Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday we farewelled Mrs Thompson at a special assembly as she is retiring at the end of this year. Mrs Thompson has dedicated 59 years to public education and has been a proud teacher at Boambee for the past 29 years. Much of our community has been taught by Mrs Thompson and she will certainly leave a remarkable legacy. The staff of Boambee put together a special performance for Mrs Thompson and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all! The students also recited a poem written by Mrs Townsend.

I had the privilege of presenting Mrs Thompson with a retirement medallion on behalf of the Department of Education for her ‘Service to Students’. We wish Mrs Thompson well in her retirement and she assures us that she will come back and visit from time to time!

We conducted our Kindergarten graduation assembly today. Can you believe that this year has almost come and gone? I am very proud of our Kindergarten students and have enjoyed celebrating their milestones as they have achieved them. I will always remember the Kindergarten class of 2015 very fondly as I also started at Boambee in 2015!

As the term comes to a close, we continue to conduct lessons as normal. There are some special events conducted in the last week of term and I’m sure the students are looking forward to them. We will be taking every teaching and learning opportunity we can and it is important that you continue to send your children to school every day.

If you are leaving Boambee in 2016 and haven’t yet notified the office, please do so as soon as you can. We are in the process of putting classes together for 2016 and at this stage, have 17 classes. They are tentative classes at the moment, dependant on any new enrolments at the start of 2016.

When purchasing shoes for 2016, please ensure they adhere to our school policy of being all black weather-proof closed in shoes which are suitable and safe for all school activities.

Mathers and Williams Shoes have a very special offer that helps our school. This program runs from 1st December 2015 until 29th February 2016. Purchases will be collated and payment made directly to the school by 31st March 2016. Please take this bar code below with you when purchasing.

We appreciate your cooperation!
Enjoy your weekend. Brad Lyne - Principal

Presentation Day
You are invited to our Presentation Day which will be held Monday 14th December at 10.00am in the school hall. Letters have been posted this week to parents of students who are receiving an award at Presentation Day.

Movember
A big thank you to everyone who supported Movember this year. The Boambee Team raised over $4300.00.

If you would like to donate online please go to au.movember.com and follow the “donate” prompt in the right hand corner. Thank you for your support.
School Captains and Vice Captains 2016

Congratulations to the following students who were voted as our 2016 school Captains:

2016 Boys Captain - Mitchell Hickey
2016 Girls Captain - Lilyarna Sharkey
2016 Boys Vice Captain - Cooper McInally
2016 Girls Vice Captain - Imala Whitlock

Volunteer Morning Tea

In appreciation of your valued contribution in assisting the staff and students at Boambee Public School during 2015, you are cordially invited to attend a special morning tea Tuesday, 15th December at 11.00am in our Staffroom.

Children with Autism Walk

On 23 January 2016 (Saturday before school resumes) there will be an organised walk for children with Autism from Coffs to Moonee Beach (14kms). The walk departs the Park Beach Hoey Moey at approximately 10:00am and takes approximately 3 hours along the majestic Solitary Islands Coastal Walk. This is a wonderful initiative to show our local community that our local public schools support children with Autism as well as their families.

Upon arrival at the Moonee Tavern there will be many activities for kids, raffles, games and live entertainment for everyone. FREE transportation has been arranged for you to get back to your vehicle. The link to register is: https://coffsbeachwalk.gofundraise.com.au/cms/home.

Muffin Awards

At last Friday’s assembly Mitchell Hickey, Gabby Sullivan and Lainey Shaw were the very deserving Muffin Break winners.

ASSEMBLY Week 8 CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic week at school.

KL
Shaye MCCormack & Jazmin George

KD
Jake Clunas & Fynn Wheatley

KTD
Emma White & Mia Murcott

K/1F
Miah Engel & Hayden Brown

1A
Bella Ingram & Cameron Bourne

1G
Sophie Watson & Adelaide Trindall

1/2S
Noah Corner & Isabella White

2JLS
Zarlee Roberts & Brianna Schweikert

2H
Kyah Hope & Luke Smith

3/4B
William Axton & Abigail Evans

3/4G
Cohan Thomson & Liam Larnach

3/4M
Ned Jones & Amelia McGowan

3/4R
Jahara Thompson-Hope & Caleb Rhodes

5/6G
Kyle Potter & Kyan Page

5/6SG
Lilly Luck & Jarad Beaver

5/6TH
Seth Connell & Azura Thompson-Hopper

2H won the Gus Award last week.
Uniform News

**Second hand Uniforms:** Please make sure any pre-loved uniforms are in good condition before sending in. No non-school items please.

**School Bags:** Due to lack of demand, it has been decided that we will no longer keep our Boambee School Bag. There are none left in stock. They will not be reordered.

**Back to School:** Get in early, beat the first day rush by purchasing next years uniform now. The shop is fully stocked with all your uniform needs. Size 6 Jackets will not be available until the cooler months, all other sizes are in stock.

**Hats:** are available at the school office for $12.00 each.

**Reminder:** Uniform Shop will be open Monday 7th December from 9.00am until 2.00pm.

Bonville Physical Culture Club
Classes resume for 2016 in mid February and are held here at Boambee school for girls aged 3 and over. For more information please contact:
Melissa Mackenzie 0499 009 317 or Wendy Gallagher 0419 180 998.

Manly Sea Eagles
An afternoon skills/meet and greet clinic with the Manly Sea Eagles has been organised and is limited to 100 children aged 5-14 years.

Due to the limited number of children that can attend there is a registration process that must be completed prior to attending the afternoon.

The link for registration is: https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=49770&programID=2793

**DATE:** Monday 14th December  
**TIME:** 4.00pm – 5.30pm  
**VENUE:** Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort Elite Training Centre  
**Schedule of Events:**  
4.00pm Clinic to start  
NRL to arrange kids into ages groups  
Meet and Greet by Trent or Similar  
4.15pm Activities to start  
5.15pm signing and photos  
5.30pm End Clinic. Players Leave, All guests to depart the resort.

S & K HORSE CONNECTONS  
**Kid’s Holiday programs** Call us today on 0438377858 or 0481296798

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Bingo
Tuesday evening at 7.00pm eyes down at the Coffs Ex Services Club. Come along and support our school
**Tuesday 8th December - Team 1**  
Alison Szabo, Penny Smith, Ann Beynon & Kieran Richards

Canteen News
This week due to Kinder to year 4 swimming the school canteen menu will run as per normal. Lunches will be served at 1.00pm.

Canteen Roster
Wed 9 Dec  
Leanne Krainik & Trista Shannahan  
Thurs 10 Dec  
Alison Main & Jo Dunstan  
Fri 11 Dec  
Susan Dean Hickey, Karina Ryan, Donna Morris & Steph Bellamy

Holiday Soccer Clinic
There will be a soccer clinic held at Forsyth Park from 21st to 22nd January. For registrations please visit www.australiansoccerclinics.com.au or phone 1300 002 934.

Baylis Tennis Academy School Holiday Fun
Ages 4 to 16 years @ Sawtell Tennis Club on Lyons Road Sawtell  
Clinic 1 - 21st to 23rd December  
Clinic 2 - 4th to 7th January  
Clinic 3 - 18th to 21st January  
Call or text Eli Baylis on 0407 296 685 or Email: elibaylis@hotmail.com for more information

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“Farewell Mrs Fran Thompson”

The students staff and community at Boambee Public School farewelled Mrs Thompson at a special school assembly on Thursday. The school choir sang “Till we meet again” and recited a poem written especially for Mrs Thompson by Mrs Townsend. The staff performed “Its all about the books” also written by Mrs Townsend. The students and Mrs Thompson thought it was very entertaining. Mrs Thompson was then joined by her family, past colleagues, staff and community members afternoon tea. Teachers, parents, children, past students, friends and family of Mrs Thompson gathered.

Mrs Thompson is retiring after 59 years of teaching. Mrs Thompson, who will turn 79 on December 20, said she had never considered leaving at the 'normal' retiring age of 60 or 65, but had decided this term that it was time. But this energetic educator, mother and grandmother will not be spending her retirement with her feet up. A volunteer with the Coffs Harbour Regional Museum and the Bunker Cartoon Gallery for many years, she is already considering other projects, with a new university course already in her sights. Mrs Thompson began her teacher training in Armidale in 1954 and taught in Sydney, Armidale, Brentford and Ealing in England, Forbes, Raymond Terrace and Murrurundi, before moving to Boambee in 1986 with her family when her husband was appointed as the school's Principal.

We would like to wish Mrs Thompson all the best for the future and her retirement from teaching.