Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Last Friday Mrs Brazel and I were delighted to accompany thirty of our students to represent the school in the Snowy Mountains Districts PSSA Swimming Carnival. Once again our students made us proud, not only of their achievements in the pool but also through their high level of sportsmanship and support of each other. Congratulations all competitors – you were excellent representatives for our school. Also, a huge thank you to our parents for transporting students to and from Cooma, and for assisting with timekeeping duties – your assistance was greatly appreciated.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents, students and staff who worked tirelessly last Saturday to tidy up and make some improvements around the school. Thank you to DONGWHA Timbers for the kind donation of garden mulch, and to Peter & Jo Caldwell for kindly donating the delivery of the mulch to the school. While many worked in the garden, others worked to concrete in the new ‘buddy seats’, kindly donated by families. The buddy seats are located in the playground and are a meeting point for those students who may not feel a part of a game, or even part of a group. When these students are using the buddy seat it will provide other students with an indication that they need a ‘buddy’ to help them join in or to have someone just be a playtime friend. Later on we will be having another working bee to complete some other small projects around the school. We look forward to having a few extra hands to assist with the next working bee. Once again thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the working bee.

Last Friday our students had the wonderful opportunity to meet some football legends when the ‘Hogs for Homeless’ visited the Primary and High School. Well known players such as Brad Fittler, Steve Roach, Steve Cooper, Steve Menzies, and Ian Schubert, along with many other ‘hogs’ and their Harley’s visited the school to talk about their role in fundraising for the homeless and their time playing football. They were certainly a hit with the older students and staff.

Staff Training Days
This Friday (3.30 – 7.30pm) and Saturday (8.30 – 4.30pm) all school staff, along with staff from Delegate and Bredbo will be undertaking professional learning. The THRASS (Teaching Handwriting Reading and Spelling Skills) is an accredited course used by schools across Australia and internationally and has demonstrated its effectiveness in assisting children’s literacy development. On the completion of this course we will be introducing this as part of the daily literacy program K-6. Later in the term we will run a parent information session to share the program and how it works, and how you can use it when working with your own child/ren at home.

School Assembly
Our school assembly is on this Friday at 12.30. The 1/2 and 3/4 classes will be performing an item. Come and join us to celebrate the achievement of our students.

Until next week

Kind regards
Jo

Principal: Mrs. Joanne Tozer
Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Bombala Public School
Our vision is the development of students as confident, creative, informed and motivated global citizens. We promote an environment where consideration, respect, safety and equity are paramount and aligned to all Department of Education and Communities expectations and requirements.
**Young Leaders' Conference Reminder**

Monday 29th February in Sydney

A reminder that paid, pre-ordered tickets for children and adults will be sent home upon arrival at school.

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

Correction does much, but encouragement does more.

~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

Bumptious:

Confident in a loud and rude way

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**TRIVIA QUESTION**

What Australian company is the largest surfwear manufacturer?

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS 10TH MARCH**

Envelopes will be sent home on Monday 7th March.

These are to be returned on photo day with your child/ren

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**Gotcha Award**

Winner for Term 1 Week 4

Is

Calvin Masters

Well done!

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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. Full payment is due by Friday 25th February.

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**Kid's Club**

At St Matthias Anglican Church

Commencing Friday 25th February

From 3.30pm until 5.15pm

For all infant and primary age children.

Games, afternoon tea, singing, Bible stories, craft activities.

Cost: $2.00

ALL WELCOME

Rev’d. Robert Lindbeck - Priest-in-Charge.

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**Bombala Basketball Association**

Calling for names for our next competition. Junior Mini-ball is for K-Yr3 and Senior Miniball is for Yrs 4-6. All games should be played on Monday afternoons.

Any child wishing to play should give their names to Carol Ingram at Bombala Fabrics, Furnishings & Technology by Friday 4 March with competitions starting 22 March. Any parents willing to coach or referee please contact Carol.

We are also calling for names for Men only and Ladies only comps.

Carol Ingram

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Netball News at Bombala Public School

Wednesday the 17th of February 2016 saw one 5/6 (Stage 3) and two 3/4 (Stage 2) netball teams from Bombala Public School travel to Cooma to compete in the Cooma Carnival against a variety of schools from the surrounding area.

These teams performed wonderfully with all being undefeated in their respective games and as a result Bombala Public School were the eventual winners of the overall trophy for the fourth year in a row. They have now been the holders of the trophy an impressive four out of six times. While the two 3/4 teams were each undefeated in their respective pools the Bombala 1 team was declared the winners of their division on a for and against count-back. Both divisions had a large number of teams competing, so it is quite an achievement for our school to be placed so highly.

This was all the more wonderful an achievement as many of our girls were trying netball for the first time and there was a limited time for training together. I was extremely pleased and proud of the girls as they showed their superior skills - achieved through hard training; fantastic sportsmanship and as always exceptionally good behaviour. They are truly a credit to themselves, their school and community.

The Stage 3 team players were Zara Badewitz, Jessica Vincent, Stephanie Richardson, Josie Cotterill, Tamika Buckmaster, Briony Brotherton, Jayda Ford, Zali Lavender, Christine Cox, Annie Green and Montana Schofield. Stage 2 competition players in Bombala 1 were Bridie Hampshire, Ella Green, Tanner Hurley, Meila Elton, Brandy Crotty, Mikayla Heward and Natalie Vincent. The Bombala 2 team consisted of Heidi Brownlie, Emilie Vincent, Mistin Kidman, Maeya Olding, Taya Douch, Ariella Moro, Lily Hampshire and Sophie Wood.

A huge thank you to Calli Kidman and Wendy Hampshire for help with coaching and umpiring all day as well as transporting the girls. Also thank you to Karlee Moro, Suzy Brotherton, Jaqui Ingerfield and Malcolm Lavender for transporting and supporting the teams.

The next challenge for our Stage 3 girls will be representing the Snowy Mountains Districts at the Regional Trials in Wollongong.

Jenni Moreing - Coach
Twelve Year 6 students from our school and a happy band of accompanying parents will head to Sydney next week to attend the annual Young Leaders' Conference to be held at Allphones Arena.

The aim of the conference is:

* to inspire students to make positive contributions to their school,
* to motivate students to be great leaders in their area of influence,
* to empower students with practical skills of balancing study, school commitments and social life as well as managing stress in these areas,
* to promote the value of inspirational and positive role models as examples to others, by exposing students to a diverse range of leaders and their views on leadership,
* to educate students about the need to grow knowledge and practical skills in the areas of excellence and leadership and
* to connect students with other students from other schools and develop long term networks.

We wish our students and parents safe travelling and feel sure that our Year 6 students will return to us enthused and inspired.
**SNOWY MOUNTAINS DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Last Friday 32 students from our school represented Bombala at the Snowy Mountains District Swimming Carnival in Cooma. We set up camp by the poolside and cheered as each member of the team competed against the strength of Jindabyne, Cooma North, Cooma Public and numerous other small schools in the Snowy Mountains district. Mrs Tozer and Mrs Brazel were very busy making sure each swimmer was in the right place at the right time and excitement was high and cheering was deafening as our swimmers lined up at the marshalling area, stood on the blocks for their races and swam as fast as they could. Each competitor represented our school with sportsmanship and excellent behaviour.

Congratulations to all the swimmers for making it to the District Carnival but special mention must go to:

- Senior girls relay team (Zara Badewitz, Jess Vincent, Zali Lavender, Izzy Salter) on their 3rd place.
- Heidi Brownlie 3rd in the 50m Backstroke and 2nd Junior Girls Individual Medley.
- Izzy Salter 3rd 50m Freestyle.
- Emilie Vincent 3rd Junior Girls Individual Medley.

Students will be informed if they qualified for the next level at Dapto based on their times.

A big thank you to the P&C for subsidising the school’s swimming caps. The children looked great as a team (and were easy to spot in the water too). Also thank you to the parents who transported the children to and from Cooma on the day. Your support meant that our students had an opportunity to be exposed to competing in a big event, some for the first time. A great day was had by all and the teachers and parents were very proud of the efforts of all the students in the pool.

Mrs Brazel

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**Student Representative Council Representatives**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as their class representatives for the SRC. They will join School Captains, Zali and Jack for this important roll.

- Year 5/6 R - Anna Spoljaric and Wyatt Jones
- Year 5/6 C - Jessie Cuzner and Hunter Giles
- Year 3/4 B - Lily Hampshire and Tyler Ford
- Year 3/4 I Bridie Hampshire and Hayden Barker
- Year 2/3 Emma Richardson and Andrew Warren
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

P&C Catering
On Saturday the 27th of February, the P&C has been asked to cater a morning tea and lunch for a staff training day therefore, we are calling for donations of slices, cakes, biscuits, sandwiches, fruit, party pies and sausage rolls. If you are able to help please indicate below and return to the school by Monday the 22nd of February.
Thank you in anticipation of your help P&C Committee
If you have any questions please call Calli Kidman on 0417252431

I can donate the following:

Cakes:
Slice :
Sandwiches:
Other:

Signed: