Dear Parents and Caregivers,
A priority for staff professional development has been and will continue to be ‘Visible Learning’. We have learned about the importance of having a growth mindset as opposed to a fixed mindset where we all openly challenge ourselves on a regular basis. I'm looking forward to sharing more information about having a growth mindset in the very near future. It will also have a heavy presence in our school management plan. Watch this space!

Thank you for your cooperation in the congestion that is afternoon pickup. We have seen an improvement and we will continue to monitor the situation.

From time to time, parents bring family pets on afternoon pick ups. Please be aware that some of our children have allergies and some children also have a fear of some animals. If you do find it necessary to bring your pet, please make sure it is on a tight leash and in your control at all times. Your cooperation is appreciated.

I'm getting there with my phone calls to all parents and I will speak to you all before the end of term - thanks for the positive feedback.

Brad Lyne
Principal

Stage 3 Marine Science Centre and Marina Excursion
On Thursday 26th March Stage 3 along with Pre-service teachers from Southern Cross University are going to the Marine Science Centre and Marina as part of the Unit on Animal Adaptations. Permission notes will be sent home next week.

School Photos
School photos are this Monday 16th March 2015. Students must wear full school uniform. This will be the last chance to bring in your envelope. Late orders will need to be direct through “The School Photographer”. Please return envelopes with correct money inside (no change will be given).

Harmony Day
Next Friday 20th March the staff and students are going to celebrate Harmony Day. Everyone is asked to wear either orange or yellow on the day and the student leaders will be collecting a gold coin donation from the children as they are fundraising to assist students from a poor country to receive an education. The student leaders will be organising games for each class to participate in during the day.

MiniRoos Soccer
Students from stage two attended a MiniRoos Schools Football Festival today at Ayrshire Park. The aim of the festival is to promote pathway opportunities through local sporting clubs into the game of football (soccer). This was a great opportunity for students from Boambee School to participate in some structured understanding and game time of football. Unfortunately due to heavy rain the day ended earlier than expected. More information about the day and how students can become involved in the local Boambee Football Club next week.

NAIDOC WEEK
We are calling for parents to assist with the organisation of NAIDOC week (Term 2, Week 10). We’d like as many parents to assist. Please email Tracey Ferguson at tracey.ferguson@det.nsw.edu.au or contact the office. We will inform you on meeting dates in upcoming newsletter.
Welcome Bradan
We welcome Bradan to our school. Bradan has joined 3/4R. It is wonderful to have you join the Boambee School Community.

North Coast AFL Trials
Congratulations to Riley Drabsch and Bradley Clancy for being selected for the North Coast AFL Trials. Drew Mills has been selected as reserve. Good Luck boys!

Reading with Mr Shipman
Tomoyo, Regan, Isabella and Lachlan are all engaged in their reading group. They are practising reading with expression and fluency.

ASSEMBLY Week 7 CLASS AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic week at school.

KL  Pippi Hudson & Jaydon Davis
KD  Ivy Sothman & Aaron White
KTD  Jaylen Naden-Dumas & Lilly McArtney
K/1F  Brodie Hill & Bryson Galvin
1A  Sienna Ellem & Cameron Bourne
1G  Jono Cox & Sofia Zariquey
1/2S  Lachlan Joice & Regan Holton
2JLS  Lyla Kelly & Zarlee Roberts
2H  Billy Rawling & Chelsea Burns
3/4D  Trinity Schweitzer & Cayden Johnstone
3/4G  Tyler Sharkey & Bailey Patten
3/4M  Oscar Hickey & Kane Perrie
3/4R  Samuel Whelan & Jorja Thomas
5/6G  Yasmin Chong & Jarrod Hughes
5/6SG  Jack Myers & Kalob Stone
5/6TH  Niall Swatridge & Maya Savage

2H won the Gus Award again. Gus has been very busy this week. Pictured is Ashley and Paige working with Gus.

Assembly Item
KTD and K/1F last week dazzled the audience with a special Kung Fu number at assembly. The students had learnt the routine as part of the school dance program and shook the room with their fearful Kung Fu calls. The students also surprised the audience with their newly acquired sign language skills.

Passion Project
Year 5 and 6 have been doing a project about what their passion is. Clair is to the left with her stilts and Ali to the right with delicious brownies.
1G News Rhinosceros Beetle

Today I am going to talk about Rhinosceros Beetles. A few years ago I was given one. I have brought it with me today to show you. This beetle is often found in Queensland and can also be called a Hercules Beetle. The male beetle has horns and the female beetle doesn’t. Although they look scary these Rhino Beetles are harmless and won’t hurt if you hold them. Rhino Beetles are herbivores. They like to eat fruit nectar and tree sap. Thank you for learning about Rhinosceros Beetles.

Written by Adelaide Trindal.

Cross Country

Cross Country notes went home this week for students aged 8 to 13 years. As students will be running outside of the school grounds it is important that all children return the note and payment of $3.00 to the school office by Thursday 26th March.

Year 6 Expression of Interest Placement in Year 7, 2016 in a NSW government school

All year 6 students at our school were given the above form on Wednesday. Every child in year 6, even if they do not wish to nominate for a position at a NSW government school, needs to have this form filled out and brought back to the office. It is essential that all forms are returned by Friday 20th March. Thank you.

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 this 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 have already received information about this excursion.

P&C News

A reminder from the P&C that School contributions are now due. We have included these on the same form as the school requisites to make it simpler for parents/carers when arranging payments. We would love your support in contributions to help fund the extra school projects we have planned for 2015.

This year we are requesting $40.00 per student and up to a maximum of $100 per family. Payments can be made by cash/cheque, or credit card/eftpos through the school office.

Uniform

The uniform shop has received its new supply of Fleece Jackets for winter. The cost is $27.00 each for sizes 4 to 16. The uniform shop is open Monday, 9.00am to 10.30am.

P&C Bingo

Boambee School P&C Bingo is one of the biggest fundraisers for our school. It’s run solely by a handful of parents and brings in a few hundred dollars every week and approximately $10,000 every year. It’s a vital source of income for our school. But, without volunteers, Bingo can’t run. We need your support. This week we’re sending home a note asking for your help. If you can donate some time on a Tuesday night a few times a year, we’d love to hear back from you.

Tuesday 17th March - Team 3
Kate Kelly, Leanne Krainik & Sarah Floyd

Canteen News

Thank you to the people who responded to my cry for help in the canteen. We still need lots more volunteers to keep the canteen running efficiently. Please call or text Terri on 0411 843 600 if you are interested in helping.

Meal Deal 2 weeks

Chirpy Burger and any drink for $5.00

Fresh bun served with lettuce, cheese, pineapple, mayo and warmed crunchy crumbed chicken pattie.

Canteen Roster

Wed 18 March      Leanne Lamach & Jaimie Joice
Thurs 19 March   Jo Dunstan & Cathy Cook
Fri 20 March  Susan Dean-Hickey, Karina Ryan, Nathan Ellem, Kirsten Howton & Kate Kelly

Important Dates - Term 1

16.03.15 School Photo Day
17.03.15 MNC PSSA Soccer Selection Trials
18.03.15 Netball Gala Day
18.03.15 NC Basketball Trials
20.03.15 Assembly at 1.00pm
         (Percussion Group Presenting)
20.03.15 Harmony Day
20.03.15 MNC Zone PSSA Rugby Trials
20.03.15 Lake Ainsworth Deposit Due Stage 3
20.03.15 ICAS Competition last day to enrol
26.03.15 Year 5 & 6 to Marine Science Centre
01.04.15 Cross Country
“The Kelso’s Choice Program at Boambee Public School”

The Kelso’s choice Conflict Management Skills program has been introduced to all students at Boambee Public School. The program is being implemented to help students learn a lifelong conflict resolution tool. The program philosophy is simple: *each child is smart enough and strong enough to resolve conflict.*

**K – 2 Kelso’s Choice Wheel**

Kelso the frog teaches students how to solve “small” problems on their own. “Small” problems include conflicts that cause “small” feelings of annoyance, embarrassment, boredom, etc. “BIG problems” always need to be taken to an adult. These are situations that are scary, dangerous, illegal, etc.

Kelso has nine choices to solve “small problems.” These are illustrated in the Kelso’s Choice Wheel. They include:

- Go to another game
- Talk it out
- Share and take turns
- Ignore it
- Walk away
- Tell them to stop
- Apologise
- Make a deal
- Wait and cool off

When a child comes to a teacher to solve a “small problem,” teachers will encourage them to try one or two of Kelso’s Choices first. If that doesn’t work, then an adult can intervene. Students also learn how to ask an adult for help in the event of a “BIG problem.”

**Year 3-6 Kelso’s Choice Wheel**

Kelso’s wheel introduces the concept that there are “minor problems” that cause minor feelings of annoyance, embarrassment, boredom, etc. There are also “SERIOUS problems” that need to be taken to an adult. These are situations that are scary, dangerous, illegal, etc.

There are eight choices to solve “minor problems.” There are “verbal choices” and “nonverbal choices” to solve “minor problems”:

- **Verbal Choices:**
  - Make a Deal
  - Tell them to stop
  - Apologise
  - Talk it out

- **Nonverbal Choices:**
  - Wait and cool off
  - Walk away
  - Go to another game
  - Ignore it