Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

Last Saturday I felt very proud to be the Principal of Bombala PS as we marched together with an outstanding contingent of ex-servicemen and women, community representatives and other school groups to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Our school captains, Paddy and Hannah did a great job in leading our school and in presenting the wreath. Thank you very much to everyone who participated in the march – the students looked resplendent in their uniforms and their behaviour was exemplary. Well done students and parents!

District Cross Country

Rain, rain and still even more rain! That was the greeting for all competitors in the Snowy Mountains District Cross Country Carnival held last Thursday in Nimmitabel. Thirty eight students represented our school and despite the inclement weather and continuous showers throughout the day, they achieved excellent results. Congratulations to all competitors for their great effort and the achievement of many personal bests. We congratulate Heidi Brownlie, Hannah Feilen, Zali Lavender and Larissa Ponsford who will compete at the Regional Cross Country in Wollongong on May 29th. Well done Bombala Cross Country team!

NAPLAN

Once again the media hype has started around NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN testing was first introduced by the Commonwealth Government as a tool for determining funding to the States. NAPLAN testing provides the State and Federal governments with statistical data and from this we receive funding to support those students who have needs relating to literacy and numeracy. It is very important to ensure students do not feel pressured by these tests, but participate and do their personal best and to do what they can. We want our students and you to realise that NAPLAN only provides us with a very small snapshot of what a student can achieve, in one test on one day. It is not indicative of what a student achieves every day when they attend school and have a go at tasks that may challenge them, where they employ higher order thinking skills and use concepts that cannot be tested using pen and paper. The NAPLAN assessments will be carried out on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. If you have concerns or questions please come and see me.

2015 Band Program

Thank you to all those parents who have indicated their children will be participating in Band this year with Mrs Olding. To ensure the program is viable we need another 4 students to join this great program. Some of you may have concerns about continuity – for example when Mrs Olding is sick or working in another school. Mrs Olding will make up these lessons at another time to ensure the students are receiving the full number of lessons they have paid for.

An added extra to employing Mrs Olding for the Band Program, is that the two of us would like to conduct a whole school singing program, not only for enjoyment but to teach some basic musical skills – including rhythm, time and tone. If you are interested in your child being apart of the Instrumental Band Program please put their name down at the Office, or alternatively come and see either Mrs Olding or myself through this week.

Until next week

Regards

Jo
Upcoming Events

- Tues 5th May Field
- Wed 6th May Track
- Athletics Carnival
- Friday 8th May
- Yr 5 & 5/6 Assembly
- Tracky Dack Day
- Visiting Artist

THURSDAY Canteen
Special
Curry Sausages & Mash $4.00

Quiz Question
Which beverage was named after its resemblance to the dark brown clothing worn by 16th century Italian monks?

THIS WEEK’S QUOTE
“Someone has to die in order that the rest of us should value life more.”
~ Virginia Woolf

Gotcha Award
Winner for Term 1 Week 1 is Damon Niven
Well done!

Word of the Week
solemn, adj; grave, sober, or mirthless, as a person, the face, speech, tone, or mood. 2. gravely or sombrely impressive; causing serious thoughts or a grave mood; 3. serious or earnest. 4. characterized by dignified or serous formality, as proceedings; of a formal or ceremonious character 5. marked or observed with religious rites; having a religious character.

STOP PRESS!!! ATHLETICS CHANGE of DATE
Due to unforeseen circumstances there has been yet another change of date for the Athletics Carnival to accommodate all schools and their competitors. The Field Events (organised during the school time and including workshops for high jump, long jump and shotput) will be held on Tuesday 5th May and the Bombala District Athletics Carnival (track events and discus) will be held on Wednesday 6th May. We hope that you can join us on Wednesday to cheer on our competitors and to assist with timekeeping and some other jobs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Answer: Cappuccino cappucine monks
Bombala PSSA Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday, the 6th of May, the P&C are catering for the PSSA Athletics Carnival and we are calling for donations of slices, cakes and biscuits, these can be left at the school on Tuesday or taken to the oval anytime on Wednesday.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out on the stall on the day, we will be cooking a BBQ and selling drinks and some lollies, if you are able to help please indicate below and return to school ASAP.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.
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On Friday 8th May students are asked to wear their trackies to school to support the TLC for Kids charity. The charity is dedicated to improving the emotional wellbeing of sick kids and their families, no matter the child’s health condition. If your child wishes to participate in the fundraiser could they please donate a gold coin. Your gold coin will help TLC for Kids to continue their wonderful effort in helping children in need.

Bombala Primary School Band.
Band is a wonderful program that we are very fortunate to have in our school. We have quality instruments available for use, and enthusiastic and musically talented staff to help guide the students on their musical journey. Band not only teaches children the obvious skills of reading, writing and performing music, but has also been linked with improvement in literacy and especially mathematical skills. Band provides opportunity for ongoing commitment to a team, and helps students develop their interpersonal skills, which in turn facilitates better relationships and social interaction in their daily lives. Band fees are $100 per term.
If you have any queries or would like your child to be a part of the band program, feel free to have a chat to either Jo or myself
Sherri Olding
ANZAC DAY

a wet & muddy Cross Country