Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I was delighted to hear that two of our swimmers have qualified for the PSSA State Swimming Carnival to be conducted at Homebush. A mighty congratulations to Mitchell Hickey and Elke Bowles. Well done!

Our school plan continues to be a work in progress and I am eager to ensure parents are fully involved in the education of their children. We will be identifying strategies for you to assist so we can continue to support all Boambee students in their education.

At our staff meeting this week, we revisited aspects of visible learning, which will become a primary focus for teachers at Boambee PS in the coming years. This will be a powerful tool to assist teachers and students in their learning and teaching. We also looked at neuroscience research about how we learn, including building resilience.

Our staff is determined to challenge themselves and our students to seek continuous improvement. Exciting times ahead for Boambee PS!

I have been consulting with the Council and local Police on solutions for reducing congestion in the mornings and afternoons. Please remember that our bus zones cease becoming bus zones from 3pm and you are free to park and then come and collect your child/ren. If you find yourself in the no stopping zone, we ask you to move forward to the front bay and park to collect your children. In the morning, your child can get dropped off in the bay just past the driveway. There is no need to wait to come down to the front bay to drop them off.

We have had a complaint from the owners of Garden Mania about cars travelling through there at speed and then parking. Garden Mania would prefer if you didn’t use their business as a pick up point for your children. There are no easy solutions to reducing congestion however, if we try and abide by the road signage, we may alleviate some of the problems. The Rangers and Police will be out here on a regular basis and they have demonstrated that they will book motorists. Some parents have expressed their concerns to the local council and we will continue to work on a positive solution.

We encourage all students to catch the bus to and from school to ease congestion. All bus transport for Kinder to Year 2 students is free. Year 3 to Year 6 are free if they are outside the radial. If they are in the radial you can apply for free transport by attaching a letter with your bus application to the minister of transport explaining why your child needs a bus pass, eg; unsafe, distance, etc.

Thank you for returning the skills register information. It’s not too late to send it in. I will circulate the information to our teachers and if they need your expertise, they will contact you and see if you can help! We value your input and look forward to seeing you in our classrooms.

Brad Lyne
Principal

2015 Class Requisites
Thank you to all the families who have paid their class requisites. We accept payment by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and online at our schools website.

Lake Ainsworth Excursion
This Stage 3 excursion has been organised for Monday 16th November until Friday 20th November 2015. A non refundable deposit of $100.00 will need to be paid by Friday 20th March to secure a place. The total cost of this excursion is $380.00 and can be paid by payment plan or in full. All Stage 3 students received information about this excursion last week.

P&C Meeting
You are invited to the next P&C Meeting. It will be held Monday 9th March at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room at the school. Everyone in the school community is welcome to attend. We encourage all parents/caregivers to come along.
MNC PSSA Rugby Trials
Congratulations to Riley Drabsch who has qualified for the Mid North coast PSSA Rugby League trials held on Friday, 20th March at Geoff King Motors Oval. Good Luck Riley!

MNC PSSA Basketball Trials
Congratulations to Clair Crampton. Clair attended the MNC basketball trials yesterday and was selected to participate in the NC basketball trials in Week 8 at Grafton. Good Luck Clair!

Toormina District Soccer Trials
On Thursday, 15 of our Stage 3 students attended the Toormina District Soccer Trials at Toormina Oval. Well done to all those who tried out and a special mention to Gabby Sullivan, Charlet East, Brad Clancy, Will Joice, Riley Drabsch, Joss Boyes and Drew Mills who made the Toormina District side. We would like to wish these students all the best as they vie for a position on the Mid North Coast side on Tuesday 17th March.

North Coast Swimming
Congratulations to Mitchell Hickey and Elke Bowles who have qualified for State Swimming to be held at Homebush on 25th and 26th March. What a sensational effort by all our students who attended the North Coast Swimming on Wednesday.

ASSEMBLY Week 5 CLASS AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic week at school.

KL Lilah Harrison & Sam White
KD Jake Clunas & Kayleigh Wall
KTD Sam Mee & Mia Murcott
K1/F Harriet Croak & Noah Light
1A Kaitlyn Ablett & Noah Nielsen
1G Ruari Buttle & Cooper Thompson
1/2S Tara Smith & Isabella White
2JLS Brianna Schweikert & Harrison Stone
2H Jada Sothman & Darcie McInally
3/4D Oscar Patterson & Montana Anderson
3/4G Maddie Hatfield & Molly Holton
3/4M Kyra Clunas & Shayla Webb
3/4R Arman Kaur & Billy Pickering
5/6G Tori Goundar & Mia Wilson
5/6SG Willow Morris & Bree-Lily Pickering
5/6TH Isaac Kelly & Myah Harrison

2H won the Gus Award

1G Buddying with 3/4G
This year 1G students have been buddy reading with 3/4G. They read together for 5 to 10 minutes every day after lunch. Year 1 read a home reader to 3/4G. 3/4G ask questions about the book and then read a picture book back to Year 1 demonstrating fluency and expression.
School Photos - Monday 16th March
School photo envelopes were sent home last week, one envelope for each child. It is vital that each child returns their own envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a siblings envelope. If you need a family envelope please see the front office. Please return envelopes with correct money inside (no change will be given) to the office by Wednesday 11th March 2015.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS Year 2-6
Don’t forget to hand your Uni of NSW enrolment forms in before Friday 20th March if you intend to enrol for these tests (completely optional).

Year 6 Shirts
It is now time to order your Year 6 Class of 2015 Polo shirt. The cost of the shirt this year will be $24.00 each and payment must be received with your order. Order form and payment must be returned by this Monday, 9th March 2015. All shirts are supplied by our Uniform shop; therefore, please order your usual school shirt size. Thank you Mrs Gallagher for again organising this for us.

Uniform Shop
Apologies for the uniform shop being closed last Monday. We will be back to normal this Monday, opening from 9.00am to 10.30am. All orders left at the office will be filled at that time. Thank you for your patience.

Please remember you can purchase a hat at the office any time for a cost of $12.00.

School Banking
School banking is every Thursday morning. Please put your bank books in the green tub near the canteen as soon as you come to school.

Important Dates - Term 1
09.03.15 & 10.03.15 Whole School Dance
09.03.15 P&C Meeting
13.03.15 Assembly at 1.00pm
   (Choir Presenting)
13.03.15 MiniRoos School Football Festival
16.03.15 School Photo Day
18.03.15 Netball Gala Day
18.03.15 NC Basketball Trials
20.03.15 Harmony Day
20.03.15 MNC Zone PSSA Rugby Trials
20.03.15 Lake Ainsworth Deposit Due Stage 3
01.04.15 Cross Country

Canteen News
Attention New Parents
The canteen is looking for more volunteers. Don’t be shy please consider helping at the canteen. You will meet nice people and maybe learn some new skills and make your child very happy! Please call or text Terri on 0411 843 600 or leave a note at the office.

Over the Counter at Lunchtime
We sell lots of milk or juice, ice cups, jelly and custard, mini ice cups, frozen custard cups, lemonade icy poles, calypso, ice creams in a bucket, Paddlepops, chocolate, rainbow and banana, popcorn, fruit and cheesy melts. All item are low calorie, low salt and portion controlled.

Canteen Roster
Wed 11 March   Dee Schley & Ashley Challinor
Thurs 12 March  Wendy Gallagher & Allison Main
Fri 13 March    Julie Bellamy, Kathy Blessing, Mel McInally, Kristy Watson & Marie Kane

Bingo
If you’re interested in joining a team and helping to contribute towards fundraising through Bingo then please call Tania Myers on 0423 150 284. It’s great fun and enjoyed by all. Tuesday evening at 7.00pm eyes down at the Coffs Ex Services Club. Come along and support your school.

Tuesday 10th March - Team 2
Tania Myers, Lorie Watson & Deborah Crowfoot
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at January 13th 2015

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty
$311
+ 2 Demerit Points

Penalty
$173
+ 2 Demerit Points

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty
$311
+ 2 Demerit Points

Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Penalty
$311
+ 2 Demerit Points

DOUBLE PARKING

You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty
$311
+ 2 Demerit Points

• STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $311 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: $415 + 2 Demerit Points

• STOP on path/strip in built up area: $173 + 2 Demerit Points

These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.

• STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit (all areas): $519