Welcome back!

Aside from the rain on the first morning we have had a brilliant start to the school year. We have many new students enrolled and almost as many new staff. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families, students and staff. Bowen is a fantastic place to grow children and we hope that everyone enjoys their time here.

Our ‘horseshoe’ building houses both our primary and support classes this year. Mr Gear, Miss Olsen, Mr Ludlow, Mr McKinley, Miss Laughton, Miss Quinn, Miss Wilson, Mr McAlpine, Mrs Norman and Mrs Day join Mrs Johnstone and Mrs James in that building.

Our infants classes are at the top end of the school. Mrs Burgess, Miss Benton and Mr Aggett join Mrs Clyde and Mrs Morris in this part of the school.

We also welcome many student learning support officers: Mrs Parker, Mrs Willoughby, Ms Iffland, Mrs Meacham, Mr Rolfe, Mrs Harvey, Mr Harvey, Mrs Sheehan, Mr Sharpe, Ms McHatton, Mrs Ward and Mr Sammut all join Mrs Olsen, Mrs Plumridge and Mrs Grzeszkiewicz. And in the office we welcome Miss van Hoek who joins Mrs Thompson.

Please feel free to contact any of our staff members through the school office if you wish to speak to them. Most staff members are also available for quick informal chats at the front gate most afternoons.

Our new Kindergarten students have had a fantastic start to school. They have settled beautifully into their new learning routines with Miss Benton and Mrs Burgess. We have been very impressed with their enthusiasm in the classroom. Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who have helped to make the transition for our kinder students so smooth.

As our school has grown and we have so many staff the car park, and areas near there, are extremely busy. Children are very difficult for drivers to see in the car park as it is often quite congested. Cars entering the car park cannot see inside the car park fully until the vehicle is almost inside. For these reasons the car park is generally out of bounds to students and we ask for your help in keeping our kids safe by using the gates at the front of the office and near the hall to enter and exit the school grounds.
Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains: James Boswell and Kimi Craigie-Lucas for Cadia; Daniel Hunt and Rhianna Lucas for Lucknow and Jason Taylor and Lokhlan Stedman-Greenbank for Ophir. They have a big job ahead of them, leading their teams to potential victories during sports time and at the Cross-Country and Athletics carnivals later in the year.

While waiting at the front of the school for your child, please ensure that the gates and pathways are unobstructed. This will help you to find your children easily and us to exit the children onto the buses quickly. The area where parents wait for children is very crowded so we ask that you help us to keep the area safe by ensuring that your children are sitting or standing quietly close by and not running around in that area.

Please also be reminded that smoking is not permitted on school grounds or within 4 metres of school gates. The school gates open at 8:30am for students. Be aware that children arriving prior to this time are unsupervised and remain outside the school gates.

We are looking forward to an incredibly busy and rewarding year at Bowen. There is a new, fresh energy in the school after the holidays and I can see that our staff and students are already powering into their learning and teaching. For those parents with students in years five or six, a reminder that the major excursion this year is to Narrabeen and it should cost around the $300 mark. It would be wise to start paying it off at the front office - $10 each week has it all paid off by the end of term 3 and the excursion takes place from November 28.

Our swimming carnival has been run and won! Congratulations to all of those students who dived in and tried their best. Special congratulations to all of those students who made it to the ODPSSA District Swimming Carnival to be held on February 23.

School photos will be taken on March 9 this year so summer uniform will be worn. There is more information to be found in this newsletter, including an opportunity to pay online if you wish.

We are looking at ways to promote physical activity for our students. One of the things we would like to be able to see is more students riding their bikes to school. There are many issues around this but there is a group of people from Sydney who are willing to help out. If any parents are interested in having a chat about how we might be able to make this a safer option for our students, please contact Mr Mac. We can meet on February 25 at midday.
The Canobolas Rural Technology High School will be bringing its travelling roadshow to Bowen on February 11 at midday. I encourage you to come along to chat to their staff and have a look at some of the wonderful courses of study offered and maybe find out about the activities that happen in high school today.

Some of the Canberra Raiders will be visiting Bowen on February 18 at 11:45. They will be talking to students about healthy eating and exercise and about how they can join their local footy team. They might even sign some autographs and answer some questions. If you’re a fan, please feel free to join us.

**No Hat, Play in the Shade**

Not having a hat limits the places that your child can play in the playground and exposes them to the risk of suffering long lasting sun damage to their skin. Please ensure that your child wears a hat to school. We prefer a school hat. There are two types; a baseball style cap and a surf hat, both available from the front office at a cost of $10 each.

The beginning of the year is a great time to get your school fees out of the way. Bowen’s fees are extremely reasonable at just $10 per term, $40 for the entire year. The fees are payable at the front office and helps us to provide some of the basic necessities for your children such as pens and pencils, work and text books, art supplies and other stationery.
KB
Learning about the keyboard

KP
Having some fun
Vacancies at Bowen Preschool

At Bowen Preschool our aim is to provide affordable high quality care and learning opportunities for children aged between 3 years and school entry through a varied program based on the interests, strengths and needs of each child. Children need opportunities to practise and consolidate their skills in key learning areas including: language and literacy, creative and expressive arts, mathematics, science and social emotional development. We provide a rich, stimulating and nurturing environment that has the potential to stimulate imagination, promote creativity and enhance aesthetic development using play as a base to support learning. Bowen Preschool operates Monday to Thursday 9am to 3pm.

For further information please contact CareWest on 6391 2400.
The P&C would like to welcome back all our families and a BIG WELCOME to all our new families; hope you had a great Christmas and new year and are looking forward to a wonderful, productive year at Bowen.

Our first P&C meeting for 2016 will be held on 8th February commencing at 2:00 pm in the community room. If you would like to know what will be happening at the school, this is a great way for you to do this as well as meeting other parents. All will be made most welcome, pre-schoolers are also catered for.

The canteen is always looking for volunteers to help with lunches on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This is also a great way to meet other parents and become familiar with the school. If you are able to help, even for a few hours on any of those days, please come to the office and let them have your contact details.

In the coming weeks the P&C will be organising an Easter egg raffle and we are asking for donations of eggs from all families. Please bring these to the office so that we may then make up the hampers to be raffled.

We also run a Mothers’ Day stall each year where children are able to purchase a little something for their mum, grandmother, etc. with gifts available from 50c to a few dollars. We will be asking for donations to be brought to the school office from Tuesday 29 April until Monday 9 May.

Thank you

Our school photos will be taken on Wednesday the 9th March 2016.  
For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.  

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.  

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.  

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code-[DE6 EAQ 6NC]. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection.
Wallas & Juniors Rugby 2016
Registration Now Open
Join the 2016 premiership winners!
Wallas U7’s - U11’s and Juniors U13’s to U17’s

Come to the registration events on
Friday 26th February
4pm – 6pm
or
Saturday 27th Feb
9am – 11am

Please call Michelle Duncan on 0401 404 212 or
Keryn Holland on 0421 210 492 for more information

“Come Try Rugby” at Emus
Woodward Road, Orange

BLOOMFIELD J.R.L.F.C
Registration Day 2016

Sunday 28th February 2016
Brendon Sturgeon Oval
11am - 3.00pm
Free Sausage Sizzle and Drink for Children

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE FOR YOUR CHILD,
PLAYING SHORTS, SOCKS & A TRAINING SHIRT

EARLY BIRD ON LINE $110.00 (PRIOR TO REGISTRATION DAY)
$120.00 THERE AFTER

REGISTER NOW @ playnrl.com
Click on REGISTER NOW
Click on PLAY
search for Bloomfield Juniors

ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS WILL REQUIRE A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR GIRLS LEAGUE TAG 6-14 YEARS ARE ALSO BEING TAKEN BloomfieldJRLFC@hotmail.com - Jason Greenhaigh 0419 144 887
Orange City Junior Rugby Union Club
Registration Day

At Waratah’s Pride Park

Sunday 14 February 4pm to 6pm

Walla’s - u7’s, u9’s, u11’s
Training Friday nights
Gala Days commence May

Juniors – u13’s, u 15’s, u 17’s
Training Tuesday & Thursdays
Competition starts 2 April

Come and try rugby – all ages
on Wednesday 17th and 24th February
6pm at Waratahs Pride Park

Please bring proof of birth
For further details
http://orangepcityjuniors.rugbynet.com.au
Deryck 0427 621 965
Jayne 0418 969 085

Ex-Services Hockey Club
Sign-On Day

All current players and potential players, junior/senior
(both male and female) are invited to come along and
join. A $10 fee deposit will be required on the day.

FREE Sausage sizzle and drink provided and if you have
some spare change have a go at our guessing competition!

Venue: Orange Ex-Services Bloomfield Country Club Pavilion

Date: Friday, 12 February 2016

Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Bring along your stick and ball to have a hit with other
members

you MUST be a member of the Ex-Services club to play for Ex-services hockey club
For more information on our club please feel free to contact:

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