Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

What a busy week we have enjoyed. It was a pleasure to escort the Year 5 students to and from Cooba where they enjoyed several activities which both challenged and excited them. Congratulations to all of the Year 5 students on their outstanding behaviour and their willingness to have a go at all activities.

On Monday I was delighted to accompany the Year 5/6 students to a very moving exhibition sponsored by Rabobank and the ACT Jewish Community at the National Jewish Community Centre, Canberra. The exhibition – ‘I Want to Be Me’, was based on the Diary of Anne Frank – a young girl caught in the misery of World War Two. Once again, I can say it was a pleasure to accompany our students as they were exemplary ambassadors for our school.

This Friday we will join with other DaBBs schools to celebrate Harmony Day. During the day the primary students will participate in a performance with the ‘Surfing Scientist’. After the performance the students will participate in activities focusing on the prevention of bullying and building skills of resilience. After the whole school assembly and lunch we would like to invite you to join us in constructing kites and flying them. This activity will take place at the High School.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, the age old issue of bullying keeps raising its head and therefore we have included a brochure on Bullying in this week’s newsletter. The brochure includes the NSW Department of Education and Communities definition of bullying, types of bullying, what to look for if you think your child is being bullied, how you as parent can assist your child and what we will do at the school level to deal with bullying. It is very important that you take the time to read the brochure and to note that we can only deal with issues if we know they are happening or have happened.

During the past weeks we have been trying to organise the 2015 Band Program. The Band Program would be held in Terms 2 and 3 with some extra practices in Term 4 if there are enough interested students. The cost for each term will be $100, which must be paid prior to the commencement of band. At this stage the Band will be offered to students in Years 3-6. If your child is interested in band please put your name on the Band List in the Front Office. If there are enough interested students Band will commence in Term 2.

The last couple of weeks of this term are looking very busy, and therefore please remember to look at the dates in the newsletter to ensure you know what is happening on a day to day basis.

Until next week,

Kind regards, Jo
Upcoming Events

Friday 20th March
HARMONY DAY
& VISITING
PERFORMANCE

Saturday 21st March
BOMBALA SHOW

Monday 23rd March
YOUNG LEADERS’
CONFERENCE
SYDNEY

Friday Canteen
Special
Fish’nchips $4.00

Quiz Question
What product used by hikers, campers, military personnel, and astronauts, has been produced since 1891 by the Victorinox company?

THIS WEEK’S QUOTE
“The truth is more important than the facts.”
~ Frank Lloyd Wright

‘Word of the Week’

virtuoso, n; 1. One who excels in the technique of an art; especially a highly skilled musical performer. 2. An experimenter or investigator especially in the arts and sciences. 3. One skilled in or having a taste for the fine arts. e.g. A virtuoso with words, Thomas Jefferson invariably produced easily read and readily comprehensible drafts that usually included memorable phrases.

Canberra Excursion

Last Monday, 16th March, the Year 5/6 class, Mrs Tozer, Mr Murray, Mrs Miles and Mrs Crawford attended the Anne Frank Exhibition in Canberra. This exhibition tells of Anne’s short life set in the devastation that was WWII. It aims to educate people of all ages about racial tolerance and mutual respect.

We then were guided through “The Possibilities of Portraiture” at the National Portrait Gallery. Mr Murray will be further studying portraits with the Year 5/6 class during his internship. We saw the portrait of Captain James Cook and learnt that his is the only portrait of a non-Australian in the gallery. It cost $5 million when purchased!!!

Answer: Swiss Army Knife

Gotcha Award

Winner for Term 1 Week 7

Ashley Lloyd
Well done!
**Reminders:**
- Year 6 shirts have arrived and need to be paid for & collected
- Please return urgently the note packs with your updated details (if necessary).
- Please return permission note & money for Surfing Scientist—students will not be able to attend if no payment received.

**Cooma Champs Tennis**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS**

**Camp 1:** Tues 7 Apr – Fri 10 Apr, 2015
$200 for 4 day camp.
**DISCOUNTED TO $180 if booking and payment received a week prior to camp.**

**Camp 2:** Tues 14 Apr – Fri 17 Apr, 2015
9am – 4:30pm, ROYAL TENNIS COURTS

Please call Tom: 0404838049

**Note to Parents of Catholic children**

From the Catholic Parish of Bombala/Delegate

The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and first communion will be celebrated this year. Children in Year 3 and upwards are eligible to receive these Sacraments. First Reconciliation is set for the end of this term and first Communion for Term 3. Preparation for Reconciliation is beginning next week. If you would like your child/ren to enjoy these sacraments, please contact Sr Teresa on 64583045 or Fr Mick McAndrew on 64522062

**YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE SYDNEY**

**MONDAY 23RD MARCH**

Eight Year 6 students from our school and a band of accompanying parents will head to Sydney next week to attend the Young Leaders’ Conference at Darling Harbour.

The aims of the conference include TO:
- Inspire students to make a positive contribution to their school
- Motivate students to be great leaders in their area of influence
- Empower students with practical skills of balancing study, school commitments and social life as well as managing stress in these areas
- Promote the value of inspirational and positive role models as examples to others, by exposing students to a diverse range of leaders and their views on leadership
- Educate students about the need to grow knowledge and practical skills in the areas of excellence and leadership
- Connect students with other students from other schools and develop long term networks.

We wish our students and parents safe travelling and feel sure that our Year 6 students will return to us enthused and inspired.

**Bombala Basketball**

Junior Miniball will start next Monday 23/3/15 but as many students are going to the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney, the Senior Miniball will start on Tuesday 24/3/15. If there are any more Year 4-Yr6 students who would like to play please let Carol Ingram know on 64583562

The Men’s comp is also short of players

**COoba EXCURSION YEAR 5**

What a challenging and exciting time Year 5 had last week as we headed off to Cooba Outdoor and Education Centre at Berridale for a three day excursion. Year 5 students from Bombala and Delegate, along with Mrs Sellers, Mrs Roberts and Mr Lavender all headed off for a great time.

Cooba aims at challenging students with daring activities, often based on cooperation and teamwork. Groups were required to plan and test solutions, and push themselves physically in a safe environment. There was lots of water, mud, hills, ropes, arrows laughter and fun.

Children participated in a Low Ropes Course, Team Initiatives, Big Swing, Team Manoeuvres, Gladiator Challenge, Archery and Dirt Buggies. All activities involved working together in some way, either in the planning stage or the activity itself.

Children were proud of the following types of achievements—going to the top of the giant swing, not chatting to my friends at night time, trying new things, working as a team, trying new food and accuracy in archery.

Mrs Sellers and Mrs Roberts were very proud of their students and their positive response to the excursion. Thanks to Mrs Tozer and Mr Lavender for driving the buses.

Cooba was awesome, amazing, tiring, exciting, challenging, muddy, wet, scary and great.
Bombala Public Performs Well At The Bombala and District Cross Country in 2015

Last Friday, the 13th of March saw all the children in the district primary schools converge on the Delegate Country Club Golf course to run in their annual Cross Country Carnival. The 8s, 9s and 10s ran over the 2 km course and the 11s and 12s ran over the 3km course. The weather was ideal for running, starting out fine and cool and then warming up in the afternoon. There were some outstanding runs with two records being broken. Hannah Feilen broke the 11 year girls’ record, which had been held since 2007 and Larissa Ponsford the 12/13 year girls’ record previously set in 2010. Hannah now holds every age group record she possibly can in Cross Country - being the 8/9, 10 and 11 year girls’ records. This is truly a fantastic feat, which will be very difficult to emulate. Both girls have trained very hard both at school and particularly in their own time to gain these results, as have many of our students.

It was extremely pleasing to witness the high participation rate among our students and this along with their over-all excellent performances meant that Bombala Public School once again came away with the overall shield. So congratulations to all students on their efforts. Bombala Public School students ran first in every age group.

The first place getters are as follows:
8/9 Boys – Chevy Ingram – fastest boy over the junior course
8/9 Girls – Heidi Brownlie
10 Boys – Chris Feeney
10 Girls – Tamika Buckmaster - fastest girl over the junior course
11 Boys – Kade Ingram
11 Girls – Hannah Feilen – fastest girl over the senior course
12/13 Boys – Paddy Brownlie – fastest boy over the senior course
12/3 Girls – Larissa Ponsford

The day concluded with some good old-fashioned captain and tunnel ball games being enjoyed by all students. Bombala Public will take approximately 50 runners to the next level at Nimmitabel in Term 2 and we wish them all the best of luck, particularly on ‘Heartbreak Hill’.

A special thank you to Calli, for running with the children during training and to Malcolm Lavender and other staff working with groups to build physical fitness, the children really appreciated this. Also once again thank you to all our wonderful supporters who came along to cheer the children on and also to help with manning the checkpoints. This is often a job that means missing out on seeing their children finish but is essential to the staging of the event and is greatly appreciated by all involved.

Finally a huge thank you to Mrs Carol Sellers, her fantastic band of Delegate helpers and the Delegate Country Club who all worked so hard to ensure the course was perfect and all were extremely well fed.