Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to Mel McInally and the P&C team for organising the Mother’s Day stall this week. A lot of preparation goes into making sure it runs smoothly and that was certainly the case yesterday. To all mums out there – I hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday and that you get to spend time with your family. I was asked by one of our students when I was teaching their class, “So when is kid’s day if Mother’s day is on Sunday?!” I politely informed them it was every other day!

Our teachers have had an extremely productive week implementing one of our strategic directions from our school plan. They collaborated as a stage about quality teaching practices and will now start implementing some of the visible learning principles in their classrooms. The teachers will meet again as a stage in week 6. I’m looking forward to sharing with you what our teachers are implementing in their classrooms. I have been impressed by the enthusiasm of our staff and all our staff are taking responsibility for the learning of all kids in our school.

Reviewing attendance of our students is ongoing at our school and shortly, some families may receive letters indicating that we are concerned about the attendance of your child/ren. It is important that children are present at school and on time every day, unless their absence has been justified. We are also seeing an increase of children arriving at around 9am. Children go into class at 8:50am and it is extremely important that everyone is here to start the day on time.

Our afternoon pick up system has been working very well this term and I thank all parents for your cooperation. We have seen an increase in parents using the front bay after 3pm which certainly assists us in dismissing students in a timely manner. It would be great if you could teach your children how to put their seatbelt on as it is much more efficient if parents can remain in their car while picking up children. We are still awaiting action to make the bus bay on the opposite side of school available for parking in the morning. I will keep you informed of any changes. If you are picking your child up from school at the tree, please wait until we bring your child from the top COLA. It assists us in ensuring all children are where they need to be in a timely manner.

The P&C are always looking for volunteers for bingo and the canteen. Even if you can offer one day a term at either, that would be much appreciated!

NAPLAN assessments will be conducted next week. Language Conventions and writing will be conducted on Tuesday, Reading will be conducted on Wednesday with Maths being conducted on Thursday. NAPLAN is one test the children complete but it does give us data that we analyse and assists us in identifying areas of strength and areas for development for our school. We will share data with you later in the year.

We take pride in the relationships we have with our families at Boambee and will always promote continuous conversations with you about your child/ren. If you need to arrange a meeting with a teacher about your child, please contact them at school on 6653 1107. Teachers are not always available before or after school and we would appreciate it if you could arrange a time to meet as we have seen an increase in parents going directly to classrooms during learning time and teachers are unable to have discussions with you during this valuable time. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Brad Lyne - Principal

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you to Melissa McInally and her wonderful helpers for preparing a fantastic Mother’s Day stall for the children. All the students were very excited to shop at the stall this week.
Do Your Boambee

Be resilient
Engage in learning
Show respect
Think safety and sustainability

NSW PSSA Girls Basketball
This week Clair Crampton played in the NSW PSSA Girls Basketball team. She played 3 games on Tuesday, 3 games on Wednesday and 1 game on Thursday. The team came 13th in the championship. Well done Clair!

World Cup Opening Ceremony
These are all of our wonderful students who helped by carrying the countries’ signs at the World Cup Touch Football Opening Ceremony last Thursday. What a privilege and job well done.

Chess
We are in the process of organising a social chess club during our play sessions. We would appreciate the donation of any unwanted draught, chess sets or chess timers. If you have any you would like to donate please bring them to the office. If your child would like to play or learn to play chess and join this group they will need to see Mrs Donoghoe.

Stage 1 Solitary Island Excursion Recount
On Tuesday year 2 went to the aquarium and the beach for an excursion. We went on a bus to the aquarium. We went into the movie room and we talked about the ocean. Next we were allowed to explore the aquarium and we went up to the touch pool. I touched a sea cucumber, it was slimy and I touched a sea urchin. It was rough. Then we had lunch. Then we went to the beach and I walked with Mr Shipman. Finally we went back to school and we had an ice block. The best thing was building a sandcastle. By Lauren.

On Tuesday year 2 went to the aquarium and the beach for an excursion. First we got on the bus and it took us to the aquarium. We went into the movie room and we met Stephan. He told us some information about oceans. Next we were allowed to explore the aquarium and we went up to the touch pool I saw a starfish. Then we walked down to the beach area and had lunch. We then went to the beach and we played football. Finally we came back to school and had an ice block. The best thing was playing football on the beach. By Landan.

On Tuesday year 2 went to the aquarium and the beach for an excursion. First we went on a bus I was excited. When we got to the aquarium we met Stephan. Next we explored the aquarium. I saw a butterfly cod and an octopus. I saw a really scary fish. Finally we went back to school. We had an ice block. It was delicious. By Illuca.
Stage 2 Excursion
As part of the unit of work on plants and rainforests we have organised the team from Cascade Environmental Education Centre and Stage 2 staff to run a series of educational activities at Bongil Bongil National Park this Monday, 11th May 2015. All students need to wear comfortable long pants (no leggings) to protection against tick and insect bites and their school uniform shirt (including a hat). Students need to bring fruit and a healthy packed lunch with plenty of water.

Lake Ainsworth Excursion
This excursion will be held Term 4, Week 7 and is for year 5 and 6 students. Total cost is $380.00. The second instalment of $100.00 is due on Friday 15th May. You can make payments online by going to our school website or at the school by cash, cheque or eftpos.

Online Payments
Did you know that you can make payments online? We have launched an online payment portal linked to our school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?
- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

How?
Log onto the School site at www.boambee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Stewart House Donation Drive
Thank you to all who have supported this worthy cause. We raised $120.00.

Watoto Children’s Choir
Sawtell Uniting Church at 24 Elizabeth St Sawtell, will be hosting The Watoto Children’s Choir on Saturday, 23rd May 2015. Commencing at 3pm. This is a free concert. You can experience a new sound coming out of Africa. The children will be presenting, "Oh What Love". There will be opportunity to support the ministry of Watoto and the choir should you desire to do so, either through a donation, or by purchasing merchandise supplied by Watoto before or after the concert. Bookings are essential by calling Maureen on 0418 662 706.

P&C School Contributions
A kindly reminder to families that the P&C contributions are due. Contributions are $40.00 per student or $100.00 per family. Thankyou so much to all those families that have already paid, it will go towards helping many projects the P&C have on their calendar for this year, to help our wonderful school.

Student Banking
Student banking is every Thursday. All you have to do is bring your bank book in and put it in the green tub near the canteen. If you do not have a bank account with the Commonwealth Bank please call by the bank and open one, don’t forget identification.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open Mondays from 9.00am until 10.30am. Mrs Gallagher will be away the last three weeks of this term. Please make all orders prior to that. Thank you. Reminder: Hats can be purchased at the school office for $12.00 at any time.

Bingo Roster
Tuesday evening at 7.00pm eyes down at the Coffs Ex Services Club. Come along and support your school.
- Tuesday 12th May - Team 3
  Kate Kelly, Leanne Krainik & Sarah Floyd

Canteen News
New Icecream
Olaf the Snowman from streets $2.20. For a short time we will be selling this cute delicious canteen approved icecream.

Canteen Roster
- Wed 13 May Leanne Larnach & Kathryn White
- Thurs 14 May Leonie Woodward & Jo Dunstan
- Fri 15 May Susan Dean Hickey, Kate Kelly, Mel McInally & Anna Sothman

Important Dates - Term 2
- 11.05.15 Stage 2 Excursion Bongil Bongil
- 12.05.15 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 - Language & Writing
- 13.05.15 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 - Reading
- 14.05.15 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 - Numeracy
- 14.05.15 Toormina District Touch Football Trials
- 15.05.15 Assembly at 1.00pm (Stage 3)
- 15.05.15 Lake Ainsworth second instalment due
- 18.05.15 NC PSSA Netball
- 19.05.15 ICAS Digital Technologies
- 08.06.15 Queen’s Birthday
- 09.06.15 Kinder 2016 Enrolments commence
“Touch Football World Cup”