Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

At this time of the year there doesn’t seem to be enough time to do all the things that need to be done. During the past few weeks I have felt very privileged to receive emails from several sources. These emails have highlighted the exemplary behaviour of our students on excursions, their beautiful manners and cooperative spirit. We should all be proud of our students as they present themselves as outstanding ambassadors for our school and community.

Each term the DaBBs Principals meet to discuss current events, upcoming events and plan for future activities. These meetings have occurred for the past twelve years and have resulted in many joint activity days to promote student learning across the district. Sadly over the last few years our student numbers have declined due to a myriad of reasons. For many years the DaBBs Principals have discussed the Year 6 transition to Melbourne excursion. To dispel some of the rumours currently circulating in the community I would like to share the following: Next year the annual Year 6 Transition Excursion to Melbourne will revert to only being available for Year 6 students enrolled in Bombala District Public Schools. This decision has not been made lightly and is not due to any other reason than the excursion is for those children transitioning to Bombala High School. Retrospectively I would like to share how this excursion came to be. In earlier years, all of the schools (Ando, Bibbenluke, Delegate and all the Bombala Schools) were a part of the Country Areas Program (CAP). As a community group of schools it was decided to use CAP equity funding to support a Year 6 excursion to Melbourne. This continued for many years and was very successful for all involved. When this CAP funding ceased a few years ago, Bombala High School came on board and supported the continuation of the excursion to promote the transition process from Year Six to Year Seven by releasing a staff member from classes to accompany the primary students and teachers. The decision to retain the Year 6 Melbourne Transition excursion as a Community of Schools Program has been discussed at meetings since 2012, as the number of students transitioning to Bombala High School has declined. As the DaBBS Principal group we have decided that the Year 6 Melbourne Transition Excursion will revert to being an excursion for those students enrolled in Public Schools in the Bombala District.

Toilet Upgrade

Finally the promised toilet upgrade is underway. Both the boys and girls toilets are being refitted and painted. The work commenced on Monday and will be complete by the beginning of school in January. Special arrangements have been made to accommodate student toileting needs. As the bubblers are out of action please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school. We have made available a large container of water from which children can fill their bottles as they empty them.

School Swimming

Many excited children have headed off to the pool this week to undertake learn to swim classes. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for swimming and in which to return to school. Please also remember to send along a plastic bag to place wet clothes into.

Return of Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all those parents who have already returned their Parent Questionnaire. Remember when these are returned you will receive five (5) free tickets in the Television Raffle to be drawn Tuesday 15th December. We would appreciate the return of these questionnaires by Friday 4th December.
**‘Word of the Week’**

*Slugabed:*  
a lazy person who stays in bed long after the usual time for arising.

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**Quiz Question**

How many countries are larger than Australia?

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**THIS WEEK’S QUOTE**

‘We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.’

*Stacia Tauscher*

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**Thursday Canteen**

**Special**

Mini hotdogs and curly fries  
$3.00

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**Gotcha Award**

Winner for Term 4 Week 8  
J’s  
Lucy-Claire Kember  
Well done!

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**Christmas Carols**

On Saturday 28th November we have been invited, as a school group, to sing Christmas Carols at the Carols by Candlelight to be held at the Showground after the Relay for Life. Our students have enjoyed the community sessions held throughout the year and it would be wonderful if we could share our enthusiasm and voices in this celebration. Students will need to be present at the showground near the stage (a semi-trailer) by 7.00pm. Sherri and I will organise the group prior to the performance. The performance will only last approximately fifteen minutes as several other groups are also performing on the night. Thank you to all those people who have already returned their notes.

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**Year 5 Fundraising Activities**

Thank you to everyone in our school community for your support in ensuring a very successful street stall last Friday. This was the first fundraising venture for our Year 5 students heading off to Melbourne in 2016.

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**Assembly**

Our whole school assembly is on this Friday 27th November at 12.30. Year 2/3 and Year 5 will be performing at this assembly. Come and join us to celebrate the achievement of our students.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Closes this Friday 27 November

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**Young Leaders’ Conference Sydney 2016**

Some interest has been shown by parents and Yr 5 children for this conference in 2016. If any other Yr 5 children are interested in attending, the closing date of last Friday - for Early Bird tickets - has been extended to this Friday 27th November.

Please notify the office or myself if you would now like to attend. A parent has offered transport for 2 children if needed.
HELP! HELP! HELP!

Is there no one brave enough to tackle the Milk Shake stall at this year's fete???? Please, Yr 6 really need an adult or two or three to take over the organisation and running of this very popular stall. If you can help please see Mrs Crawford ASAP.

Bombala High School Arrangements for 2016

At this point of time, with steadily falling numbers at Bombala High School, the Department of Education plan to start speaking with the community early next year about educational provisions in Bombala.

Until there is some clarity about the direction the Department will take, the Principal position at Bombala High School will be placed on hold. This will mean that Glen Warren will remain in the Relieving Principal role during 2016.

Matthew Brown (Director, Public Schools NSW) is looking forward to hearing the views of the local community in regards to education in Bombala early in the new school year.
Heidi’s Rodeo Circus

Heidi and her Rodeo Circus arrived at our school last Thursday afternoon for an amazing presentation. Heidi’s message was that we should always try and that winning is not necessarily all that is to be gained by doing our best. Heidi was a skilled juggler and performed some amazing tricks with hula hoops. Incorporated a shadow puppet interlude as well as plenty of audience participation. What a great show!!
Year 6 FETE

Kamryn/Indi/Aleasha - nail painting
- Coloured hair
- Snake stretching
- Raffle photo

Elsie/ Amber - nerf wars  Sarah (assisted by Jess & Briony) - henna tattoos

Face Painting - Ponsford family  Dakota - Guess the baby

Mel - Jelly cups /toffee/cupcakes  (Bonjour Patisserie)

David/Finn/Paddy - sock wrestling  Year 5 White Elephant Stall
- jelly bean count

Danni/Shauna (assisted by Zali) - bungie stretch  Jarvan - Chocolate Wheel

Portia/Hannah (assisted by Zara) - knock em down
- smarty count
Kinder/Year 1 Excursion - Potoroo Palace

On Friday 20th November K/1 from Bombala Public School travelled down the coast for their excursion to Potoroo Palace. Upon arrival we were joined by Mrs Woody and had our morning tea, after which it was time to meet some of the animals. Our ranger, Warren, gave the children informative talks about wombats, potoroos, ring tail possums and echidnas. Then it was off to meet Olivia the Olive Python who measures over three metres long. The children took turns patting Olivia who seemed to be enjoying all the attention. After our snake experience it was time to wander around the park and check out all the other residents. The kangaroos and emus were eager to make our acquaintance. We were even lucky enough to see a couple of spotted quolls and a pure dingo as well as a koala.

After lunch, the children enjoyed purchasing a small momento of their visit and since they had been such a fantastic group of children it was decided we should have a quick treat at McDonalds in Merimbula. Mr Ingram shouted all the children a soft serve cone and then they had a quick play on the playground. Then it was time to board the bus for the trip home.

The wonderful day out was enjoyed by all. The children thanked Mrs Woody for assisting Mrs Ingram and Mr Ingram for driving the bus (and the ice cream).