Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Last Saturday the lights of Bombala shone beyond the showground as so many of you gathered to raise money for ‘Relay for Life’. What an amazing effort by the organisers and all those who participated in this event. There was such an air of community spirit – it really was amazing! Congratulations to everyone involved.

I was very proud that our school, with many students and staff could be a part of the Christmas Carols. Thank you to all members of our school community who joined in with us to make this a fun experience. We can’t wait until next year!

White Ribbon Day
Last week I was privileged to accompany our school captains and year 5 leaders to the White Ribbon Day School Leaders Seminar in Queanbeyan. This was a wonderful initiative organised by the Police Local Area Command, Queanbeyan Council, and the Department of Education and Communities. During the day we listened to speeches from Dr Alan Ryan – Ambassador for White Ribbon Day regarding equality and respect, Alan Tongue the White Ribbon Day NRL Ambassador; and Malcolm Towney, Michael Weir and Georgia Gleson from the ACT Indigenous Leadership Centre. The assembled group received some very strong messages to stop domestic violence against women as it has a ripple effect and hurts many in the community. As a school against domestic violence our pledge is to ‘Stand Up, Speak Out, and Take Action.’ We look forward to working with Bombala and Monaro High to deliver a program to all students in 2016.

International Day of People with a Disability -

This Thursday 3rd December we observe the International Day of People with a Disability. This day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.
**Word of the Week**

Winkle (verb)
To extract or prise out

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**Thursday Canteen Special**
Spaghetti Bolognaise
$4.00

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**Quiz Question**
How many ships were in the First Fleet?

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**THIS WEEK’S QUOTE**
The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.

*Albert Schweitzer*

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**Gotcha Award**
Winner for Term 4 Week 8 is
Freddie Merritt
Well done!

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**Anglican Parish Garden Day**
Saturday 5th Dec – $15pp
Commencing at 10:00am with Morning Tea at 78 Caveat Street, Bombala
Lunch between 12:30—2:30 at Bombala Parish Hall
Featuring: House & Garden 2014 Garden of the Year

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The theme for 2015 is Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities. Persons with disabilities must be able to fulfil their role in society and participate on an equal basis with others. It is important to focus on the ability and not on the disability of an individual. It is important to note that disability is part of the human condition, and that all of us either are or will become disabled to one degree or another during the course of our lives.

**Kinder Orientation**
Today was the last day of Kinder Orientation and many happy faces could be seen in the classroom and playground. The Kindies and their parents enjoyed a sausage sizzle to welcome them to the school. The program has run for six weeks and already our new Kindies feel right at home! Thank you to Miss Goodman and Mrs Hampshire for a great program. Thank you also to Mrs Brazel who taught the Year 1 /2 class in Miss Goodman’s absence.

**School Fete**
Our annual school fete will be held next Thursday 10th December from 12.30pm. This is a Year 6 fundraiser to assist our students going to Melbourne in 2016. We thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

**Return of Parent Questionnaires**
Thank you to all those parents who have already returned their Parent Questionnaires. 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.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of my ‘open door’ policy. It is pleasing to talk directly with you regarding issues/concerns, even though these conversations can be difficult for all involved. I would rather have honest, open and frank discussions about issues/concerns that arise rather than hear about these as second hand news out in the community or on Facebook. In most instances small issues can be solved immediately and positive results gained for all involved parties. I truly believe the partnership that exists between home and school is integral to the operation of the school and ultimately the education of your child. I hope we can continue to develop this partnership to benefit not only our students, but the entire school community.

Until next week
Kind regards
Jo
HELP HELP HELP !!!

Fete Update

Year 6 are looking for the following items:

Nerf guns and bullets—on loan - please identify each piece belonging to you
  Smarties - for Smartie count
  Jelly Beans - for Jelly Bean count
  6 lemons—does anyone have a tree with fruit?
  Packet or 2 of mixed lollies to go into the jellies.
    Packets of jelly crystals
    Plastic cups & spoons
    Cooking for afternoon tea stall

Donations are needed for the white elephant stall, the second hand uniform & bric-a-brac stall.

Milkshake Stall
  Milk
  Flavouring

Jelly Cups
  Packets Jelly crystals
  Plastics cups & spoons
  Packet or 2 of mixed lollies—to go into the jellies

Our fete is next Thursday 10th Dec.
Please come along and enjoy the afternoon with your children

Thank you to everyone who has offered their assistance thus far
Every year Bombala Public School organises a giving tree. This encourages students to get into the spirit of Christmas and think of those less fortunate than themselves by donating a gift to a boy or girl for Christmas.

If you would like to donate a gift then please wrap and label your item (new) in Christmas paper and a label saying either boy or girl and the age the gift would be suitable for. These gifts can be brought to the School office and left under the Christmas tree.

These gifts will be collected from school on Friday 4 December.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Congratulations to the organisers of the Relay for Life and a big Thank you to all those students and staff who participated in this event and the events organised throughout the day especially the Christmas Carols on Saturday night.

Donations at this stage to the Cancer Council are $45000!

What an amazing and generous community we live in!

We acknowledge the huge effort put in from Eileen Hampshire as one of the main organisers.
The P&C will have a stall at the fete selling hotdogs and drinks next Thursday the 10th of December, we will need some volunteers to help set up, cook and sell these. Even if you can do half an hour, it would be much appreciated.

Could you please indicate below if you are available and return to school or let Calli Kidman know on 0417252431.

11:30 - 12:30

12:30 - 1:30

1:30-2:30

2:30- 3:30

Also, we will require a couple of people to cut up fruit for the children on Friday the 11th of December from about 9.00 am. It should only take about 1/2 an hour to an hour.