Dear Parent and Community Members,

This is our last newsletter of the term. Looking back over the past ten weeks it has been wonderful to see our students engaged in many positive learning activities and experiences. These have included the PSSA Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals—our students going on to represent our school at the district level; school Swimming for Years 3-6 and sports rotations for the younger students; Peer Support for our student leaders in Years 5 & 6; the three day camp for Year 5 students at Cooba Recreation Centre; a visit to the Anne Frank Exhibition for Year 5/6; creating amazing pieces of art work for the Bombala Show; a the National Young Leaders Program in Sydney for our student leaders; a performance with the exciting Surfing Scientist; celebrating Harmony Day and the National Action Against Bullying Day which included the highly successful kite building and flying; celebrating Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday; and finally our annual Easter Activity Day.

All of these activities have enhanced the classroom programs provided to promote your child’s learning and development across all domains including social, emotional and academic.

During the term we have continued to highlight our school and the achievements of our students in the Bombala Primary School shop front display. This week our display will be transformed into a tribute to the Centenary Years ‘Spirit of Anzac – 2014-2018’. Please take the opportunity to view the art work created by our students K-6, the felt work created by the Preschool students and Tanya Ponsford and the Spirit of Anzac crosses. The senior students have written moving messages on each individual cross as a sign of respect and remembrance. After Anzac Day 2015 these crosses will be sent to War Memorials around the world as we remember the fallen from all wars and conflicts. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those parents who have taken advantage of my ‘open door’ policy and either visited the school or phoned to discuss issues or concerns. It has been very pleasing to talk directly with you regarding issues/concerns that have arisen throughout the term and to not hear about these as second hand news out in the community. In most instances small issues have been solved immediately and positive results have been gained for all involved parties. 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.

Today I was delighted to welcome and host some very special visitors, along with their parents from the Bombala Preschool and Wendy & Julie’s Daycare. During their morning visit we shared a story about the Easter Bunny, decorated some great looking Easter eggs and went on an Easter Egg Hunt. Our visiting parents enjoyed morning tea which was kindly provided by the Bombala P&C. Our little ‘bunnies’ enjoyed their morning and we look forward to future visits with them on other special occasions.

Today our students participated in a fun filled Easter Activity Day participating in some great art, craft and games activities. The day concluded with the traditional Easter Hat Parade and a yummy Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to the P&C for providing hot cross buns for morning tea and a bag of yummy eggs for each student.

**A reminder that tomorrow, 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.’ School will resume on Tuesday 21st April.

I would like to thank you all for your support during this term and moving with the changes that have occurred. Thank you also to the hardworking P&C who have once again provided financial support for various school programs, as well as providing special Easter treats for staff and students alike. I would like to thank all our dedicated staff who continue to provide wonderful learning opportunities for our students; and finally thank you to our students for having a go and a positive attitude.

On behalf of the students and staff I wish you all a relaxing holiday period. For those travelling over this time we hope you arrive safely at your destination.

Until next term,

Happy Easter,

Jo.
Peer Support Training

The purpose of Peer Support training is to prepare students for their role as Peer Support Leaders and to highlight the structure of the Peer Support Program. It also assists in developing the skills which are necessary for the effective facilitation of Peer Support groups.

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Crawford, Mr Murray, Yrs 5 and 6 and at times Mr Lavender, have spent Monday and Tuesday of this week involved in Peer Support training activities at the HACC. The children and staff were kept busy with a number of challenging tasks, learning about such things as working with others, how to face difficulties and being well organised. The children learnt about the skills necessary to live life to the fullest – resilience, determination, perseverance, decision making, problem solving, organisation and a host of others.

All enjoyed the two days and are feeling better prepared for Term 2 Peer Support time.

Many thanks must go to our P&C who catered for the group on Monday. We were well fed and watered and appreciate the extra effort needed to organise and prepare this for us.

Answer: Canberra

Quiz Question

What is Australia’s largest inland city?

THIS WEEK’S QUOTE

“Well done is better than well said”.
~ Benjamin Franklin

ANZAC CELEBRATIONS

SCULPTURE UNVEILING

We have been invited by Bombala Shire Council to take part in the unveiling ceremony of the newly constructed ANZAC Memorial at Gunnago Park on Friday 24th April. The children will walk to the park and partake of a sausage sizzle (free of charge)

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

For the ANZAC Day March could students please assembly at Bombala RSL at 10.45am dressed in full uniform AND HAT please. Our Captains will lay a wreath. Staff will be in attendance.

ANZAC SPORTS DAY

Fun Sports Activities for all ages commencing 12 noon after ANZAC Day ceremony Bombala showground ~ all welcome to join in the fun!

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

MELBOURNE TRIP TUPPERWARE FUNDRAISER
10% OF ALL SALES GOES TO EXCURSION
DUE FOR RETURN APRIL 1ST, (LAST DAY OF SCHOOL) WITH PAYMENT
For more information Nicole Hentscher 0401084737

DYNAMIC DIVAS DANCE ACADEMY PRESENTS:

SPORTING MEMORABILIA AND ITEMS OF INTEREST AUCTION, DJ CHAD FINGER FOOD
TICKETS $25
FRIDAY 10TH APRIL
BOMBALA RSL AUDITORIUM