Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to term 3! We have a constructive term planned and our students will again be afforded many opportunities to participate in all aspects of the curriculum, being challenged and learning more about internal motivation. What a great term it will be!

I am forever thankful that our staff is dedicated to professional learning and ensuring that we are providing quality teaching and learning experiences to our students. We will again be participating in visible learning/quality teaching rounds in weeks 2, 5 and 8 this term. Teachers will continue to collaborate and observe each other teach, providing quality feedback.

I am pleased to say that we have achieved most of our milestones thus far in our school plan. In the coming weeks, we will continue to share with you the focus of our school plan and what we are working on this term.

Hopefully you would have received information about our new school app. It can be downloaded on most phones/devices and it will contain useful information including newsletters, school events, notifications, permission notes etc. If you have any questions, please contact us and we will be more than happy to help!

Our afternoon pick up system is continuing to work well. Thanks! Please continue to assist us by staying in your vehicle. If your child/ren cannot yet buckle their own seatbelt, now may be the time to teach them!

Parent/Teacher interviews can now be booked online. We’re looking forward to continuing the conversation with you about your child/ren.

Brad Lyne - Principal

Athletics Carnival Correction

The last newsletter stated that Zachary Wilson broke the Junior Championship race record. This was actually broken by Max Gosschalk. Congratulations Max! Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Drop – off and Pick – up Zone

This area is dedicated at certain times of the day for the purpose of delivering and collecting children to and from school. During the drop-off and pick-up times, drivers are not to leave their vehicle and have 3 minutes in this area.

The procedure for the afternoon pick-up is as follows:

- first vehicle on the scene to drive to the end of the designated area
- wait for teachers to send your child to the car
- when safe exit this space
- next driver moves forward to fill up the space
- teachers will attempt to fill cars quickly so there can be a smooth flow of vehicles.

As teachers fill cars from the front vehicles move forward and out to the road allowing other waiting vehicles to move forward.

Please do not cut in and take the space of vehicles that have been waiting in the pick-up zone. Think of it like a taxi rank. As the cars in front move forward others follow and fill the space from the end of the queue. There should be enough space for 8 cars to queue in the designated area illustrated above.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

You receive one sticker for every $10.00 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.
Do Your Boambee

Every Australian should swim!
Swimming Australia is a strong advocate of the importance of learning to swim. Every Australian should be taught acceptable aquatic skills in a safe and friendly environment. Swimming skills, particularly among children, are fundamental to every individual’s safety and overall motor skill development.

Boambee Public School in partnership with Boambee Parents and Citizens have worked to put together a whole school swimming program that caters for the needs of every student. We are committed to providing swimming lessons for every student prior to the summer season. The program is a mandatory part of our school learning program for Term 4. The expectation is that every student will participate and be supported to improve their skills. This whole school program has been endorsed and congratulated by the NSW Primary School Sport Association. The school has invested in having four of our teaching staff professionally developed and accredited as Auswim trainers.

These programs would not be possible without the commitment of the P&C. The school has also accessed small grants to support the program through the NSW Sports Unit.

As a school community we are very excited about this initiative. We believe one of the greatest gifts we can offer our students is for them to be taught proficient aquatic skills in a safe and friendly environment.

As this program starts on the first day of Term 4 it is essential that all permission notes and payment is completed by the end of Term 3.

Cost:
Kinder to Year 4 - $30.00
Year 5 & 6 - $40.00

ICAS Results for the Digital Technology Test
Congratulations to all our students who sat the University of NSW Computer Test Years 3-6. We had some wonderful results.

Ella-Ruth Beynon Whitelaw Yr 3 - Merit
Aaron Howton Yr 3 - Credit
Samuel Watson Yr 3 - Credit
Skye Vaughan Yr 4 - Merit
Kane Perrie Yr 4 - Credit
Angus Nicol Yr 4 - Credit
Gabby Bowles Yr4 - Credit
Jacob Smallwood Yr 4 - Distinction
Yasmin Chong Yr 5 - Distinction
Jay Perrie Yr 6 - Distinction

Well done to these students. They will be presented with their certificates at next week’s assembly.

Book Fair
During Education Week (Week 3 - 27th to 31st July) we will be conducting a Book Fair in the Library from 8.00am to 3.30pm each day. Children and parents are welcome to browse or take the opportunity to buy from the large selection of books provided by Ashton Scholastic.

“Books Light Up The World” is the book week theme this year and many of the books on sale support the Lexile Reading for understanding levels which are being introduced in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 this term.

The commission we receive from the sale of these books is used to provide new books for our school Library.

2015 Premier’s Spelling Challenge
Boambee Public School has entered into the Premier’s Spelling Challenge this year. The 2015 spelling list has been released and they can be downloaded from the Premier’s Spelling Challenge website. The password this year is robot. All the words for the heats and finals will be taken from these lists. Our school competition dates will be 19th and 20th of August. It will be fantastic to see many of our students enjoying the challenge of this competition.
Parent Meetings
The purpose of the parent meetings is to make positive connections and discuss your child’s progress. Meeting times will be offered for three weeks, between Monday 27th July until Friday 14th August. Interview times can be booked from today 17th July until Friday 24th July online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au by using the school event code QUP49. A flyer with information regarding how to book was sent home today.

We encourage parents to use the online booking service to ensure time slots best meet the needs of busy families. Online booking also provides the opportunity to make more than one appointment for those families who have children in different classes. It is simple, quick and convenient and bookings can be made from this afternoon. Interview times are limited. Parents who cannot access the online booking are encouraged to ring the office. It would be wonderful for every teacher to meet with every parent during this time.

2015 Young Scientist Paper Planes Challenge
Boambee Public School is participating in the Regional High Flyers Competition. We will be holding our school competition at Lunchtime on Tuesday 18th August. Competitors will be videoed and the qualifying throws will be submitted into the competition. These are the ways that a student can qualify for the Preliminary Finals of the Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge:
(1) Come 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a class or school-based paper plane challenge that follows the rules set out for this competition.
(2) Individually pass the qualifying distance of 12m (K-6), or have an airtime greater than 5 seconds (K-6). The throw must comply with the rules, which are available from any teacher at school. All qualified finalists will need to have permission to publish their video recorded throw on the Internet.

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

2015 Class Requisites
Class Requisites are the essential tools students will need during the year to support learning. The Class Requisites for Kinder to Year 4 inclusive is $50.00. The Class Requisite for Year 5 and 6 is $80.00. This includes a $30.00 technology levy for every student. A big thank you to all our families who have already paid.

Masters Home Improvement
Masters Coffs Harbour are having a colouring competition. Entries will be displayed at the front of the store to show their appreciation and support towards our community.

Colouring In Prizes:
1st Prize $20.00 Masters Gift Card
2nd Prize $15.00 Masters Gift Card and
3rd Prize $10.00 Masters Gift Card
A $50.00 Masters Gardening Gift Card will be given to the school with the most entries.

Please make sure you hand your colouring in to the office before the 24th of July 2015.

Canteen News
Meal Deal for 2 weeks only - Nacho’s and ice cup $4.00. Nacho’s are cornchips smothered in cheese and salsa (special mild Mexican sauce) and served warm. You can add sour cream if you wish. Bring your lunch order bag at lunch time to collect your ice cup. We have a selection of milk or juice ice cups.

This term there will be no fried rice. You may purchase home made lentil curry with popadum, very mild and delicious for $4.00.

Canteen Roster
Wed 22 July  Leanne Krainik, Kathryn White & Trista Shanahan
Thurs 23 July  Allison Main & Leonie Woodward
Fri 24 July  Susan Dean-Hickey, Kirsten Howton, Karina Ryan & Kate Kelly

Bingo Roster
Tuesday evening at 7.00pm eyes down at the Coffs Ex Services Club. Come along and support your school.
Tuesday 21st July - Team 3
Alison Szabo, Penny Smith, Ann Beynon and Keiran Richards

Important Dates
17.07.15  Parent Interview Booking Open
20.07.15  Uniform Shop Open 9 -10.30am
20.07.15  Jump Rope Launch at 2pm
21.07.15  Basketball Gala Day
21.07.15  Yarn Up 2.00pm - Meeting Room
24.07.15  Touch Knockout
24.07.15  Assembly 1.00pm - Choir
24.07.15  Parent Interview Bookings Close
27.07.15 to 31.07.15  Book Fair
27.07.15  P&C Meeting 7.00pm - Meeting Room
17.07.15 to 31.07.15  Education Week
06.08.15  Coffs Cup Half Day Holiday
07.08.15  Lake Ainsworth 3rd Instalment Due
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy Information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact the school.