Dear Parents

Student Welfare Worker
Last year in consultation with the school community we applied for a Student Welfare Worker through the ‘National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program’. We were extremely lucky to have Tammy Meacham begin working with students and staff at Bowen Public School and she will continue to work with us in 2013. ‘Fusion’ oversees the implementation of the program and we report annually to the ‘National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program’.

Tammy’s role includes:
supporting students and staff to create an environment which promotes the physical, emotional, social and intellectual development and wellbeing of all students.
supporting students and staff to create an environment of cooperation and mutual respect, promoting an understanding of diversity and the range of cultures and their related traditions;
being approachable to all students, staff and members of the school community.

Currently Tammy has worked to continue the set up of the play program in K-2, providing activities during break times that are engaging for students and assist to teach skills such as sharing and participation. She has also assisted students in classrooms and has assisted staff in implementing PBL and supporting students.

This year Tammy may also be involved in assisting school counsellors and wellbeing staff in the delivery of student welfare services working closely with the school team to plan for and deliver student resilience and wellbeing services such as the Got It program; and providing students, their families and staff with support and or appropriate referrals, in difficult situations such as during times of grief or when students are facing personal or emotional challenges.

If you would like to discuss anything with Tammy please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment. Further information will be sent home throughout the year. Please see ‘Meet the Staff’ section of this newsletter for our interview with Tammy.

P&C News
Our next meeting for 2013 will be the AGM which will be held Monday 11 March at 6pm in the staff room. Positions vacant that will be elected at this meeting include:
1. President - duties involve chairing P&C meetings, representing school as required, overseeing the running of the P&C and associated events
2. Vice-President(s) - duties involve supporting the President, overseeing meetings and events when the President is unable to
3. Treasurer - duties involve receipting and banking P&C money as well as canteen money, keeping accurate financial records as well as presenting reports at each P&C meeting, arranging an auditor for the end of year audit
4. Secretary - duties involve collecting mail, sending outgoing mail, submitting articles for the schools newsletter, preparing an agenda (in consultation with President) for each P&C meeting, taking minutes at meetings and distributing these minutes to ALL P&C members as well as everyone who was at the meeting. We hope to see plenty of new faces as we discuss what is happening at the school this year. Children are welcome to attend, but please bring quiet activities for them to play with whilst the meeting is on.

Whats happening this week?
District Swimming Carnival Tuesday 26 February.
**GOTCHAI!** Congratulations to these students: Le-tasha Taylor 2/3K, Jade Smith 2C, Celestial Morgan KK and Rickelle Seabrook 2C

Meet the staff: **TAMMY MEACHAM**

**STUDENT WELFARE OFFICER**
**Bowen Public School**

**How long have you lived in Orange?** – 6 years. Prior to that I was in Wagga as a pastry chef and I still work at Woolworths as a pastry chef part time.

**Who is in your family?** My husband and I have three sons.

**Hobbies, interests:** Cooking, reading and eating.

**Do you enjoy working at Bowen PS?** – YES! It’s been a dream of mine for a long time to become a Student Welfare Officer and I trained for my new role here. I love the students and the staff!

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**Canteen News**

Until further notice the canteen will only be open on the following days:
- Tues - break 1
- Wed - both breaks
- Thurs - break 1
- Fri - break 1

Please do not send noodles etc in on Mondays as there will be no one available to prepare these for the children.

**Canteen roster for next 2 weeks:**

- Tues 26/2 – Rachel Biggers
- Wed 27/2 – Karen Miller & Anne Darling
- Thurs 28/2 – Virginia Gilbert
- Fri 1/3 – Virginia Gilbert & Shirlyee Black
- Tues 5/3 – Rachel Biggers
- Wed 6/3 – Karen Miller & Anne Darling
- Thurs 7/3 – Virginia Gilbert
- Fri 8/3 – Virginia Gilbert & Shirlyee Black

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**Come and Try Guides!**

Monday 4 March 5.00pm-6.30pm
For girls aged 6-10 years
Guides enjoy cooking, craft, games, badges and camping
Orange Guide Hall, Peisley Street, Orange
Please email laorangeguides@gmail.com or call Nicole Longhurst on 0431 442 860 to register for this free event.
Visit our website [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au) to find out more about Guides!

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