Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

I would normally write my contribution to the newsletter on Wednesday morning before publication, however as I will be at a Monaro Education Meeting (all the schools on the Monaro) I am writing it on Tuesday. This group will be discussing many issues but high on the agenda will be the National Curriculum. 2014 sees the introduction of English and possibly Maths syllabuses. We will be holding a number of staff training days to ensure that we have a firm grasp on this new and exciting era. This meeting will further explore the impact on our teaching and provide a network of support with the schools in our area.

Driving to work this morning I waved to a number of students who were heading off to the Snowy Mountains District Swimming Carnival, I hope they had a successful meet and as expected show great sportsmanship. Thanks Mrs Moreing for supervising and organising the Bombala aspect of the program.

Medication at school can be a problem…. If you are sending your child with any medication at all - including headache tablets, please make sure you bring these up to the office. Students cannot have any medication in their bag or take control of the administration. Many issues can arise from this, such as other children taking the medication not designed for them or being stolen from their bags. Please give instruction to the office on how and when medication is to be taken. We are not entitled to give any child a “headache” tablet without express written permission. There should be some excitement on Thursday with the Canberra Raiders coming to the school, this always proves to be a great day.

The school assembly last week was fantastic. The class items were simply wonderful. The theme of water was really good and the staff and students truly captured this concept. It was great to see so many mum, dads and others to the assembly. Our next assembly will be Friday 1st March, again in the High School Canteen.

I have had, over the last few weeks, a number of parent interviews that have been initiated by parents and also by me and we have had the opportunity to touch base about concerns that we have had. These are highly productive and useful meetings. Please don’t hesitate to contact me directly or through the office to organise a time to meet.

Have a great week and relaxing weekend - once it arrives.

Adam Zanco
**Upcoming Events**

- **Canberra Raiders Visit**
  21st February

- **Yrs3-6 Sport Swimming**
  Friday 22nd

- **Cricket Gala Day**
  Yrs4/5/6
  Tues 26th Feb

**Reminders**

- **Thursday Canteen Special**
  Party Pack $3.50

**Quiz Question**

What is the difference between a meteor and meteorite?

**This Week’s Quote**

“To be wronged is nothing unless you remember it” — Confucius

**Word of the Week**

**syzygy, n:** the nearly straight-line configuration of three celestial bodies (as the sun, moon, and earth during a solar or lunar eclipse) in a gravitational system, pronounced syz-y-gy. It is the only word in the English language with 3 y’s.

**Student Representative Council**

Congratulations to the newly elected SRC

Back Row: Bree Brownlie, Sam Power, Jess Feilen, and Liam Sutton

Front Row: Brady Jones, Annie Green, Bradley Lunn and Sarah Moreing

**Answer:** Meteoroids range in size from a speck of dust to a chunk about 100 meters in diameter, though most are smaller than a pebble. When a meteoroid enters the atmosphere, it becomes a meteor. The light that it gives off when heated by friction with the atmosphere is also called a meteor. If the rock is not obliterated by the friction and lands on the ground, it is called a meteorite. and pyrite.

**Clean Up Australia**

Again, this year, Bombala Public School will be participating in the Clean Up Australia Program for Schools on Friday, 1st March, 2013.

We ask that you provide a pair of protective gloves and perhaps a bag for collecting litter.

Thanks in anticipation

Anne Roberts
SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to all the Team and a Special Mention to:-

Larissa Ponsford: 1st Butterfly and 2nd Breaststroke
Bridget Lunn: 2nd Breaststroke and 2nd Butterfly
Zara Badewitz: 3rd Freestyle
Jess Feilen: 1st Backstroke, 1st Butterfly and 3rd Breaststroke
Stephanie Lunn: 2nd Junior Indivual Medley
Junior Girls: 2nd in Relay (Dakota Miles, Larissa Ponsford, Zali Lavender and Stephanie Lunn)

Thank you Mrs Moreing, our Team Manager and to accompanying parents and supporters. Thanks also to Wendy Hampshire for photos

Gotcha Award

Winner for Term 1 Week 3

Lane Stevenson

Well done!
Bombala & District Schoolboys & Netball
Gala and Registration Day
Saturday 23rd February
Bombala Exhibition Ground 11am-2pm

Come and have some fun on Saturday 23rd February at the Bombala Exhibition Ground 11am-2pm

Giant Slide, Sausage Sizzle & Slushies provided. Of course there will be plenty of sporting activities. Registrations for both clubs will be accepted on the day. Ages offering for Football are 7-16yrs, Netball are Net Set Go, 5yrs-Opens also Opens can nominate a female team of their own. Netball is hopeful to start early April. Bibbenluke Carnival (Schoolboys football only) will be held Saturday 23rd March. A meeting will be held on Monday 18th February 7.30pm at the Bombala RSL Club. All parents welcome. Please contact David Bruce on 64583205 or Sue Morgan on 64583267 for any more information.

So come and join in and be a team player!
For Further information please contact David Bruce on 64583205 or Sue Morgan 64583267

Bombala Basketball Assoc.
The Bombala Basketball Assoc is calling for names for our next competitions. Junior Miniball is for K-Yr3 and is played on Wednesday afternoons. Senior Miniball is for Yrs 4-6 and is played on Monday afternoons. Any child who would like to play please give your name to Carol or Terry Ingram at Bombala Fabrics, Furnishings & Technology by Friday 1/3/13. The competitions are to start 11/3/13. Any parents who are willing to coach or referee please contact Carol. If there are insufficient names to make 4 Junior teams then the Juniors will also play on Mondays. We are also calling for names for a Yrs 7-9 comp. Men only comp and a Ladies only comp.
Carol Ingram
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Looking For Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au

Message to parents of Catholic Children
The Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion will be celebrated in St Mary’s parish at the end of Term 1 and Term 2. Children in Years 3 and upwards are eligible to participate. If you wish your child/children to receive these sacraments, please contact Sr Teresa (64583045) and arrangements will be made for preparing the children.