Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday I attended the District Cross Country at Bowraville and worked with staff from other schools. I would like to congratulate Owen Rushton and all the staff from Bowraville Central School who were responsible for making the cross country a huge success. It was fantastic! I would also like to congratulate all our students who participated and wish the students who made it to the next level all the best.

Four students from the senior class attended the Grip Leadership Conference at Coffs Harbour last week. Ms Tonya Worling, Mrs Gillian Stuart and David Hall led students from schools in the valley in the art of student leadership. It is always a rewarding experience for our students to spend time with other student leaders. Thank you to Stuarts Point School for organising the event.

NAPLAN assessments will commence tomorrow morning and continue through to Thursday this week for students in years 3 & 5. Please make sure your child is at school bright and early. All the very best for students sitting the assessments.

Our first assembly for Term 2 will be held this Friday 15th May at 9.00am. All welcome!

Please find attached an upcoming events calendar for Term 2 for your convenience.
**MATHS TEXT BOOKS**

Maths Text books have been purchased for all students K-6. The cost of these books is $15.00 per student. Attached to this newsletter is an envelope for your payments. Please return to school as soon as possible. If you require student assistance please contact the school office for an application form to be sent home.

**ARRIVALS / DEPARTURES**

Late arrivals / early departures:

There is a new sign in/out book at the office. If your child is late for school, or has to leave early, it is a legal requirement that you provide a written note or, sign them in using this book. Please note this book is a legal document requiring the correct date, time, reason and the signature of a parent or caregiver. Please ask the office staff if you have any concerns.

**SPORT**

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY at BOWRAVILLE**:

The following students represented our school at the cross country last Friday.

Blake Schmidt, Yamaan Seccombe, Reece Bishop, Brody Skinner, Quinn Cooper, Taya Rouse, Maya Lamb, Eva Delimihalis, Derek Hall, Jesse Falzon, Joeli Bula-Tiko, Charlotte Cooper, Aleesha Davis, Amber Pritchard, Brendyn Gaymer. Well done everyone for your participation!

Brody, Quinn, Maya and Aleesha will now progress to the Zone carnival on 22nd May.

**GRIP leadership Camp**

On 7/5/2015 Ruby Falzon, Zoe Delimahalis, Paige Shanahan and Harry Howden, went to the GRIP Leadership Camp in Coffs Harbour. We arrived at Macksville Caltex at 7:55am. When we arrived, we got our names called out, and put our bags on the bus. It took 45 minutes for the bus to arrive at the Coffs Harbour race course.

We went inside and the conference started. We learnt about planning events, when and where to step up and be a leader. Harry went on stage and attempted to juggle, and Paige showed us some dance moves. At 2:35pm we left for the Coffs Harbour Adventure centre, found our rooms, then got back on the bus, and went to Mutton Bird Island.

The next morning, we had breakfast and went to the giant swing. The giant swing was 10m tall posts with ropes running across it.

After that we had lunch and went to archery. We then got on the bus and went home!

The GRIP Leadership camp was a lot of fun and we all enjoyed it.

Ruby & Harry.
Thank you to all families who donated gifts for the Mother’s Day Stall. We raised $175.00.

The monthly P&C meeting will be held tomorrow at school at 3.10pm. Please come along and join us.

CAIENTE:
At this stage no-one has come forward to volunteer to work in our canteen. The canteen only opens one day per week, (usually a Friday). Until we have volunteers to work in the canteen it cannot open.
Please phone the school office if you are able to assist or would like some further information. It would be great to have enough helpers so we can spread the roster around.
Thank you
Raylene Styles – Canteen Manager.