Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

What a great start we have had to the term. During the past week I have enjoyed meeting the students both in the classroom and around the playground. I am relishing my role as the Release Teacher taking Science across most classes as I have the opportunity to know each child as an individual. During the next few weeks Mrs Belcher and I are testing all students from Years 1-6 in reading (fluency and accuracy), retelling and comprehension. This testing will provide a baseline for the development of specific programs to address the needs of students at all levels of learning. The area of reading and comprehension is being addressed by all schools across the Monaro Education Group. Later in the term I will also be co-ordinating some special programs to provide opportunities for students to further develop resilience, social skills and relationships with peers and teachers.

Yesterday we were blessed with beautiful weather for our school swimming carnival. The day was a resounding success as all competitors put an amazing effort into their races with many achieving their personal best. Congratulations to all competitors who displayed great enthusiasm and good sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to Rosemeath on winning the Swimming Shield. Thank you to Mrs Moreing for organising a very successful carnival and to the parents and staff who assisted throughout the day. It was a great team effort ensuring a great day was had by all. We are looking forward to another great day for the district swimming carnival on Friday.

During the term you will receive notes for many various activities and events. Where possible these will be sent home with the newsletter, however it is wise to check your child’s bag each day as some notes require a quick response. It is also important that you carefully read the **bold typed** information in each note to ensure your child’s participation and safety. While your child is at school we have a ‘duty of care’ for them, which entails responsibility for their safety and care during this time. When we are participating in outside school events such as the swimming or athletics carnivals your child will return to the school unless you pick them up at the venue or provide written permission for them to leave with another adult. We thank you for your cooperation with this procedure.

Last night I attended the first P&C meeting for the year. P&C meetings provide you with an excellent forum in which to be an active participant in the school community and your child’s education. The next P&C meeting will be in March. I hope to see you there.

Finally, thank you to those parents and community members who have volunteered their time to operating the Breakfast Club this term. Your time and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Until next week

Regards

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**Upcoming Events**

Bombala District Swimming Carnival
Friday, February 6

Assembly Years 1-6
Friday February 13

SMDPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday 19th February

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**Quiz Question**

Which country did Australia beat to win football’s Asian Cup?

**THIS WEEK’S QUOTE**

“Success is not forever and failure isn’t fatal”
~ Don Shula

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**Library News**

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Class library times are:
- K/1 Wednesday 2:20-3:20
- 1/2 Monday 1:10-2:10
- 2/3 Monday 2:20-3:20
- 3/4 Tuesday 1:10-2:10
- Y5 Wednesday 1:10-2:10
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Please provide a library bag on your child’s day so they can establish regular borrowing habits and enjoy their reading at home. 😊

Mrs Brazel

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**Monitor Dance Centre**

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Ages 3-18.

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**Gotcha Award**

Winner for Term 1 Week 1 is Larissa Ponsford
Well done!

Answer: South Korea - 2-1 in extra time

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**No Canteen available as yet”**

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**‘Word of the Week’**

compunction, n; 1. anxiety arising from awareness of guilt. 2 distress of mind over an anticipated action or result. 3. a twinge of misgiving; scruple.
e.g. A diligent editor, feels no compunction about deleting words and phrases for the sake of space or clarity.

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**Bombala District Netball AGM**

This Thursday 7pm at the Bombala RSL Club board room all welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Our Swimming Carnival

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