Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members,

What a great start to the week we enjoyed, with shining skies and promising weather for the scheduled Athletics events.

**Bombala Athletics Carnival**
We certainly had the luck of the Irish today, with wonderful weather yesterday for the Field Events and again today for the Athletics Track events. Congratulations to every student who participated in the range of events and achieved personal bests. It was magical to watch the younger students participating in their age races – their first steps in developing skills for future competitions. Thank you and congratulations to our Carnival Convenor Jennie Moreing for her organisation - much hard work and preparation goes into making the day a resounding success for all involved. Thank you also to the parents, P&C and staff for their assistance in setting up the track and field, and the many other jobs that were carried out. A special thank you also to John Moreing for his invaluable assistance in setting up for the carnival. See next week’s newsletter for all the results and the competitors going to the Snowy Mountains District Carnival on Tuesday 26th May in Cooma.

**Principal Network Meetings**
Each term every Principal in the Queanbeyan area attends a network meeting. At these meetings we work with our colleagues, both primary and secondary to address issues regarding reform, changes, common areas of need, as well as to enhance our performance as leaders and managers within our own schools. Last week we spent a day in Queanbeyan listening to informative sessions from the Superintendent of Police and the Police Liaison and Police Youth Liaison Officers; Health Services, Family and Community Services; and finally Headspace (a new community service for young people from aged from 12-25 years) which deals with a multitude of needs – health, emotional, wellbeing, psychological and mental health.

**2015 Band Program**
Thank you to all those parents who have indicated their children will be participating in Band this year with Mrs Olding. The Band Program will commence this Friday 8th May. Please ensure your Band Contract and payment for Term 2 is in by this Friday 8th May. Also we will commence the whole community singing on Friday with both Sherri and I eagerly looking forward to this program.

**Mother’s Day**
This Sunday we celebrate Mother’s Day. Mother’s Day is a modern celebration honouring one’s own mother, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of mothers in society. We wish all the Mums in our school community a very Happy Mother’s Day. We hope you all enjoy a treasured and special day with family members. Until next week

Kind regards
Jo
This 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.

**Quiz Question**

Which former prime minister once managed a rock band called The Ramrods?

**THIS WEEK’S QUOTE**

“Bravery is being the only one that knows you are afraid”

~ Franklin P Jones

**Gotcha Award**

Winner for Term 1 Week 2 is Wyatt Jones.

Well done!

**Reminders:**

- Please send in payment for:
  - Visiting Artist
  - Mothers Day Gifts
  - Band Tuition

in order for your child to participate.

**Answer: Paul Keating**

**Peer Support**

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.
Breakfast Program

We need just two more volunteers to complete our obligations to the Breakfast Program. Please let the office know that you are able to give 45 mins of your time on one day per week this term—either Tuesday or Thursday. Thank you to Dawn Worley, Leesa Elton and Di Green for their wonderful contribution.

CHARITY GOLF DAY
SATURDAY 16 MAY at COOMA GOLF CLUB.
This is a fun golf day, perfect for all standard of players, with money raised going to Monaro Early Intervention Service. (MEIS)
Entry: Teams of 3 players at a cost of $40 per adult player, $15 per student. This covers green fees, a hearty breakfast, a light lunch and savouries at the end of play presentation. Please be at the Club at 8.30am for your breakfast and a coffee hit before you tee off. It is an Ambrose event, with a shotgun start at 9.30am.

MEIS is a non government, non profit organisation providing family centred intervention services for children aged 0-6 with a disability or developmental delay. We receive some government funding, but rely heavily on donations and fundraising to ensure that all children who require this service have access to the help that they need. Funds raised this year will help make our new building ready to house speech and occupational therapists.
We value your support and look forward to seeing you on the fairway!

Contact MEIS on 0264527424 or Kath Nichols on 0409 220 987 for further information and/or to arrange for entry forms and details of payment.

Bombala Primary School Band.
Thank you for the wonderful response to our Band Program. We envisage this to be a wonderful program for our students. 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