Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we have nearly completed another term. Last week I had a meeting with the Director of Public Schools – Mr Matthew Brown. At this meeting Mr Brown informed me that I will definitely remain at Bombala PS for Term 3. I was really pleased with this announcement as I have enjoyed a great semester being back at Bombala.

**Supervision**

During the past few weeks it has come to my attention that many students are arriving early to school each morning. The official time for supervision begins at 8.45. When your child arrives at school they need to be seated in the COLA area until the teacher comes out and rings the bell. At this time they may go to the Library if it is their designated time or begin to play.

**P&C Fundraisers**

What a hectic week was had by our hardworking P&C members. Over the weekend they catered for two fundraisers. Firstly, on Saturday a small group of workers catered for the Clearance Sale at Linton On Sunday some of this same group joined with other enthusiastic workers to run the Bunnings BBQ at Tuggeranong in the ACT. These events, although different in many ways, provided the P&C with a great opportunity to raise funds to support and enhance the operation of our school and ultimately the learning of our students. I would like to thank all of the P&C members for their great efforts.

**Year 6 Fundraising Street Stall**

On Friday, the Year 6 Parents ran the weekly Street Stall on behalf of the students attending Melbourne in Term 4. It was a very successful day and the funds raised will further reduce the expenses of the excursion. We would like to thank our local community for their ongoing support of all of our fundraising activities. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

**Student Absences**

Last week we had a visit from our new Home School Liaison Office (HSLO) – Mr Matthew Stanger. His job is to ensure students attend school regularly, and if they are away he checks to make sure their absences are approved. A new Policy regarding Student Attendance was released this year and we have included some important details for your information.

- Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnerships with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences.
- Principals may grant sick leave to students whose absences are satisfactorily explained, details of the child’s illness needs to be advised, or as the result of a medical or paramedical appointment. Principals can request the parents provide a medical certificate if the explanation is doubted or where there is a history of poor attendance.

**Headlice**

Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. We still continue to have some reports of head lice across the school. Remember head lice should be treated over a two week period. In order to reduce the likelihood of catching these ‘little critters’ it would be a good idea that those with long hair could keep it styled in a tidy way e.g. plaits, pony tails, pig-tails, braids, etc. We appreciate your assistance with this.

**Visit from the Conservatorium of Music**

David Miller and an ensemble of students from the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney will be entertaining us next week on Thursday 25th June at 9.30.

**End of Term Assembly**

Our next whole school assembly is on Friday 26th June at 12.30. All classes will be performing in this assembly as we take a glance at ‘Music and Dance through the Decades.’ Come and join us to celebrate the achievement of our students.

Until next week,

Kind regards

Jo
‘Word of the Week’

**stalwart**, adj; marked by outstanding strength and vigor of body, mind, or spirit.

Judith has long been a stalwart supporter of the community theatre, always volunteering at fundraisers and helping out backstage during productions.

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**Thursday Canteen**

**Special**

**Sausage Hot Pot**

$4.00

Eatz Bombala Facebook page and keep up-to-date

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**Quiz Question**

Which former pearling port is the most westerly town in Western Australia?

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**THIS WEEK’S QUOTE**

“Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow”

— Swedish proverb

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**Year 6 Fundraiser**

**Monster Wood Raffle**

Please make sure you have your sold tickets and money back to school in time for the raffle draw.

**Friday 26th June @ Assembly**

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**Starting High School Next Year?**

School jumpers in excellent condition to give away

Ring—Sue Ingram

0407246480

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**Absence Advice**

We have been advised by the Dept. Education that recording of student absences must contain more detailed information, i.e. sickness—what was the nature of the illness. Please ensure you include this information when contacting the school by phone or written note.

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**Answer:** Denham

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**Peer Support**

In Peer Support this week children will be focusing on the skills of winning a friendly way and coping with losing. The children will participate in various activities and discuss how to accept the outcome of a game, no matter what it is, in a friendly way in order to maintain those friendships.

During the week encourage your child to practise these skills in all aspects of life—whether it be weekend sport or choosing what to watch.
Who: all Bombala PS Students from Kidner to Year 6
When: Tonight from 5.00-7.00pm
Where: **High School Canteen**
Why: Just for Fun
What you’ll need: Great manners, gold coin entry, plate of food to share for supper (one plate per family).

N.B. Students names will be marked on a roll as they arrive and need to be checked off before they leave at the end of the evening.
Everyone should get home for the “State of Origin” footy game (Go the Blues!!)
Head lice

**Pediculus humanus capitis**

Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. Unfortunately, the management and treatment of head lice is surrounded by a large amount of misinformation and myth, particularly about their habits and what is and isn't an effective treatment. Much of the misunderstanding, stigma and blame about head lice have come about because many people do not know how head lice reproduce, grow or are spread from head to head.

Understanding the biology and lifecycle of head lice will enable you to understand how to effectively treat and manage head lice in your family and school.

**Biology**

Head lice have six legs designed to grasp the hair shaft and to enable rapid movement backward and forward to escape detection. Head lice cannot fly or jump. Looking through an electron microscope, it's easy to see why: each of their long legs has a claw at the end, which makes it difficult to jump or to walk on flat surfaces.

Head lice move between heads via a hair; they grasp a hair from another head by swinging between heads on a hair shaft. Their grasp is very strong which makes them hard to dislodge from the scalp and hair. Head lice do not burrow into the skin.

Eggs (nits) are laid by a female close to the scalp on the hair shaft, usually no more than 1.5 centimetres from the scalp. These eggs are attached to the hair with an incredibly strong glue. There is currently no product on the market that can effectively treat all eggs. Unless manually removed, egg shells and unhatched eggs grow out with the hair. It is quite common to detect a badly infested head by the lines of eggs that have grown out with the hair.

Depending on the temperature and humidity of the head, eggs hatch after five to seven days. Small nymphs emerge, and providing they can feed, begin to grow into adult-sized lice after about seven or eight days. It can be about 14 days after the eggs are laid that the mature louse can begin breeding.

Adults live for up to 14 days. The lifecycle of a head louse is only about one month.

This is important to remember. As no product has been shown to kill eggs, any chemical treatment must be reapplied after any eggs have hatched, i.e. five to seven days after the first treatment.

A female louse can lay about 100 eggs in a lifetime, laying around eight eggs at a time. Only those eggs laid by an inseminated female will hatch.

**Comb and conditioner method**

Head lice breathe through small openings along their abdomens called spiracles. By coating the hair and therefore the louse in something thick and slimy, these openings close over, shutting down the louse’s breathing for about 20 minutes. Head lice can move very fast across the scalp. Using a head lice comb on a dry scalp will often miss many lice as they are very clever at avoiding being caught. While unfortunately the louse doesn't die with this method, it does slow it down so that you can catch them.

Apply liberal amounts of conditioner to the scalp and massage it through all the hair shafts. You will use a lot of conditioner. Every hair has to be coated to ensure it reaches the lice. Lice live close to the scalp, so make sure that you cover the hair shaft close to the scalp. You don't have to work the conditioner onto the whole length of the hair. Combing will spread it well enough. Use a large comb to part small sections of the hair starting from the nape and working upwards toward the crown. Eggs are often found behind the ears and toward the back of the head. By using this method, you are more likely to find the head lice on top of and toward the front of the head.

When the hair is detangled and manageable, use a fine lice comb to comb out each section several times. After each comb out, wipe the conditioner on the paper towel. If the child has head lice, you will see them on the towel. Happy Hunting!