Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

What a wonderful year 2016 is going to be! The decision to operate as Stage Groups is certainly having a positive effect on our students. The classes are very settled and enthusiastic which has also carried over to the playground. Our new Kindy students have settled in extremely well and are already familiar with school routines. Staff have been working collaboratively to provide a Term Overview for each class, to inform you of what will be happening throughout the term in each of the Key Learning Areas (KLAs) as well as providing general information about the operation of the classes and teacher expectations.

Last Friday I was very proud of the efforts made by our students who competed in the Bombala District Swimming Carnival. All competitors showed outstanding sportsmanship and achieved many personal bests. Congratulations to all our competitors – you were all winners! I would like to pay a special thank you to our parent helpers who assisted with the timekeeping. Your help was greatly appreciated by all involved.

2016 Band Program
Thank you to everyone who has returned their Band notes. Please remember that music tuition fees must be paid prior to the commencement of lessons this week. Mrs Olding and I are looking forward to Community Singing with all of the students this Friday.

Special Religious Education (SRE)
Special religious education is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion. Only persons authorised by approved religious persuasions teach special religious education. Section 32 of the Education Act 1990 requires that ‘in every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion’. Our school makes provision for the teaching of SRE. While on duty, members of a school’s staff do not teach special religious education. However teachers retain duty of care for the students in their group/class and are present during the SRE session.

Our school supports SRE classes by ensuring that no academic instruction or formal school activities occur during time set aside for special religious education. Such activities create conflict of choice for some parents and students attending special religious education. Teacher supervision and school based activities are provided for those students not participating in SRE classes.

Parents/caregivers in public schools have the right to have their children receive instruction in their religious persuasion, where authorised teachers of that persuasion are available. They also have the right to choose not to have their children attend special religious

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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education. Students will continue in the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change. Please ensure you notify the front office or your child’s class teacher of any changes.

**Whole School Assembly**
Our whole school assembly is on this Friday at 12.30. All classes will be performing an item. Come and join us to celebrate the achievement of our students.

During the next few weeks Mrs Brownlie will be enjoying long service leave and Mrs Herron will take up the position of School Administration Manager. We wish Mrs Brownlie a safe and enjoyable holiday. Mrs Kidman and Mrs Murphy will step up to Mrs Herron’s position as the School Administrative Officer during this time.

Until next week

Kind regards
Jo

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**Trivia question**

Australia has the world’s largest sand island. What is its name?

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavour

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**ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS**

**COOBA CAMP IS IN WEEK 8**

Please feel free to start making part payments for this camp.

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**BREAKFAST PROGRAM ROSTER**

If you are able to help out particularly on a Wednesday or Thursday, please add your name to the roster attached and drop back into the office.

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**BAND**

All students wishing to participate in the band program please return your contracts by this Friday. Band will commence next Friday 12 February. All term 1 band fees MUST be paid before commencement of the program!
P&C Working Bee

Saturday February 20th 2016

Just a few hours is all we need
To mulch, to garden and to weed.
Some muscles, a shovel, rake and spade
To concrete our buddy seats in the shade.
Swimming Carnivals

On Monday 1st of February our school held its annual swimming carnival for 2016. There was a fabulous vibe about the pool as students cheered on their house competitors and supported their swimming comrades. There were many proud parents and staff as students gave their best in the spirit of competition. A big thank you to the parents who gave their time as time-keepers on the day. The carnival could not operate as it does without your willing assistance. Thank you also to Mrs Tozer and the staff for your hard work and tireless commitment to the smooth and cheerful operation of the school carnival.

It was a huge week as last Friday our school then competed as Killarney, Rosemeath and Bellview houses in the BDPSSA Swimming Carnival. The weather held off all day allowing our students to enjoy the events and the action in the pool. Our competitors gave all their efforts against strong swimming from Delegate and St Joseph’s primary schools with pleasing results and excellent sportsmanship. Our school had a very high participation rate with many students entering multiple events, extending themselves beyond their comfort zones and earning places and points for their houses. While every student can be proud of their efforts, special congratulations go to the following age champions:

- Junior Girl – Heidi Brownlie
- Senior Boy – Jack Stevenson
- Senior Girl – Zara Badewitz
- 11 yrs Boys – Hunter Giles/Jake Miles.

Many students also competed very successfully in the relays at the end of the day. Our students were a credit to our school through their behaviour and the ‘have-a-go’ attitude of all our swimmers. As a result our school will be very well represented at the next stage of competition in Cooma on Friday February 19th. A very big thank you to the staff of St Joseph’s for organising this carnival and the many parent volunteers from our school who gave their time as time-keepers on the day. Congratulations to the pool staff for the very professional way that the pool operated and for accommodating all that attended the carnivals on both days.
Bombala and District PSSA Swimming Carnival 5/2/16

Bombala Public School Results

Open 100m Boys Freestyle: 1st Jack Stevenson, 2nd Finn Sullivan, 3rd Reide Heffernan.
Open 100m Girls Freestyle: 1st Izzy Salter, 2nd Zara Badewitz, 3rd Heidi Brownlie.
Girls 8yrs 30m: 1st Alinta Beddoe, 2nd Mistin Kidman, 3rd Zara Brotherton.
Boys 9yrs 30m Freestyle: 1st Oliver Stephen, Reide Heffernan, 3rd Hayden Barker.
Girls 9yrs 30m Freestyle: 1st Ella Green, 2nd Brandy Crotty, 3rd Tanner Hurley.
Boys 10yrs 30m Freestyle: 1st Dylan Beddoe, 2nd Finn Sullivan, 3rd Maleek Rangi.
Girls 10yrs 30m Freestyle: 1st Heidi Brownlie, 2nd Emilie Vincent, 3rd Bridie Hampshire.
Boys 11yrs 30m Freestyle: 1st Jake Miles, 2nd Colby Brownlie, 3rd Hunter Giles.
Girls 11yrs 30m Freestyle: 1st Annie Green, 2nd Lucy Merritt, 3rd Tamika Buckmaster.
Boys 12yrs 30m Freestyle: 1st Jack Stevenson, 2nd Toby Incher-Jones, 3rd Will Garnock.
Girls 12 yrs 30m Freestyle: 1st Izzy Salter, 2nd Zara Badewitz, 3rd Jess Vincent.
Girls Junior 30m Breaststroke: 1st Meila Elton, 2nd Heidi Brownlie.
Boys Junior 30m Breaststroke: 1st Finn Sullivan, 2nd Sam Richardson.
Girls 11yrs 30m Breaststroke: 1st Annie Green, 2nd Josie Cotterill.
Boys 11yrs 30m Breaststroke: 1st Hunter Giles, 2nd Jake Miles.
Girls Senior 30m Breaststroke: 1st Zara Badewitz, 2nd Zali Lavender.
Boys Senior 30m Breaststroke: 1st Will Garnock, 2nd Jack Stevenson.
Girls Junior 30m Backstroke: 1st Heidi Brownlie, 2nd Emilie Vincent.
Boys Junior 30m Backstroke: 1st Dylan Beddoe, 2nd Finn Sullivan.
Girls 11yrs 30m Backstroke: 1st Tamika Buckmaster, 2nd Annie Green.
Boys 11yrs 30 Backstroke: 2nd Hunter Giles, 3rd Jake Miles.
Girls Senior Backstroke: 1st Zara Badewitz, 2nd Stephanie Richardson.
Boys Senior Backstroke: 1st Toby Incher-Jones, 2nd Jack Stevenson.
Girls Junior Butterfly: 1st Heidi Brownlie, 2nd Emilie Vincent.
Girls 11yrs Butterfly: 1st Lucy Merritt, 2nd Josie Cotterill.
Girls Senior Butterfly: 1st Izzy Salter, 2nd Zara Badewitz.
Boys Senior Butterfly: 1st Jack Stevenson (no other entrants).
Girls Senior Individual Medley: 1st Izzy Salter, 2nd Zara Badewitz.
Boys Senior Individual Medley: 1st Jack Stevenson (no other entrants).
Girls Junior IM: 1st Heidi Brownlie, 2nd Emilie Vincent.
Boys Junior IM: 2nd Finn Sullivan, 2nd Christopher Feeney (then Maleek Rangi).

Relays

Junior Girls: 1st Ella Green, Emilie Vincent, Brandy Crotty and Heidi Brownlie.
Junior Boys: 2nd Christopher Feeney, Finn Sullivan, Maleek Rangi and Dylan Beddoe.
Senior Girls: 1st Zara Badewitz, Jessica Vincent, Zali Lavender and Izzy Salter.
Senior Boys: 1st Jake Miles, Colby Brownlie, Nicholas Camm-O’Hehir and Jack Stevenson.
Welcome to 2016

SIGN UP DAY
27th February 12 PM @ POOL
All Past and New Players welcome
Free Sausage Sizzle
We are looking to field teams in
U7, U8, U9, U10, U12, U14, U16
For the first time Girls League Tag
REGO Only $40 per Child
Included Socks and Shorts
IF YOU WANT TO PLAY
PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN
Please bring along a copy of Birth Certificate
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The P&C not only provides material things to our students but we also play a pivotal support role, our highly visible support for our school and our children shows them that we not only value them and their education but that we as parents are also a vital link in the chain, which is education. We raise funds which benefit all the children in our school. In the past we have purchased iPads, interactive white boards and we donate money to every child in the school for their yearly excursions as well many other smaller items. It is important to realise that every little bit you can do either by donating goods or your time means that the schooling of every child in our school is improved. Remember if you would like see something in the school come along to the meeting and have a say.

Some of the fundraising which we run include: catering at the Bombala Show, the Athletics Carnival, Bunnings BBQ, Bombala Race Day, the RSL Club raffles, BBQs at local Auctions and our annual Street Stall.

Last year alone through fundraising we were able to give back to the school and more importantly the students $10,634.93. The money was used to subsidise every student attending excursions to pay for student injury insurance, paying PSSA fees, buying new hats for incoming kindergarten students, purchasing a new interactive projector, donating money for new literacy resources, donations to the school gardens and teachers resources. Also funds were donated for children activities, such as peer support lunch, eggs and hot cross buns for Easter activity day and Christmas presents.

Finally, I would like to leave you with a thought; Public Education and our school community offers our children a fantastic opportunity to learn and grow into wonderful community members and fantastic adults in a safe, friendly environment with the help and guidance of all our teachers and staff, and us as parents and care givers.

Please find attached the minutes from our last meeting, and information about student insurance and the P&C Association.

Thank You

Calli Kidman
Minutes of Bombala Primary School P&C Association
Tuesday 2 February 2016

Meeting opened: 7.03pm

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as true and accurate. Moved - L Elton, B Hurley
Apologies: J Robinson, T Usher T Douch, T Gulliford, N Gulliford, J Vincent

Principals Report:
As attached

Treasurers Report:
As attached. As at 2/2/16 $5164.88

General Business
Motion to extend newspaper subs at Bombala Newsagency to include the Monaro Post at a cost of $80 per year;
Moved R Badewitz, R Stevenson

Working bee Saturday 20th February 2016, 10.00am - 2.00pm;
Request for guidelines for Facebook - Jo;
P&C minutes will be attached to the Newsletter;
School council has been disbanded since 2014;
Swimming caps here soon. P&C are paying for the caps. Swimmers representing Bombala will be asked to buy the caps for $5 - half of the cost;
Bunnings BBQ fundraiser - letter to Sue Kelly - Liz
Discussion about this week’s swimming carnival;

Meeting closed: 8.00pm

Next meeting: AGM on Tuesday 1 March at 6.30pm immediately followed by the General meeting.

Principal’s Report to Bombala Public School P&C
2nd February 2016

1. School Fete 10th December P&C lunch - thank you everyone who assisted on the day - there was a real production line in action and it was appreciated by all.
2. Kindy Orientation - Thank you to the P&C for assisting with the sausage sizzle - thank you Calli and helpers.
3. K-2 Christmas party buying ice blocks/ fruit at recess K-6 - thank you to Calli, Di & Liz for cutting up the fruit and Calli for buying the iceblocks and delivering them to the respective events
4. The Painting in the Computer Room is completed - and thank you to Calli for reorganising the Storeroom area and making it accessible as a storeroom once again.
5. The Toilet upgrade/refurbishment was completed by the start of the new school year. The new fixtures are supposedly graffiti proof and non-slip tiles have been used.
6. Newspaper subscription - as we now have regular features in the Monaro Post would the P&C be prepared to pay a subscription for the Monaro Post approximately $80.
7. Community Liaison Officer - Chloe Murphy will continue in this role for one day per week during term 1 and this will be reassessed at the end of the term.
8. Working Bee with the continuing rainfalls and sunny days, summer has turned into a prolific growing season. We would like to hold a Working Bee on Saturday 20th February starting at 9.00am.
9. Other issues - during the holidays I collated the responses from sdtent, staff and parent questionnaires. I was very disappointed that only 29 families out of a possible 90 (32%) returned their questionnaires. The questionnaires, along with informal discussions provide the basis from which the School Strategic Plan is reviewed and goals/targets are set for the following year. A lack of parent input is disappointing when parental involvement is encouraged in all facets of the operation of the school.
10. Thank you to the P&C for your ongoing financial and personal support of the school, its students and staff.

Jo Tozer
Principal
Thank You Bombala PS P&C

Bombala Public school would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the P&C Parents and Community Members for their outstanding support of our school. Last year the P&C donated over $11 000 to support the school, its students and activities. Funds were provided for the following:

- Teacher stickers
- School garden Program
- Primary School PSorts Association fees
- Kindergarten school hats
- Library games resources
- Excursion subsidies K-6
- Reading resources
- Subsiding the Year 6 Melbourne excursion through the Friday street stall
- The acquisition of a new interactive touch projector

In addition to this, they have also donated resources for special activity days:

- Peer support luncheon
- Easter eggs for the giant Easter Egg Hunt
- Hot cross buns for students, staff and Kinder Orientation parents
- Christmas Books for the K-2 Santa Visit

We gratefully thank our tirelessly hardworking P&C, and thank you also to the Bombala Community for the ongoing support of our school.

Thank you Bombala Staff and Students
Have you ever asked...
What Is A P&C Association?

A P&C Association is a school-based organisation consisting of parents, teachers and interested citizens.

The two main goals of a P&C are to:

1. Promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation.

2. Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of students at the school.

At BPS P&C....
We strive every year to provide all we can for the students of our school. Over the last couple of years we have assisted with:

- **Resources:** board games, stickers, literacy resources
- **Major items:** Technology items
- **Uniforms:** we provide every new student to our school with a school hat
- **Services:** Athletics carnival catering, lunch for the fete
- **Seasonal Treats:** hot cross buns, and Christmas treats

The above is just a very small sample of what our P&C does throughout the year to make your child's school experience more rewarding and enjoyable. We achieve these things by fundraising in various forms throughout the year.

Each year at this time, we ask that all families join the P&C. We realise that not all can attend every meeting, but we would love to see you even if it's only once in a while. You might have a great idea for fundraising or would like an answer to a question about the school. Even if you cannot make it to any meetings your membership will still help to continue the valuable work the P&C does for all the children at our school.

Please take a moment to fill in the brief form and return it to school with your subscription fee of $5.00. It would also be appreciated if you would read the information of the reverse of this form about the student insurance we provide.

With thanks P&C Committee

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Name:
I would like to become a financial member of the Bombala Public School P&C Association Inc for 2016. I have included my subscription fee of $5.00

Signed Date
You might be surprised to find that our children are not covered by insurance whilst on school grounds. The P&C Federation have put together a policy that provides insurance for students both in and out of school hours.

The Federation of P&Cs' Associations of NSW says:

"Accidents can happen to your children whilst they are at school or outside the school on excursions that are organised and supervised by the school. NSW Government Schools may only be liable to pay compensation where they have breached their duty of care to the child. An injury to your child could occur through no fault of the school itself. Even though you may have coverage through Medicare and private health insurance, this may not cover all expenses that could flow from an accident."

There are too many inclusions to list them all here, but for further information, including the product disclosure statement, please visit the Federation's website at www.pandc.org.au

The Bombala Public School P&C has paid the premium for your child(ren's) Student Injury Insurance for 2016 (Term 1 to Term 4).

We ask that each family pay just $5.00 for the peace of mind this insurance provides. Reimbursement from parents will allow us to direct funds back where they will do the most good, in your children's classrooms.

Please fill out the form below and return with your payment to the school please return to school by Friday the 18th March 2016

Many thanks
P&C Committee

Name:

I have enclosed $5.00 as reimbursement for the Insurance cover provided for my child/children through the P&C Federation of NSW. I understand that full details, including product disclosure statement, can be found at www.pandc.org.au

Signed: Date: