Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

I hope everyone has had a lovely Easter break. Catching up with family and friends can be such a fun time or even just enjoy doing your own thing can also be very refreshing. I know it has been a very busy time on the roads with lots of traffic about. We take very seriously the need to educate our students on road and bike safety. So on the last day of school this term we will be hosting our second “Bike and Bus Safety Day”. We will be running a number of programs during the day; short bike course, long bike course, bike maintenance, bus safety, specialist speakers and police personnel. The students are invited to bring their bikes on the day, but please remember that they need to bring their helmets as well. This will be a plain clothes day with a gold coin donation. We will also have a sausage sizzle for lunch so the students will only need to bring their morning tea and their drink bottle. If any parents would like to help out with the BBQ please let us know. This will be a fantastic day.

Thursday 11th April (second last day of term) we are still going ahead with the “Nitbusters” program. So far we have 36% of the students who returned their permission notes. The responses from the classes are as follows: Kindy – 10, Yr1 – 6, Yr 2/3 – 10, Yr 3/4 – 8 and Yr 5/6 – 9. If you wish to have your child participate in this program we need to have a permission note. If you have misplaced your note please let us know and we will send home another one. I have had 6 parents who have volunteered to help on the day. Thank you to everyone for your help on this initiative.

On Friday we are holding our last K-6 assembly for the term. There will be the usual award presentations and the item this week will be by Year 3/4 and Kindergarten. We look forward to seeing our parents, family and community members on Friday (5th April in the High School canteen at 12:30pm).

At the beginning of every term except Term 4 the Department of Education and Communities provides teachers with a staff development day for professional learning and planning. In Term 2 we have been provided with two days of staff development, Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April. These two days have been dedicated to further development and planning for the introduction of the Australian Curriculum. We will be running the first day in Bombala for our Community of Schools - focusing on both the Maths and English Syllabus. The second day we will all be travelling to Cooma to join forces with all the schools in our Education Group to write the scope and sequences for the syllabus. Next year we will be introducing English and Maths into our teaching programs. This is a very exciting time for education and we are making sure we are ready for this monumental occasion. Students will return to school on Wednesday 1 May.

Have a great week.

Adam Zanco
**Upcoming Events**

**Reminders**

- **Friday April 5th**
  - Assembly
  - Year 3/4 & Kindy

- **School Holidays**  
  15th – 30th April
  Students back to school May 1st

- **ANZAC Day** March 25th

**Quiz Question**

How many countries are larger than Australia?

**Word of the Week**

*Epoch, n:* a particular period of time marked by distinctive features, events: The treaty ushered in an epoch of peace and good will.

**Successful Day at Nimmitabel Cross Country**

Last Wednesday the 27th March, Miss Ingram and I took a great team of children to the District Cross Country at Nimmitabel. We were accompanied by a fantastic band of supporters who cheered on all our competitors as they battled with the very warm conditions and the testing course. Thank you to these supporters for their enthusiasm and transporting the children. A very special thank you Sid Ponsford, Tanja Ponsford, Liz Feilen and Maree Ingram who manned the two checkpoints we were allocated, thus helping to ensure the smooth running of the day.

All children certainly put in their best performances on the day and as a result of their great efforts Bombala Public ran third in the overall placing, a fine effort.

Six children put in outstanding performances and as a result will now represent the District and our school in the Regional Carnival at Nowra on Friday the 31st of May.

These children are: Hannah Feilen 1st 8/9 girls; Larissa Ponsford 1st 10yr girls; Shauna Keavey 5th 10yr girls; Bridget Lunn 2nd 12yr girls; Jessica Feilen 5th 12yr girls; Jordan Rosten 3rd 12 yr boys.

Congratulations to all the children, but particularly to those going on to the next level and we wish them the best of luck in May.

Jenni Moreing

**THIS WEEK’S QUOTE**

“Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.” ~ Dan Marquis

**Thursday Canteen Special**

Pizza

$3.00

**Football**

Training will be Thursday at 5.30pm this week.

Reminder for Working Bees at 5pm at Bibbenluke on Wednesday and from 3pm on Friday. Also URGENT MEETING 7pm at the RSL Wednesday night.
Gotcha Award

Winner for Term 1 Week 9
is
Lane Stevenson
Well done!

Young Leaders Report - by Bronson Sutton

On the 25th of March I went to Sydney with 4 other students from Bombala PS for the National Young Leaders Conference. It was held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. There were 5 speakers:

Mike Martin who spoke about Anne Frank and how you can be what you want to be no matter how hard it is,

Creel Price who spoke about how he had 8 businesses before he left school and how anyone can be an entrepreneur,

Brett Lee who spoke about what he did in the QLD police and then went on to be in the FBI, be a detective and train police in Iraq,

Jess Fox who spoke about how hard she had to train to be the youngest Australian to compete in the Olympic Games in 2012 and how she managed to juggle Yr. 12 exams and training. She went on to become dux of the school and get a silver medal in white water kayaking,

Nathan Hindmarsh who was the best, spoke about how he was captain of the Parramatta Eels, how hard training was and his life as a professional footballer. It was very interesting and exciting to hear what all the speakers had to say. I enjoyed it.

EASTER ACTIVITY DAY

What a terrific day we all had last Thursday, at the Easter activity day. For the first time our newly trained Peer Support Leaders guided and supported their group as they rotated through a range of activities. We thoroughly enjoyed the hot cross buns provided by the P&C. We were happy to welcome children from the preschool and day-care centre to participate in the Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt (another thank you to the P&C for the eggs). As usual the children behaved excellently and had a great day.

PRE-SERVICE TEACHER

Welcome to Miss Stephanie Williams who is in our school working with Mrs Roberts and Year 1. Miss Williams is studying at Charles Sturt University. We hope she finds her stay with us useful in her development as a teacher.

REMINDERS

Nitbuster Note
Please return Parent Consent and Parent Volunteer forms for the Nitbusters Program as soon as possible please.

Bookclub
Any orders for Bookclub will need to be at the office by Thursday (tomorrow) with payment please.
Apologies: R Badewitz, D Worley, A Zanco, N Spoljaric

Time: 7:05 pm

Minutes of previous minutes: accepted as a true and correct record:
Tara Rangi moved: Tamzine Barker

Treasurers report:
4687.39 balance
Some cheques to be drawn however waiting to change signatories at bank

Principals report:
Adam at planning day re new curriculum implementation
Thanks for hanging artworks at show
10th may athletics carnival catering
Easter day great success
Anzac day in holidays but staff available to march with students- note in newsletter
Thanks for volunteers for nit-busters day
Mrs Crawford on Long Service leave till end of term
Naplan- persuasive writing as a focus again

Business Arising:
Thanks to P and C and specifically helpers Tara and Dawn for all Easter activity contributions (Hot Cross Buns etc)
Pre-School and Day children loved the opportunity to play on equipment
Thanks to Tara and Chook for hanging show display, thanks to Anne for taking it down
$250 kindy hats
$1000 garden
$1000 principles discretion
$1000 excursion fund
Street stall $1057.20 profit
Kitchen cups mentioned at staff meeting
Mention in newsletter about donating points at Foodworks which they will match, to help fund breakfast fund
Emma to organise
Cheryl to look up toaster grant
Thanks to Kirsty for organising street stall roster, thanks for all donations
Thanks to Bakery for donations of bread for Breakfast program

General Business:
Athletics catering- Chook, Tina, Tara, Cheryl to organise
Athletics ad in newsletter we need help – Emma to do
Raelene working on alternate wood supply for wood sale TBA
Catering jobs- 13/14th April- 2 days catering for working dog trial at spoljarics- morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea both days
-Bombala Info Center tues 23rd april –lunch
150 yrs BPS celebration- colonial day tentatively set Fri 13th Sept- Raelene to investigate prices for keepsakes for children
Mother’s day keepsakes to be made in class- teachers to decide approx. $5 per student- P and C subsidise

Meeting Closed: 7:55pm

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CATERING

The P&C will once again be catering for the athletics carnival which this year will be held in early May. We will need volunteers to set up for the day, volunteers to man the barbecue and donations of food. Keep an eye out for further information in upcoming newsletters

DON’T FORGET!!!!!

You can donate your shopping loyalty points at Foodworks to Bombala Public School and your donation will be matched by Foodworks. These points are used to provide the fruit juice for our highly successful breakfast program.