Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

What an exciting start we had to the week with a fantastic day spent with the Koomurri Education and Entertainment Group. Also this week our students will experience an interesting and somewhat chilling experience with a visit from ‘Snake Tails’.

The winter season is still in full swing and many children are coming to school with runny noses, watery eyes and general symptoms of cold and flu. Some children are coming with cough lollies and medicated throat lozenges. This is generally not a problem, however it has become an issue because the children are sharing these with their friends. If your child requires cough lollies or medicated throat lozenges at school could you please let your child’s class teacher know so we can ensure they are not being shared among other students.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week

On Monday 20th July, the DaBBs schools comprising Delegate and Bombala Primary Schools; and Bombala High School came together to celebrate NAIDOC Week with unique performances and cultural activities with the Koomurri Group. This talented group of performers provided students from K-12 and teachers with a highly interactive program designed to maximise learning opportunities while exploring several aspects of Aboriginal culture. The celebration began with a Welcome Song & Dance Show which enthralled a captive audience. During the welcome, both staff and students joined in the dance of the emus, birds and snakes. For the remainder of the day students worked in mixed age groups and participated in a range of exciting, hands on activities which illustrated the richness of the Indigenous culture including art, storytelling, painting, song and dance; and weaponry. Students enjoyed the Didgeridoo Show and Storytelling; and exploring the wide range of available artefacts and weaponry including boomerangs, spear fishing, clubs and stones.

Students and teachers alike enjoyed the Boomerang Throwing session and learned some techniques to successfully throw a boomerang. Koomurri group members showed the students how to flick the wrist so the boomerangs would return and not end up over the neighbouring fence line. We learned that boomerangs are made from the bottom of the tree trunk and have little ridges along their edges so they will fly properly and return when thrown using the correct technique.
‘Word of the Week’

truculent, adj; 1. feeling or displaying ferocity: cruel, savage 2. deadly, destructive. 3. scathingly harsh: vitriolic. 4. aggressively self-assertive: belligerent.

e.g. When I interviewed her at the of last year, she struck me as an unusually truculent person, one who certainly couldn’t be pushed about, by me or anyone.

Thursday Canteen

Special

Tuna Bake #3.50

Quiz Question

These animals have been known to travel as far as 1500km from the Pacific Ocean to the mountains of Idaho, climbing nearly 2km, once in their lifetime. What animals are they?

THIS WEEK’S QUOTE

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

~ Winston Churchill

During Face Painting students learned that Aboriginal boys will be decorated and painted using lines and Aboriginal girls will be painted using dots. It was interesting to see so many new faces around the schools! During the Song and Dance activity students learned some basic Aboriginal chants and some great, short dances full of rhythm and beat. These dances were later performed during the Farewell Concert.

While exploring Aboriginal Art and the various techniques used, the students created a visual masterpiece. The giant canvas comprising a series of hands will be put on display in the Multipurpose Hall so that it can be viewed by all school community members.

Prior to the farewell concert, all students participated in a Smoking Ceremony, during which time they pulled the smoke over themselves to ward off the bad spirits.

The day concluded with an outstanding Farewell Concert of song and dance. Highlights of the day included the high level of interaction for all involved; quality learning experiences which illustrated and demonstrated the uniqueness of the Aboriginal culture; and the exciting learning that was experienced by students and staff alike.

Habits of Mind

When people refer to the “Habits of Mind” they are referring to types of intelligent behaviours that can aid both students and adults in school and everyday life as they encounter problems, dilemmas and challenges. There are two habits which I believe are very important when looking at behaviour, developing resilience and succeeding as a learner. People who can ‘PERSIST’ can stick to a task until it is completed. They don’t give up easily and are able to develop and employ a range of strategies to attack problems. When talking about resilience we encourage students to be persistent – to always have a go and to try a range of strategies. Persisting can be summed up in the following quote from Conrad Hilton - “Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes but they never quit!”

The other Habit of Mind is ‘MANAGING IMPULSIVITY’. Most behavioural issues/problems arise from people acting before they take the time to think about their actions and the possible consequences. Often students blurt out the first answer that comes to mind; sometimes they make immediate judgements about an idea or person; and can use physical actions before speaking about an issue. When adults and students manage their impulsivity they become effective problem solvers; and they reflect and think before they act considering alternatives and consequences.

As educators we work explicitly with students to develop persistence and to manage impulsive behaviour. To develop these habits of mind requires lifelong practice and learning. They are taught across all areas of learning. As our partners in the learning process you can discuss these with your children and practice these as the need presents itself.

Next week is Education Week and the theme for this year is Celebrating Local Heroes.

During the week the DaBBs schools have put together a wonderful activity called ‘Showtime’ which will be screening on Thursday 30th July at 6.00pm in the School Hall. ‘Showtime’, takes on the flavour of an old fashioned movie night, including a Candy Bar and much, much more! Tickets are still available at the school and other venues around Bombala. We hope you can join us as we celebrate Education Week and the achievements of our students.

Until next week

Kind regards

Answer: Salmon, returning to spawn

Reminders:-

Band: Band fees are now OVERDUE!
NAIDOC Day
Koomurri Visit.

Students spent some time learning about songs and dance, learning the steps of two dances, complete with face painting. In another group, the children learnt about artefacts, weaponry, bush survival and history. On the rather damp school oval the art of boomerang throwing was taught. Lucy Merritt was clever enough to catch her boomerang and consequently was able to keep it. Well done Lucy! The fourth activity was completing a work of art, with every child present adding to the creation. This large canvas will hang in the hall, once finished.

The final part of the day was a traditional smoking ceremony, followed by dances, song and music.

The children enjoyed a great day, looked good in their red/yellow/black outfits and participated well. Thanks to those who organised the day. It was great!
UNSW ENGLISH COMPETITION

The University of NSW English Competition is set for Tuesday 28th July. This is for those children in Yr2-6 who have already nominated. A practice paper was sent home with each child prior to the holidays.

BREAKFAST ROSTER

WE NEED YOUR HELP to run the Break Program

Just 45mins of your time is all we need to sustain this beneficial service to our students.

Please contact the office as soon as possible to let us know you can assist.

SKIING

Our first skiing day is Friday 24th July. Please ensure that your payment is made this week if you have booked your seat. There are a limited number of seats still available on the bus if you would now like to join us.

We leave Bombala Public School at 7:00am promptly and return at approximately 6:00pm. Please ensure that your child brings plenty to eat and drink for morning recess and for after skiing. A hot lunch is provided. Warm and waterproof clothing too please.

Goggles and gloves CANNOT be hired and so your child will need their own.

We look forward to a fun and exhausting day on the slopes.

Message From the P&C...

On Thursday the 30th of July the DaBBs group are holding a movie night to show case the fantastic things happening in our district public schools. On the night there will be a canteen running and the profits will be split between the three school equally, therefore we are asking for volunteers from each school to help man the stall from 5pm to 6pm then for about 30 mins at interval. So if you can help out, could you please contact Calli Kidman on 0417252431. Thanks in anticipation of your assistance.

SHOW TIME!

School Life in Film

On Thursday 30th July our local public schools are hosting the annual Education Week event. This year we are showing films that we have created about our schools. Starting at 6pm in the Multipurpose Hall, tickets are available at school offices, Cosmo Café and the Bombala Newsagency. Grab your tickets early and come along for a night of popcorn, lollies and films showcasing the wonderful opportunities our local children enjoy at our public schools.

Tickets— Single $6 Concession $5 Family $10