Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

What a great day we had at Delegate on Monday. The weather was perfect for running - maybe not so perfect for those in the marking tent (it can get quite cool away from the sun). Congratulations to all our students who competed on the day, we had some great results. We had some records broken and also a great rate of participation from all our students. Next week we will be travelling to Nimmitabel to compete at the next level of the cross country. I believe we will be sending around 45 students to this level. Good luck and run well.

Each year the Department of Education and Communities requires each school to complete our Annual School Report. This document talks about our success and achievements throughout 2012. It mentions targets that we had set for 2011 and our level of attainment, as well as what targets we have set for 2013. If anyone would like a copy of the report please call into the office and we will print one for you.

The staff and I had a very successful day yesterday, investigating and working with the new national curriculum. We had all the teachers, including support staff, engaged in understanding the learner of the 21st century. This will lead to further developments and plans over the next 6 months so as to ensure the new syllabus' will be introduced smoothly throughout the school. 2014 will see the introduction of English and Maths, 2015 will see Science and Technology and finally History in 2016. This is a very exciting time in education as this will be the culmination of many years work for all states and territories agreeing on a consistent teaching and learning platform. Good luck tomorrow to all the girls heading to Queanbeyan to compete in the netball Gala Day. Thanks to Mrs Moreing for accompanying the team. We wish you all the success.

On Friday Mr Arthur Conlon will be visiting the school. Mr Conlon is an accomplished artist who will be working with our students. He will be selling artwork on the day. This will range from $5.00 bookmarks to artworks starting from $30 up to $350.00. Please come up to the school if you wish to have a look at his collection and perhaps purchase something.

Adam Zanco
**Upcoming Events**

- **Netball Gala Day**
  Queanbeyan
  Thursday 21st March

- **Aboriginal Artist**
  Friday 22nd March

- **Young Leaders’ Conference**
  25-26th March

**Reminders**

- Quiz Question: Do you know the meaning of the ‘Ides of March’?

**Thursday Canteen Special**

- 6 Chicken Nuggets
- $3.50

**Word of the Week**

*Capricious, adj:* characterized by or subject to whim; impulsive and unpredictable. Likely to change frequently, suddenly or unexpectedly

**Young Leaders Conference—Sydney**

**Monday 25th March**

Six Year 6 students from our school and a band of accompanying parents will head to Sydney next week to attend the Young Leaders’ Conference at Darling Harbour.

The aim of the conference include:

- Inspire students to make a positive contribution to their school
- Motivate students to be great leaders in their area of influence
- Empower students with practical skills of balancing study, school commitments and social life as well as managing stress in these areas
- Promote the value of inspirational and positive role models as examples to others, by exposing students to a diverse range of leaders and their views on leadership
- Educate students about the need to grow knowledge and practical skills in the areas of excellence and leadership
- Connect students with other students from other schools and develop long term networks.

We wish our students and parents safe travelling and feel sure that our Year 6 students will return to us enthused and inspired.

**Young Leaders:**
- Bronson Sutton, Sam Power, Jordan Rosten, Jess Feilen, Kallan Lavender and Storm Worley

**Bombala Show**

Congratulations to all children who made an entry to the Bombala Show. The art, completed at school, made an impressive display. We take special pride in the fact that the school garden gained first prizes for zucchini and cucumber and a second for our yellow cherry tomatoes.

Answer: The *Ides of March* is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to March 15. It was marked by several religious observances, and became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 BC.
Bombala Public Performs Well At The District Cross Country in 2013

Last Monday the 18\textsuperscript{th} of March saw all the children in the district primary schools converge on the Delegate Country Club Golf course to run in their annual Cross Country Carnival. The 8s, 9s and 10s ran over the 2 km course and the 11s and 12s ran over the 3km course. The weather was ideal for running being fine but cool and some outstanding runs were recorded with two records being broken. Hannah Feilen broke the 8/9 years girls record and Larissa Ponsford the 10 years girls record. Both girls have trained very hard both at school and particularly in their own time to gain these results. It was extremely pleasing to witness the high participation rate among our students and this along with their over-all excellent performances meant that Bombala Public School once again came away with the overall shield. So congratulations to all students on their efforts.

The first place getters are as follows:
8/9 Boys - Bradley Lunn
8/9 Girls - Hannah Feilen - fastest junior girl
10 Boys - Paddy Brownlie - fastest junior boy
10 Girls - Larissa Ponsford
11 Boys - Brady Jones
11 Girls - Felicity Boreham
12 Boys - Jordan Rosten - fastest senior boy
12 Girls - Bridget Lunn - fastest senior girl

The day concluded with some good old fashioned captain and tunnel ball games being enjoyed by all students.
Bombala Public will take approximately 47 runners to the next level at Nimmitabel next Wednesday the 27\textsuperscript{th} of March and we wish them all the best of luck, particularly on ‘Heartbreak Hill’.
Special thanks to Miss Ingram for running with the children during training as well as joining in with several runners to encourage them along the way. They really appreciated this.
Also once again thank you to all our wonderful supporters who came along to cheer the children on and also to help with manning the checkpoints. This is often a job that means missing out on seeing their children finish but is essential to the staging of the event and is greatly appreciated by all involved.
Finally a huge thank you to Mrs Carol Sellars, her fantastic band of Delegate helpers and the Delegate Country Club who all worked so hard to ensure the course was perfect and all were extremely well fed.

Arthur Conlon—Aboriginal Artist

Arthur will be selling artwork next week when he visits. Prices range from $30-$350.
Students can buy bookmarks for $5

Reminder: Please bring in notes & money for this very worthwhile event
Gotcha Award

Winner for Term 1 Week 7 is
William Hepburn
Well done!

Year 5 Cooba Excursion

Twelve Year 5 students, accompanied by Mr Zanco and Mrs Crawford returned from Cooba Sport & Recreation Camp tired but exhilarated after three days of intensive fun and adventure. Cooba Camp is designed to build a team ethos and to extend children to take calculated risks and overcome their fears. Our children rode the flying fox, drover buggies (Mrs Crawford and Mr Zanco did too) completed the low ropes course and became gladiators on the challenging gladiator course. They also worked in teams to construct a catapult, solve problems (some blindfolded) and manoeuvred themselves around the camp site with the aid of walkie-talkies and home base. As usual, the children were well behaved and co-operative. They assisted each other to complete complicated tasks as a team. We are very proud of the efforts of all.

Rowan Kennew

Girl Power

Brieanna Hepburn on starter’s flag

Rowan Keavey

Brady Jones gets a swinging start

Mrs Crawford “suiting up”