Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It’s hard to believe that our first term has only two weeks to go. We have certainly had a productive term and as the year progresses, I’m looking forward to sharing the progress of our school plan that is still being finalised. As well as focusing on what and how the students are learning, the staff will also be participating in professional development that will assist in ensuring all children at Boambee Public School continue to receive the quality education they deserve.

Thank you to the families who have contacted me in regards to applying for leave for their children. As you are aware, there have been some changes in regards to attendance and applying for leave, in particular, for family holidays. Exemptions can no longer be granted for family holidays and leave must be applied for BEFORE you go on holiday. Any leave that is not approved will be recorded as an unjustified absence. Thanks for your cooperation and leave application forms are available from the front office.

We do have a busy end of term and I am really looking forward to attending my first Cross Country and first Easter Hat Parade at Boambee Public School. I hope we see you at one of these school events.

Brad Lyne
Principal

New Sandpit Toys
Mrs Donoghoe has been shopping and purchased some wonderful new toys for our sandpit. The students have been having a wonderful time digging and making castles.

NAPLAN
Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy tests on Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May. They are run over three days and focus on aspects of literacy and numeracy. Schedule for testing days:

Tuesday: Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday: Reading
Thursday: Numeracy

Students will commence tests at 9:00am each day. Each test runs for approximately 50 minutes.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:
- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- Have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed and is available from Mr Lyne.

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.

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 were sent home on Wednesday. Cost is $10.00.
NSW PSSA State Swimming
This coming week Mitchell Hickey and Elke Bowles will travel to Homebush in Sydney to compete at the NSW PSSA State Swimming Carnival. Good luck!

Mid North Coast Football Trials
On Tuesday, six students participated in the North Coast Football Trials in Coffs Harbour: Brad Clancy, Drew Mills, Will Joice, Riley Drabsch, Gabby Sullivan and Charlet East represented the Toormina District. The level of competition was extremely high and Brad and Gabby were selected to represent the Mid North Coast region in the North Coast selection trials in Grafton next term. Well done to all students who participated and good luck to Brad and Gabby.

North Coast Basketball
Congratulation to Clair Crampton who has made it in the North Coast Basketball Team. The North Coast team will play the State championship at Berkley on 5th, 6th and 7th May. Good Luck Clair!

Netball Gala Day
On Wednesday nine students represented Boambee Public School in a Gala day at Coffs Harbour Netball courts. We won three out of the six games we played. The first game we played everyone was confident and we won 12-0. We played well in all the other games and everyone had a good time. Thank you to Miss Drummond who umpired every game and was very supportive. Lucy, Lilly Bree-Anna and Myah tried out at District netball on Thursday and Myah, Lilly and Lucy qualified to represent the Mid North Coast at Woolgoolga on the 30th April. Recount from Myah.

Cross Country
Cross Country notes went home last 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.
Impetigo
There has been reported cases of Impetigo (school sores) at our school. Would you please assist us by checking your child/children. Following are some helpful facts from NSW Government Health:

**Time from exposure to illness:**
1 to 3 days.

**Symptoms:**
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

**How can I prevent spread?**
Careful hand washing.

**Nit Alert**
Please check your child’s hair. If nits or live lice are found please treat them. Headlice are extremely contagious and students are to be kept home until treatment has been finalised. Thank you.

**Woolworths Dominos**
Mrs Phillips is looking for dominos. If you have any that you do not want could you please bring them to the school office. The students love to get these as a reward for their wonderful reading.

**Golf at Boambee**
We have another activity for our students to participate in at lunch and recess play. A golf driving range has been set up at the lower end of the playground. Students have the opportunity to practice their golf swing under teacher supervision. Many thanks to Mr Poutney for organising this activity and sharing his expertise.

**Boambee Soccer Club**
If you are still interested in joining the Boambee Football Club please contact Fiona Barden on president@boambeefc.com.au or 0429 690 679.

**P&C Bingo Roster**
Tuesday 24th March - Team 4
Vicki Totzl, Kristy Watson & Nicole Bourne

**Canteen News**

**Picnic/Burger Day**
**Thursday, 2nd April 2015**
Kinder to Year 2 parents and children can pre-order a burger and have a picnic together. The Pre-order Burger and Drink is also available to all students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**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 25 March | Emma Meuli & Wendy Gallagher |
| Thurs 26 March | Renee Dootson, Jo Dunstan & Anne-Marie Herden |
| Fri 27 March | Julie Bellamy, Kristy Watson, Mel McNally & Anna Sothman |

**Canteen Volunteer Luncheon**
When: Tuesday, 31st March
Time: 12.00pm
Where: Ring Terri on 0411 843 600 to find out!
All canteen volunteers are welcome. Please come along and enjoy a meal and a chat.

**Important Dates - Term 1**

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