Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

Welcome back to the start of a great school year. It is with great delight that I write my first newsletter back at Bombala PS. I am looking forward to leading our whole school community as we embrace the changes that have occurred, as change can create positives and helps us grow in many different ways. I would like to welcome our new staff members – Nicole Goodman and Claire Campbell. Both teachers bring with them a wealth of knowledge, experience and skills, along with enthusiasm and a large amount of energy. They will be a bonus to our school community and our students.

This week we also welcome our new Kindies who start their journey of learning with Mrs Ingram. Finally we extend a warm welcome to our new enrolments across the grades and wish them a great start to the new school year.

Currently the NSW Department of Education and Communities is undergoing many changes and these will also have a great impact on our teaching practice, school operations, teaching and learning programs and professional development – with the ultimate goal to improve outcomes for all students. During the year you will be asked for your input regarding the School Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2017.

In this time of change it is very important to have open communication between home and school to ensure a strong working partnership exists. I have always promoted an ‘open door’ policy and welcome your input. If you have any concerns, I hope you will discuss these with me as I firmly believe that with open and honest communication, issues can be resolved to everyone’s satisfaction. I look forward to renewing friendships and meeting many new faces during the next couple of weeks.

**Staffing 2015**

Currently we have six classes with the following staffing. This class organisation allows us to have small class sizes across the whole school. It is important to remember class composition is decided in consultation with staff and takes into account your child’s academic needs and where possible social groups.

- **K/Year 1** – Margot Ingram
- **Year 1 /2** - Nicole Goodman
- **Year 2/3** – Jenni Moreing
- **Year 3/ 4** – Claire Campbell
- **Year 5** - Anne Roberts, Assistant Principal
- **Year 5/6**- Fiona Crawford
- **Student Learning Support Teacher** – Di Belcher
- **Literacy / Numeracy Specialist** – Katie Brazel
- **Release form Face to Face (RFF)** – Katie Brazel & Jo Tozer

**FLASHING LIGHTS**

When I was here at the beginning of 2012 there was much discussion regarding safety for students crossing Bright Street. Finally, flashing lights will be installed in Bright Street on Monday 2nd February. There will be minimal disruption in the street during the installation process.

Once again, it is wonderful to be back in the Bombala School Community and I look forward to seeing many of you at next week’s swimming carnivals and the P&C meeting on Tuesday night.

Regards

Jo
Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Starts
Friday 30th January

Bombala PS Swimming Carnival
Tuesday February 3

P&C Meeting
Tuesday, February 3
7.00pm

Bombala District Swimming Carnival
Friday, February 6

Quiz Question
Which championships make up the Grand Slam?

2015 brings new staff to our line-up
Mrs Claire Campbell (Year 3/4) Mrs Joanne Tozer (Principal) and Miss Nicole Goodman (Year 1/2)

Word of the Week
subrogate, v; 1. to put into the place of another; substitute for another. 2. Civil Law– to substitute (one person) for another with reference to a claim or right.

THIS WEEK’S QUOTE
“Leadership and Learning are indispensable to each other”
~ John F Kennedy

Breakfast Program
We need volunteers for each week day except Wednesdays (thanks Dawn). Please let the office know you are willing and able. It’s only 45 mins of your time from 8.30am—making toast, pouring juice and loading the dishwasher all with the aid of rostered students. Send in a note or give us a call at the office with your preferred day.

Canteen
At the moment, the High School Canteen is not operating. However, it has been leased and the new operator will take over in the next few weeks. You will be informed when this happens. In the mean time keep packing those delicious morning teas and lunches and drinks for your hungry hordes.

Bombala Primary School Swimming Carnival
Tuesday, February 3