From the Principal’s Desk:

Snow, sun, wind, rain, hail, cold, colder, freezing, blue sky, dark sky, clouds! I think we’ve seen all four seasons in one day today and our 5th snow fall for the year! Mother Nature is certainly hard at work with the weather. Almost as hard at work as we all are here at Bowen!

The touch football gala day which was to be held today was cancelled due to the weather. However, the ODPSSA High Jump was held at Orange High School yesterday in cold but fine, weather. A number of our students travelled across town to compete in the high jump and performed well. Daniel Hunt and Za’lee Theobald both jumped particularly well, achieving heights of 1.3m and 1.2m respectively. Well done to all the Bowen students who represented us so proudly and showed great sportsmanship.

Tomorrow night, we are holding an information session for parents of 2016 Kindergarten students. The session begins at 5:30 and will be a snapshot of Bowen, displaying the programs, fun and learning that we offer to our students. If you know anyone who may be thinking of bringing their kindergarten child to Bowen in 2016, please let them know about the ‘Snapshot of Bowen’ info evening and invite them to join us. Babysitting is available.

Book week is coming! This is one of our favourite times of year. The teachers dressing up for book week has become a tradition at Bowen and we have something special lined up this year. The book week character parade will be held in the hall on Wednesday, 26 August at 9am. We encourage all of our students to dress up as their favourite book character for the day and join the staff in celebrating all the magical stories that bring so much joy to our lives and ‘light up our world’ (which is also the theme for this year’s parade!).

Last week we informed parents of our Chromelinks project. We were hoping to meet with parents to let you experience first-hand our new technology and tell you some more about the project. Unfortunately, I have a meeting that I am committed to and will not be able to showcase Chromelinks on 19 August. I would still like to make the technology and information about the project available to you so please pencil Wednesday 26 August at 3:15pm into your calendar. Everyone is welcome, however, parents of children in years 3-6 will especially benefit. I hope to see you all there.

Teachers and students have begun work on our school production. The production is an enormous event at Bowen and only takes place every 2nd year due to its size and complexity. Our previous productions, ‘The Blue Planet that Turned Green’ and ‘The Adventures of Grandpa Kerrigan’, have been very successful and we look forward to putting on another brilliant show this year. The show date is 17 September. It’s the second last day of term and there will be both matinee and evening performances. Lock that one into your calendar. It’s sure to be another great event!

If you are keen to play a bigger role in the school, the canteen is an excellent opportunity. We are looking for parents who are able to commit to some regular times (even a day a week is helpful) to assist in the preparation of lunches, especially in term 4. If you are interested, please see either, Briony in the canteen, Mrs Sheehan in the front office or myself to see how you can be involved.

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

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS

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

Week 5
Friday 14 August Dance Eisteddfod - Infants will be performing from 9:15 onwards and the Primary will be performing from 11:00 onwards. Also performing that day is the Support class at 10:15 onwards.

Week 7
Wednesday 26 August Book Week Dress up 9:00am
Friday 28 August Western Athletics

Week 8
Thursday 3 September Father’s Day stall Pie drive orders due back Friday 11 September

Week 9
Friday 11 September Pie drive orders due back

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 4

On Thursday 15 October there will be a parent information afternoon for kinders of 2016 commencing at 3:15 in the kinder classrooms. Kinder orientation commences Monday 19 October from 9:00am to 10:00am. The orientation will run for 4 weeks.
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
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. In conjunction with the stall we are holding a raffle as well – please look out for the ticket books which will be coming home soon.

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 8 September 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.

Pie drive note and money are due back Friday 11 September.
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.

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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.

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Central West Libraries are on their way to becoming eSmart Libraries
The cartoon camp will be held at Bletchington Public School on Saturday 29 August and Sunday 30 August 2015.
All enquiries can be made by calling 9343 0833.

There is also a flyer available from the front office which includes the registration form.
**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 inquiries and bookings please call/text Ben on 0428 609 413. Please leave a voicemail message if unanswered.

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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:**
**Glenröl 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

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CHILD’S NAME: __________________________
CLASS: __________________________
NUMBER OF TEA TOWEL’S: __________________________
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: __________________________
High Jump Highlights at Orange High School
Keen competitors at the high jump

KB were looking fantastic in their full school uniform.