Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

This week we celebrate many special events locally, nationally and internationally. These events include Grandparents Day (26th October), National Children’s Week (22-30th October) and World Teacher’s Day (30th October). Before elaborating on these events I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those students who participated in excursions last week and were outstanding ambassadors for our school. I felt very privileged to participate in the Year 3/4 overnight excursion to Canberra. These students made me feel very proud to be their Principal – they displayed and used excellent manners, were respectful of others and the venues we visited; and wore our school uniform with pride. Well done to all of our students – we are proud of you all for being positive representatives of our school and community.

Grandparents Day

On Monday we celebrated Grandparents Day with a morning of singing followed by a yummy cupcake and a cuppa. We were delighted to entertain our special visitors from the Contact Group, Currawarna and the Bombala Hospital Nursing Home. During the morning the ‘Grandies’ joined in singing, clapping and tapping to some old favourites along with a few slightly out of tune improvisations. Afterwards Grandparents, Parents, Students and Staff from Bombala Primary and Bombala High Schools enjoyed some yummy cupcakes made and decorated by Glad Hurley. We would like to thank everyone who assisted in the organisation of the morning—those who set up and cleaned up, our school leaders who welcomed and served the adults, and those who assisted in transporting the ‘Grandies’ to and from the school.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 4
- 28th October: Kinder Orientation
- 30th October: P&C Street Stall
- 30th October: Assembly K/1, 3/4 Band

Week 5
- 2nd - 6th November: Book Fair
- 3rd November: Snowy River March
- 4th November: Kinder Orientation Yrs 5 & 6 In2Uni
- 5th November: Bike & Road Safety Day
- 6th November: Yr 6 High School Visit Band

Week 6
- 11th November: Remembrance Day Kinder Orientation
- 12th November: Yr 6 Orientation Day
- 13th November: Assembly 1/2, 5/6 Band
National Children’s Week

Children’s Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia during the fourth week of October. In 1996 it was decided to adopt a permanent theme: ‘A Caring World Shares’ as a reflection of Children’s Week aims. Children’s Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. During the week we hope everyone takes time to look at the incredible skills, talents and uniqueness of each child and the special joys they bring to our lives.

World Teacher’s Day

This Friday we celebrate the 21st anniversary of World Teacher’s Day, inaugurated on 5th October 1994 by the United Nation’s Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Internationally it is an important day to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society. There are many challenges and rewards in engaging and supporting students, and teachers today require a combination of valued skills, including quality teaching, management, collaboration, insight, creativity and understanding.

This week I extend to my colleagues in Public Education my respect and appreciation for all you do for our students.

Kindy Orientation Program

Today we welcomed our 2016 Kindies to school for their first orientation visit. They enjoyed a great session of various activities including drawing, writing and games. These visits will continue over the next six weeks. During this time I will conduct parent interviews for each child to help us develop a profile of their likes, dislikes and other interesting information. These interviews will also provide parents with an opportunity to ask any questions or queries they may have.

School Band Program

The Band program with Mrs Olding will continue for five weeks this term commencing this Friday 30th October. Therefore the cost for the Band Program this term will be $50.00. This cost needs to be paid for ASAP.

School Assembly

Our whole school assembly is on this Friday 30th October at 12.30. K/1 and 3 /4 will be performing at this assembly. Come and join us to celebrate the achievement of our students.

Until next week

Kind regards

Jo

Reminder

All band students please bring your instruments this Friday 30th October

Kids Club

At St Matthias Church Friday 6th November. 3.30pm til 5.15pm.
Games. Afternoon Tea, Bible Stories and Craft.
For children of Infant and Primary age.
All welcome to attend
Cost: $2.00
Rev’d Robert Lindbeck.

Celebrating Gonski at Bombala Public School

National Gonski Week celebrates the agreement between the Federal and NSW governments to commit adequate funding to our public schools. Instigated by the Gonski Review the first funds were delivered to schools in 2014. One year later we are celebrating the good things this funding has allowed us to do for our students in our public schools. Gonski funds have enabled us to run the dedicated Intensive Literacy and Numeracy class and contributed to staff training in specialised Literacy programs. Gonski funding values and supports the work of public schools in providing a high quality education for all students regardless of circumstance, background and need and was celebrated by our school community with a cake shared with our families on Grandparents Day.
Our Yr 6 children, along with a couple from St. Joseph’s Primary, have just returned from the annual Melbourne Excursion. The happy band of 21 children and 4 adults departed on Monday 19th October bound for Urban Camp, Royal Park, Melbourne. It was a busy time, tiring, educational and filled with fun and good times. The children were responsible, considerate, courteous, very sociable, and attentive to all the guides. Total strangers stopped in the street or on public transport to comment on our students’ good manners and sensible behaviour.

We visited the Zoo, Old Melbourne Gaol, MCG, Sovereign Hill, Seeing Eye Dogs, Aquarium, Victorian Gallery, had a River Cruise, jumped at Bounce, swam at the Aquatic Centre and 10 Pin bowled – what a week.

The children were accompanied by Miss Fran Austin, Mr Paul Bennett, Mrs Bobbie-Lee Camm and myself. We returned last Friday – tired and happy to be home.
Gotcha Award
Winner for Term 4 Week 4
is
Zara Badewitz

Year Five Canberra Trip
Year 5 had an interesting day trip to Canberra on Wednesday. We spent the morning session at the Australian Electoral Commission Education Centre, based at Old Parliament House. Children learnt about the Commonwealth Electoral process and held a mock election to gain a deeper understanding of the electoral process.
The National Botanic Gardens was our next venue. We ate lunch there and the participated in a program where children learnt about how the Aboriginal people used plants in their everyday lives.
The children enjoyed the programs at both venues and would have enjoyed an even longer program at either place.
Many thanks to Mr. Lavender and Mr. Braden who drove the buses for us. The children were excellently behaved and a credit to themselves.

Canberra Report
On Wednesday 21 October Year 5 went on an excursion to Canberra. The lucky year 5’s woke up early and hopped on the buses.
They went to the park to have morning tea. The swans wanted some of our food even though we’re not allowed to feed them.
The class went to Old Parliament House where we learned about elections.
We went to the Botanic Gardens where we learned about flowers, trees and what aboriginals used to eat and build with.
The two buses travelled safely back to Bombala, then I saw my mum. I went home. I enjoyed my day at Canberra.

Marshall Parkes Year 5
Year 3/4 Excursion - Canberra
## Kindergarten Orientation

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STOP PRESS!

Each afternoon our students are walked to the bottom gates to be picked up. From here some children are escorted, along with their parents across the street. Some children are picked up at the gates and the remaining children are escorted by a teacher to their waiting buses. During the past few weeks it has been frightening to see some parents calling their children from the pick up point outside the gates to the car park located near the school office. This has the potential to see a child injured or worse, even killed. Some parents double park in this area and our students run head long without looking where they are going. For safety all children must be picked up from the gate by a parent or carer. Children will not be allowed to run/walk on their own to the top car park area.

Susie Sarah – Author Visit

This Friday the local Australian author Susie Sarah will visit our school.

She will read to the classes from some of her new stories for children. Susie writes about country life and experiences that resonate with country children.

Susie will be at ‘Robbos Inside to Out’, selling and signing her books between 9.00am and 12.00 midday. Her books would make a great Christmas gift.

P&C Street Stall — REMINDER

Just a quick reminder that we have our street stall on this Friday and we still need donations for the class hampers. When you donate to the class hampers you will receive five (5) free raffle tickets in the schools giant television raffle which will be drawn later this term.

K/1 - Bathroom  1/2 - Gardening  2/3 - Pamper
3/4 - The Shed  5 - Stationery  5/6 - Kitchen

We will also need donations of cakes, slices etc and any saleable items. These can be left at the stall on the day or at school.

Netball AGM

The Bombala District Netball Club AGM will be held on Thursday the 5th of November at 7.30pm at the RSL Club, all are invited and encouraged to attend. This will be a dinner meeting.

Bombala Swimming Club AGM

Will be held
Wednesday November 4
4.30 – 5.30
In the conference room at Bombala Hospital.
This meeting is to elect the committee for coming year
AND
to plan for this season

All welcome