From the Principal’s Desk:

How good was the snow! Waking up to a winter wonderland was very exciting for us all and something that doesn’t happen terribly often. It was an amazing experience for our students at school and they spent plenty of time making snowmen, throwing snowballs and frolicking in the snow. That is all behind us now and I know that many of our students experienced the magic of snow in their homes over the end of last week. However, that means that we are starting the term a little behind the eight-ball in terms of maintaining our attendance record. Our target is to have every child at school for 90% of the time. That means, to achieve the target, your child can only have a maximum of four days away from school this term. If they missed two days because of the snow, they only have two left for the rest of the term. Please help them to have every chance to learn and grow by making sure they attend school every day.

This week some of our classes have been working hard on learning about communication. With more and more of our time being spent on mobile devices using social media and texting, much of the art of conversation has been lost. One of the lessons I saw was about how to use the phone. Simple protocols such as identifying yourself when you make or receive a call, (eg: “Good morning it’s Johnny Jones calling”, or “Hi Jenny speaking,”) are very helpful in beginning a conversation and providing a context for the person on the other end of the call.

In 2015, all schools in Australia will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). The national data collection is a yearly collection that counts the number of school students who receive support to address specific learning needs. Through the collection of data all governments hope to get a clearer picture of learning needs in a consistent, reliable and systematic way.

The information will not identify individual students but looks at the range of support needs in a school, and how the teachers go about supporting these students. In time, this may lead to additional support from governments to address specific need.

The national data collection is a collaborative process involving teachers, principals and other school staff. However, principals are responsible for signing off on the national data collection for their schools There is further information about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on the NCCD website.

Healthy Harold from the Life Education Van will be visiting Bowen from 4 August to teach our students about various ways of being healthy and safe. Healthy Harold only visits us once every two years and normally costs $10, however the school is subsidising the visit so that it only costs $5 per child. We do this because we believe that Healthy Harold lessons are so important to the growth and development of our students. Please support your child’s participation in the Life Education visit.

The RSPCA are also visiting tomorrow to present talks about looking after animals. This visit is free and should provide some interesting insight to preventing animal cruelty and looking after pets at home.

We have had a great start to term 3 with many new students enrolling in our school and a great deal to look forward to. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions please contact me or our wonderful staff through the front office.

This Friday, one of our ex-students, Sam Ah See, will box at the Orange Function centre. Sam is a former Australian Super Welter-weight title holder and has just returned from training over in the United States. Sam is a great example of a student from Bowen going on to achieve great things and is looking to use his life experiences to help young kids in Orange. We wish Sam all the best in his upcoming bouts. If you are looking to support Sam, he competes at the Orange Function Centre this Friday night from 7pm.

Mr Mac
**What’s on? - Term 3**

**CANTEEN CLOSED EACH WEDNESDAY**

Clothing Pool is open every Friday from 8:45 – 9:30am in Sick Bay

*Riding for the Disabled are holding an open day Wednesday 5 August cake and coffee will be available.*

**TERM 3**

**YEAR 6 PARENTS**

**YEAR 6 ENROLMENTS HAVE TO GO TO THE CANOBOLAS RURAL TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL ASAP**

- **Week 2**
  - Wednesday 22 July Rugby Skills

- **Week 3**
  - Education Week
  - Wednesday 29 July Rugby Skills

- **Week 4**
  - Tuesday 4 August Healthy Harold

**UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 3**

We will be having two events that you might like to have advanced warning about.

The first is a visit from the Life Education Van in week 4; the dates are Tuesday 4 August to Friday 7 August 2015. This is a wonderful program with sessions arranged according to age appropriate topics like healthy food choices and cyber safety to the consequences of alcohol use and misuse. The cost will be $5 per student.

The next event will be a Musica Viva performance in early September and this will be a memorable experience for all students. There won’t be any travel involved as the concert will take place in our school hall.

**PARENTS**

There are a large number of non-uniform fleeces in lost property: if they are not picked up by week 3, they will be donated to Vinnies.
Our Next meeting of the P & C will be on Monday 3 August commencing at 2:00pm in the community room. All are welcome to attend. We are considering having an evening meeting and will be discussing this at the meeting. If you are interested in a night meeting and unable to attend just call the office and let the school know.

The next autism support meeting will be held on Monday 10 August commencing at 9:30am in the community room; all welcome.

Year 6 Fundraiser: Wednesday 29 July we are having a cake day; all cakes will be purchased for 50c. We are asking for donations from parents to be brought into the office on the morning of the sale.

Please keep an eye out for our movie premier of Vacation, a comedy in which a grown up Rusty Griswold takes his wife and two sons across America to visit Walley World as his father had done for him many years ago. The movie is due in cinemas in August.

There will be a pie drive in the near future so please keep an eye out for the order form.

A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who has been collecting tea bag tags; they have been greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.
Orange City Council currently provides Out of School Hours Care (OOHC) from two venues including: Before and After School Care and Vacation Care from Calare Public School and After School Care from Orange Public School.

Council will be opening an After School Care service in Spring Street Children's Centre to provide more choices for families, including families whose children attend Bowen Public School, St Mary's Catholic School and Orange East Public School.

The service will commence on 3 August 2015, and will operate from 3.00pm to 6.00pm on Mondays to Fridays during school term, except on public holidays.

Bus 5 (Panda) will drop students on the corner of Spring Street & Jilba Street at 3.20pm, where they will be met by the After School Care Educator to supervise their walk into the Spring Street Children’s Centre. The bus collects school children at the following times:

- 3.10pm - Bowen Public School
- 3.13pm - St Mary's Catholic School
- 3.15pm - Orange East Public School

For more information about enrolments and fees, please call 8363 4700 or email springstreetchildcare@orange.nsw.gov.au

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**Free Community Concert**

**Saturday 25 July, 4 – 5pm**
Orange Regional Conservatorium
73A Hill Street, Orange

**Featuring The World According To James**
Australia's most respected jazz group, fronted by leading jazz trombonist James Greening
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Supported Playgroup and Bush Babies

- Do you have children aged birth to 5 years?
- Are you at home wondering what activities to do with your children?
- Would you like to meet new families that have children of a similar age?
- Would you like to have a yarn and a cuppa whilst the children play?

If you answer yes the Orange Supported playgroups and Bush Babies is for you

TUESDAYS:
Glenroi Grasshoppers
Marang Gunya – The Good House, 8 Oxley Place  9:30am – 11:00am

THURSDAYS:
Bush Babies Playgroup
The Carriage Cottage – 145 Spring Street  10:30 – 12:30pm

FRIDAYS:
Bowen Supported Playgroup
Bowen Public School  1:00pm – 3:00pm
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WORKING WITH CHROME BOOKS
Teachers out having fun making a Bowen snowman

Fun in the snow
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Bowen Public School is holding a tea towel fundraiser. The children have the opportunity to draw a picture of themselves for a school tea towel and help raise funds. The tea towels are made from 100% white cotton (50cm x 70 cm) and are fully washable.

These would make great gift for Christmas, Mother’s day, birthdays, Grandparents, friends and keepsakes.

To have a look at an example one will be kept in the school Office.

There is also a saving on multiple orders.
1 x tea towel = $15.00 each
2 x tea towel = $25.00
3 x tea towel = $37.50
4 x tea towel = $50.00

To order simply fill in order sheet and place in envelope with your Cash with Child’s name and class.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

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CHILD’S NAME: ____________________

CLASS: _______________________

NUMBER OF TEA TOWEL’S: __________

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: __________