Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

Another busy week has passed and everyone is looking forward to a well earned break over the holiday period. Under the new school funding arrangements – using the Resource Allocation Model (RAM), schools are provided with funds to support various programs in school which address equity, geographic isolation and many other aspects of learning. Last week students participated in an outstanding visiting performance – ‘The Surfing Scientist’. The presenter had both staff and students totally engaged with his highly motivated, entertaining and energetic performance. Thank you Mrs Roberts for organising this event.

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day with the DaBBS learning community with the building and flying of some amazing kites. We gratefully thank the High School for their organisation of this great activity and look forward to many more combined sessions.

Last week we also observed Friday as the National Action Against Bullying Day. As I mentioned at our school assembly many issues that arise in both the classroom and in the playground could be prevented if we all followed the 3C’s – Cooperation, Consideration and Courtesy. During next term I will be working with the children to identify what this looks like in our school, what it sounds like in our school and what it feels like in our school. When this has been completed I will send these ideas home for you to read through with your children. As partners in the school we can work together to prevent bullying and solve problems as they arise.

Next week our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in Peer Support Training. We would like to thank the Bombala Shire Council for providing the HACC building free of charge for this event and the P&C for catering for this event. We wish the students and their teachers a successful time of positive interaction and learning during this two day event, and look forward to the Peer Support Program being implemented at school.

On Monday several of our Year 6 students attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Sydney. This wonderful event, organised by the Halogen Foundation, is promoted across each state of Australia. The conference provides young leaders with an opportunity to access outstanding speakers and leaders in many various fields including sports, the arts, politics, media, fashion and heroes from all walks of life. Once again it was wonderful to hear that our students were outstanding ambassadors for our school – congratulations future leaders.

Last weekend I enjoyed attending the Bombala Show with my own children. I enjoyed looking at the displays in the pavilion and felt very proud of the wonderful art work created by our students – we have many talented artists in our midst. Congratulations to every child who completed these amazing artworks to celebrate the ‘Spirit of Anzac’ and to their teachers for all of their hard work.

Last week we mentioned the development of a Band Program for this year. 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 2-6. 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.

A reminder that next Wednesday 1st April is the last day of Term 1. Thursday 2nd April is a pupil free day. (The school will be non-operational on this day). During the day all staff in the DaBBS Learning Community will undertake mandatory training in two programs – ‘Every Student: Every School’ and ‘No Gap: No Excuse.’

Until next week, kind regards,
Jo
Upcoming Events

30th & 31st March
Peer Support Training

1st April
Easter Activities Day
Schools’ Netball Carnival
Queanbeyan

Last Day of Term
Wednesday 1st April
First Day Term 2
Tuesday 21st April

Friday Canteen
Special
Spaghetti Bolognaise
#4.00

Quiz Question

What Portuguese navigator and explorer, in 1519, began the first expedition to circumnavigate the earth?

THIS WEEK’S QUOTE

“Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.”
~ George S. Patton

‘Word of the Week’

inimical; adj 1: being adverse often by reason of hostility or malevolence 2: having the disposition of an enemy 3 hostile b: reflecting or indicating hostility unfriendly
E. g. The mayor’s proposal received an inimical response from members of the council.

Young Leaders Conference

On Monday 23rd March some members of the Yr 6 class, Paddy, David, Hannah, Sarah, Amber, Tilly, Portia and myself, went to Sydney for the Young Leaders’ Conference. There were lots of different schools and people there. There were five presentations from six speakers, the Premier of NSW Mike Baird, Mike Martin, Bindi Irwin, Rachael Leahcar and Dylan Parker and James Norton. Mike Martin was from the Halogen Foundation and he spoke about the culture of stories. His main message was Leadership means Influence. Mike Baird told that to be a leader you need courage and that everyone is special. Bindi Irwin lives and works at Australia Zoo. She is the daughter of Steve Irwin who is her biggest role model. Her main message was to follow your passion and your heart. Rachael Leahcar came 3rd in The Voice and is vision impaired. She brought her guide dog onto the stage. Her main message was to make your weakness your strength and to do what you love. Dylan Parker and James Norton are the people who inspired the movie Paper Planes and their main message was to have fun and don’t worry about what people think of you. It was an inspiring day and we were very lucky and grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the Young Leaders’ Conference.

Larissa Ponsford.

Gotcha Award

Winner for Term 1 Week 8 is
Mel Devine
Well done!

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NETBALL MEETING
Netball Meeting will be held this Thursday 26th March
Cosmos Café 3.45pm
All Welcome to Attend
Peer Support

Training for the children in Yr 5 and Yr 6 will be on Monday the 30th and Tuesday 31st March at the HACC. These children will then lead and assist with our whole school Peer Support activities beginning in Week 3 Term 2.

The children will be trained by Mrs Roberts and Mrs Crawford. Mr Murray will accompany the group. Children will walk to the HACC leaving school at 9am and returning for normal buses each day.

Food will be supplied by our P&C on Monday but will need to be brought on Tuesday.

Non-uniform for both days but a wide brimmed hat please. NO CAPS.

Donations of cakes, slices and sandwiches for recess and lunch for Peer Support training on Monday. Donations can be dropped off Monday morning prior school or to the HACC Centre by 11am please.

Easter Activity Day

Fundraiser for Vanuatu

Next Wednesday, 1st April, we will finish the term with an Easter Activity Day. Students will be divided into their Peer Support Groups and rotate through a range of activities.

Visitors from the Preschool and Day Care will join us for an Easter egg hunt and hot cross buns for morning tea.

The SRC ask that children bring a donation for the Red Cross Appeal for the people of Vanuatu, whose lives were brought into turmoil by Cyclone Pam.

The day will be a non-uniform day.

Fun Fun Fun Fun Fun
THE SURFING SCIENTIST

How fortunate we were to host a visit from Ruben Meerman, as our first visiting performer for the year. Ruben, a well known TV presenter on ABC 3 and Catalyst is a scientist with a passion for his subject. It was amazing to learn about all he had to share- lasers, liquid nitrogen, balloons and just where lost weight goes when you are on a diet! Check out his website and see what Ruben had to say on Twitter about our school motto (yes, what is it??). Thank you Ruben and our students for a wonderful time.

Harmony Day

Joyous was the word at the end of a very harmonious Harmony Day, as kites bobbed and soared above the school oval. After working to assemble kites in student groups with children from Kindergarten to Year 12, we all headed to the oval to test the kites. Wow!! Wonderful!! Thanks to the High School for hosting this lovely event.