Another week and yet more snow! This lot, sadly, didn’t settle but was pretty to see fall. Of course that means that the air temperature is near freezing and that we all need to keep warm. Our school jumpers do a fantastic job of keeping us warm as they are made of polar fleece material and on top of that, they look great! If you’re child does not have a school jumper, they are available from Orange Clothing Company in Sale St or you might like to see if we still have some for sale in the school clothing pool.

Our school, in conjunction with The Canobolas Rural Technology High School (TCRTHS), has begun work on the ‘Chromelinks’ project. Chromelinks is aimed at sending our students off to high school with all the skills that they will need to access current technology and employ this in their learning. TCRTHS has a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy so that students can use their own computers/phones/tablets etc to help them to engage in the learning and as a source of almost unlimited information. We are aiming for every student to have not only their own top quality device, but also excellent technology skills that enable them to use that device to its full potential.

The devices we have chosen to use at school are ‘Chromebooks’. Basically they are an extremely fast and durable cross between a laptop and a tablet. Advances in how we teach and learn and in the actual technology available have opened up some awesome opportunities for our students. I would like to invite all parents of years 4, 5 and 6 students to a meeting on August 19 after school to see exactly what our new technology can do and offer you the chance to obtain one of these devices your child can own and use both here and at high school. A letter will come home next week so please keep your eye out for it. We would love to see everyone there.

There will be a Snapshot of ‘Bowen’ presentation for parents wishing to or thinking about enrolling their kindergarten children in 2016. The presentation will commence at 5:30pm. More information will be in next week’s newsletter. If you know of anyone with kinder age children who might be coming to Bowen, please let them know that enrolments are now open and that the information evening is on.

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

**TERM 3**

**YEAR 6 PARENTS**

**YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CANOBOLAS RURAL TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL ASAP**

**Week 5**
Wednesday 12 August Touch Gala Day
Friday 14 August Dance Eisteddfod

**Week 7**
Friday 28 August Western Athletics

**Week 8**
Wednesday 2 September Book Week Dress up

**Week 9**

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**Gotcha’s**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 3**

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.

**Book Week** will be in Week 8 so start thinking about what favourite book character you will be dressing up as.
Kinder 2016
Snap shot of
Bowen Public School

Date:
Thursday
13 Aug
Time:
5.30pm

Where:
Kindergarten Room

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS
Current and new families, please come and experience all that Bowen has to offer for your child. Children welcome. Ph: 6362 3655
NOTES FROM P&C

Father’s Day is nearly here and we are asking for donations of gifts to be sold at our Father’s Day stall. All donations gratefully received and can be left at the school office.

Our next meeting on Monday 7 September will be held at NIGHT commencing at 6:00pm in the staffroom - put in your diary, all welcome.

Autism support meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 August commencing at 9:30am in the community room; all welcome.

If any parents are able to volunteer to help with the canteen could you please contact Kirsty Sheehan in the school office.

Tea towel fundraiser; order form attached to newsletter, please fill in and bring to the school office; great gift idea for grandparents or just as a keepsake for your children.

We are looking to have another family photo day and have a tentative date for Sunday 15 November; more information will be coming shortly.
CHANGES TO LIBRARY TIMES FOR K – 6

2/3L - Tuesday odd week – 11.08 – 25.08 – 08.09 – 06.10 – 03.11 – 17.11 – 01.12

KB/KG/1K/2C – Wednesday odd week – 12.08 – 26.08 - 09.09 – 07.10 – 21.10 – 04.11 – 18.11 – 02.12


3-6E TO BE ADVISED

456J – Every Friday in class borrowing (no library bag required)

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

- Junior age 4-16 Male & Female.
- Registrations close 4th September 2015
- Cost $60 per person

- Season Commences
  Wednesday 7th October 2015
- Season Concludes
  24th February 2016

For all info visit:
www.orangetouch.com.au

If you have any questions please contact Tracee Honeyman on 0431 393 240
or email sondreelof@gmail.com
Orange City Council currently provides Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) 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.

Due to (Panda) will drop students on the corner of Spring Street & Jilba Street at 3.30pm, where they will be met by the After School Care Coordinator 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 4939 0790 or email springstreet@lismore.nsw.gov.au
Positive Parenting

This is a three-hour interactive seminar on positive communication and parenting techniques. Parents will learn to help their children grow and develop to the best of their abilities.

Parents will learn:
- how to acknowledge each child as an individual
- about the power of focusing on what children are doing well
- to help their children have better relationships with themselves and others

Tuesday 5.30pm – 8.30pm
25th August 2015
9am – 325 ($15 concession)
10am – 4pm
25th August – 10am – 12 noon
3.30 – 5.30pm

Bookings Essential – Phone 6363 3650

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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:**
**Glenroil 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
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 Childs name and class.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

CHILD’S NAME: _______________________
CLASS: ____________________________
NUMBER OF TEA TOWEL’S: ___________
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _______________
Byng Street café Citizenship reward

Gymnastics in 456J
The Reading Hour

This year the Children’s Book Council of Australia celebrates its 70th Anniversary in 2015

We will be celebrating ‘The Reading Hour’
Tuesday 25th August from 6pm – 7pm
Bookings 6393 8132

Parents, carers and children are invited to bring along a torch and blanket and then make lanterns for a special shared reading time

‘Shining the light on books’

Central West Libraries are on their way to becoming eSmart Libraries

freya blackwood

Shining the light on local Illustrator
Freya Blackwood
Orange City Library
Wednesday 2nd September
4pm to 5.30pm
Bookings 6393 8132

Freya will be talking about her books, illustrations and overseas publications. Freya will also be able to show people her rough and finished drawings

This event is designed for anyone interested in books, art and illustrations. Freya will be showing artwork from Banjo and Ruby Red.

Central West Libraries are on their way to becoming eSmart Libraries
Gymnastics in 456J

Painting stories during Brospeak
Disability

The Central West Autism and Asperger's Support Group will be hosting a talk on

Ability Links and Early Links

These programs are delivered in the Central West by Carewest

This talk is for anyone aged between 0-64 with Asperger's or Autism (and their parents/carers) who are looking to:

- Set goals and plan for the future
- Look at new ways they can participate in and be part of their community

And parents of children that have or are suspected of having autism or asperger's who would like extra support or assistance and to work with you to plan the services and support that is just right for your family.

Where: Orange Community Information & Services Centre, Rear Kite St.

When: Thursday 24th September 6:30pm

For enquiries and bookings please call/text Ben on 0428 609 413. Please leave a voicemail message if unanswered.

The Central West Autism and Asperger's Support Group will be hosting a talk on

Self-Esteem and Motivation

By Katharine Annear

This talk is for anyone with Asperger's or Autism that is looking to boost their self-esteem and increase their motivation to achieve their goals.

Where: Orange Community Information & Services Centre, Rear Kite St.

When: Thursday 27th August 6:30pm

For enquiries and bookings please call/text Ben on: 0428 609 413. Please leave a voicemail message if unanswered.