Principal's Message
It has been an interesting week with power cuts, NAPLAN and school audits. Year 3 have had their first taste of the national testing and are glad it won’t come their way again until Year 5. The results will come to the school some time in Term 3. The school can use the results from these tests to plan appropriate programs.

Next week we are setting a visit from the Jump Rope for Heart representative who will be introducing the outreach program. This fits in nicely with the Premier’s Sporting Challenge that we will also start in Week 5. Also next Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. There is also a free App – WSTSD - available in the App Store and you can go on-line at walk.com.au for more information. I will be convening the Regional Rugby trials in Goulburn on Friday. Miss Bell will be taking my place.

We have received notification of more power interruptions on Tuesday 27th May & Thursday 29th May. The 29th is also School Photo Day. I am looking into options for these days and a note will be sent home if any major variations are required to our usual routines.

Regards,
Ross Copland
Acting Principal

District Athletics
The date for the District Athletics Carnival is Friday 6th June at Victoria Park, Yass. Permission notes will follow later.

School Photos
School Photo Day is coming around – Thursday 29th May. The envelope for your order is attached to this newsletter, please return it to school before the 29th.

Playgroup
Hi All
I am pleased to advise that we have interviewed and recommended a person to replace Angela at the Playgroups. We have been advised that Therese Sheahan
has accepted the position and will be available to commence work at the playgroups after the 20th of May. That would mean the first session would be at Dalton on Wednesday 21st.
I would like to express my appreciation to all staff and parents involve at each of your schools, for their patience and understanding during this process. I see this as a great opportunity to re-energise our playgroups. Could you please let all of your school communities know of the new arrangements.
I look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks as I will be attending the playgroups to introduce Therese to all.
Regards Al
(Alan Caldow, Facilitator, Goulburn Schools as Community Centre)

**Hot Lunch**
Each Thursday the children can bring in food to be heated for lunch during Terms 2 & 3.

**Stewart House Day**
Stewart House Day is Friday 9th May 2014. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please return your donation to school in the enclosed envelope. All entries go in the draw for the chance to win a family holiday. The envelopes and donations will be sent off early next week.

**The Lion King**
We have confirmed the booking of The Lion King on Wednesday 6th August, matinee at 1pm. The payment of $120 per adult is required by 30th May.

**Book Fair**
Book Fair is open to parents in the Library from Wednesday 14th May before and after school. This may be a chance to stock up for birthdays later in the year.

**Bowning Athletics**
The children enjoyed a fun day out. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day.
Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.
Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

P&C News
- Thank you to everyone for the canteen goodies and assistance last Thursday at our Athletics Carnival. I don’t have the final figures as yet but it certainly was a worthwhile day.
- The P&C will give the two Kindies a scarf and beanie now the weather is cooler. The older children received theirs last year.
- The P&C has supported Mr Copland with the purchase of sunglasses for our Dalton school children. The sunnies have now arrived and are getting plenty of use.
- Keep your eyes peeled at the intersection in town for the new school noticeboard coming soon.

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Goulburn Conservatorium of Music
This semester we have scheduled a Partner Schools Concert on Saturday 21st June at 2pm. Could you please add this date to your school calendars and newsletters?

This concert is just for those students learning music in our Partner Schools, to offer them an extra performance opportunity just for them and to showcase the wonderful work that is happening in partnership with our regional schools and the fabulous staff who work in them.

In the past, we have had individuals, classes and small groups perform. We have even had a staff performance item, and there will be the opportunity to take part in one again!

I will be in touch again over the next few weeks with further details about the staff item and a note for your students to take home.
Keva

The Gunning Peter Morton Academy of Self Defence
Lessons are commencing this Thursday 30th April at the school hall in Gunning. Times are Juniors (primary school age 5-12yrs) starting at 5:30pm – 6:30pm and seniors (everyone else) running from 6:45pm – 8:30pm every Thursday. Class prices will also remain at $5 a session with discounts for families.