From the Principal’s Desk:

Hump Day has come and gone! Incredibly, we are now more than half way through Term 3 and not only is the weather finally starting to show signs of warming up but school is heating up too.

If you have a child in Year 3 or Year 5, you should receive their NAPLAN results in the next few weeks. Initial analysis of our results indicates that as a school, we generally grew faster than the state average and our students made great progress in relative terms. This is testament to all the hard work that our students, staff and parents put in to ensure the best outcomes for our kids. Congratulations everyone!

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 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!).

Don’t forget our Chromelinks project meeting. We are very excited about giving parents the opportunity to play with our new technology and tell you some more about the project. The meeting will give you a chance to do that and to find out about how we are using technology in teaching and learning. We will also discuss with you our technology plans for the future and how the Chromelinks project will benefit your child, not only here at Bowen, but also at High School. 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.

Musica Viva will be visiting Bowen on Thursday 3 September. This show normally has a cost associated but we have been offered the opportunity to partake in the experience for free. There will be four musicians performing a show called ‘Hercules’, which is a skilful adaptation of a Baroque opera and introducing students to instruments that they probably haven’t seen or heard before: they’re even bringing a harpsichord! There is some work the children need to do in class in the days leading up to the performance so don’t be surprised if you hear a new rap or if you hear your child talking about music in the next couple of weeks.

Some students will also be involved in a performance of ‘I Am Jack’ at the Civic Theatre on August 27. This is also free. Look for the note next week. The T20 Blast (cricket carnival) is coming up in the next couple of weeks and we mustn’t forget the Father’s Day stall on September 3 and 4. Donations for this will be gratefully accepted.

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 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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 4

On Thursday 15 October there will be a parent information afternoon for Kinders 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.
EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS VOLUNTEER COURSE

Congratulations to our trailblazing PaTCH parents who, last Friday graduated after having completed the program during terms 2 and 3. Thank-you for involving yourselves in the school community, sharing your thoughts with the class and contributing to our children’s learning. Our school is all the richer for having spent time with you.

NEXT COURSE

The Parents as Teachers/community Helpers (PaTCH) course is a training program to accredit volunteers supporting children learning to read, write and use counting in the early years of schooling. Due to the success of the last PaTCH course, we are currently asking for interested parents who would like to be part of Bowen Public School’s second PaTCH program. This program is being undertaken as part of the Early Action for Success Strategy and is linked with TAFE NSW, being the equivalent of a Certificate III subject.

The objectives of the course are for participants to:

- Link speaking and listening with children’s learning; and
- Gain skills in assisting children with reading, writing and number

The course is 4 hours a day, one day a week, and will run over a period of 10 weeks. In order to complete the course, participants must commit to the 10 weeks. Child minding will be available for parents with children aged between 0 and 5 years.

If you are interest in finding out more about this course, please contact Mrs Morris or Miss Quinn via the school office. An information session for interested parents will be held at 9:00am on Monday 24 August 2015
Bowen Public School is taking enrolments now for 2016

Enquires at our office
Come in or call
63623655
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. In conjunction with the stall we are holding a raffle a book of tickets is included with this newsletter. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 4 September. All tickets and money need to be back no later than Tuesday 1 September. Good luck in the raffle.

The Father’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 3 September and Friday 4 September.

Our next meeting on Monday 7 September will be held at NIGHT commencing at 6:00pm in the staffroom – put this 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.
It's the middle of Term 3... that means September school holidays are almost here! Time to book into Vacation Care.

Will you need care for your school aged child during the holidays?

Orange City Council's Vacation Care will be operating from Monday 21 September to Friday 2 October 2015 at Orange Public School. Please note the change in venue for these school holidays.

Bookings for Vacation Care will open from Monday 31 August to Friday 18 September 2015 from 11.00am to 4.00pm only, at the Community Information and Services Centre, 79-81 Kite Street, Orange.

Bookings are limited!!

Full payment must be made at time of booking. Please ensure that you book your child into care during the three booking weeks.

For more information about bookings for Council's Vacation Care, please call 63933600 or email rstanford@orange.nsw.gov.au

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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
Cavaliers Cricket Club will be holding a general sign-on day for all players interested in joining Orange’s most progressive cricket club in 2015/2016 –

When - Sunday, 30th August 2015
Times - 2pm – 5pm
Where - Cutcliffe Oval Cricket Nets
(Frost Street near Calare Public School)
Who - All players interested in joining teams for T20 Blast (6-11yrs), Under 12s, Under 14s, Under 16s and Seniors (1sts, 2nds & Centenary Cup)

More info - Andrew Cooper - 0477 422 039
Stuart Middleton - 0404 692 340

We hope to see you there!
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: ____________
Citizenship Award recipients out and about at Byng Street Cafe

Dress rehearsals went well for the Eisteddfod
Rehearsing for the Eisteddfod