alive. As part of their investigations, students will explore the needs of a class pet and compare them to their own needs.

After a class vote, our pet goldfish have been named Thunder (orange) and Charlotte (white and orange).

Throughout the course of the term each student will be responsible for the care of our fish. This week Kindergarten have been responsible for feeding.

Rules developed as a class:
- feed fish once a day (not too much)
- don’t tap on the glass
- keep fish in the tank
- keep the water clean

Bowning Public School
Bowning Hall AGM
Parents and Community members are invited to attend the Annual General meeting of the Bowning Hall Association to be held on Tuesday 1st March 2016 commencing at 7.00pm in the Hall.

The office bearers of the Hall committee are all retiring. We need help from you. If we do not have a committee the alternative is to hand the keys to the Council.

Please come and support the Hall committee in maintaining this historical building.

Community Events/Reminders

Attachments
- ‘Operation Art 2016’ flyer
- Official Opening Yass High flyer
- Bowning House Swimming carnival permission note
- Parent Line flyer

Reminders
- Please complete the Scripture Lessons, Excursion Within the Village and Authority to Publish permission notes for 2016 and return them to school as soon as possible.
- House Swimming Carnival permission note

BLC Photos
Our 4 BLC Champions

William displaying his many ribbons from BLC swimming carnival
Tips

Handwriting
Students who struggle with handwriting may know the content, but have trouble putting their knowledge/thoughts onto paper. Creating messy, illegible writing after so much effort is frustrating and demoralising, and will lead to more learning issues as the student falls further behind.

General Tips
- Find a pencil grip that works and invest in a few
- Warm up hands before starting to write
- Encourage correct body posture, eg sit at the desk, not laying on the floor etc

Tips for Home
- Encourage your child to learn keyboard skills
- Put the alphabet in plain view when working on writing
- Help your child with written homework eg let them dictate to you
- Use cutlery to eat to encourage fine motor skills
- Play games with small pieces, eg. Lego, marbles etc.
- Encourage the writing experience eg. Add items to the shopping list, write down a dinner choice, write notes to each other

Parent Line
A new service has been established which may be of assistance to parents. Parent Line NSW is a state funded program managed by Catholic Care Sydney. Last year the program provided counselling, support and information with a wide range of issues including behavioural, problems, separation anxiety, other child mental health concerns, child development, bullying and child issues around parental separation. Opening hours are 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm on weekends. Callers can leave a message outside of these hours and a counsellor will assist them during the next operating period. They also manage ADHC Early Childhood Intervention Information Line for families who have questions or concerns about children who have been newly diagnosed with a disability.

A ‘parent line’ flyer is attached for your information.