Swimming Carnival
What a fantastic day we had yesterday! It was an amazing atmosphere and as always, we had wonderful parental support. The pool was the place to be as it certainly was a hot day! Congratulations to all swimmers for competing and good luck to the students representing our school at the Toormina District Carnival on Tuesday. Special mention to Mitchell Hickey and Hunter Bellamy who managed to break numerous records on the day – well done boys!

Coffee Van
On Wednesday, between 8am and 9am, the coffee van will again be at the front of the school. If you’re able to make it, you will receive a free coffee and staff will be available to have a chat with you. I am particularly keen to have a chat with you about how your child/ren has enjoyed the start of the school year. Hope to see you here on Wednesday.

Communication
We are always willing to talk to you about your child/ren during school hours. We value our partnership with our parents greatly and we know that it always benefits the children when home and school work productively together. From time to time, there will be issues that do occur at school, including in the playground that we may not be aware of. We like to resolve all issues promptly and encourage you to contact the school to clarify any issues. It is always best to contact us, as quite often we are not told of concerns and are only made aware when parents contact us. We would appreciate it if you did contact us as much often as possible. We are not able to ascertain all of the facts, things can be dealt with quite promptly. It is not appropriate to contact the parents or other children if there has been an issue at school. Thank you for your understanding and I look forward to conducting many positive conversations with you all in the future.

Enjoy the weekend!
Brad Lyne
Principal

Requisites
The cost for each Kindergarten student is $50.00 and for Year 1 to 6 is $65.00 each. As an extra incentive, if you pay your requisites in the next four weeks, you will be in the running to win an Amart Sport gift voucher, which will be drawn at Friday’s Assembly, starting today. To be in the running to win one of four $100 vouchers, all you need to do is pay your requisites in full to the front office in the next four weeks. Our first winner is the Nicol Family.

The “Tell Them From Me” Student Feedback Survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26th February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.
Swimming Champions

Congratulations to our 2016 Boambee School Swimming Champions and competitors. It is wonderful to see the competition between our students so strong but approached with such a healthy attitude. The participation, effort and sportsmanship displayed by all students was outstanding. Thank you to all parent helpers, you made the day run smoothly.

2016 Records
Congratulations Mitchell Hickey and Hunter Bellamy. Both of these students broke numerous school records at this year’s Swimming Carnival.

Boys
- 10 year 50m Freestyle - Hunter Bellamy 32.87
- Jnr Boys 50m Butterfly - Hunter Bellamy 44.10
- Jnr Boys 50m Backstroke - Hunter Bellamy 41.22
- Jnr Boys Medley - Hunter Bellamy 3.21.86
- Snr Boys 50m Butterfly - Mitchell Hickey 38.56
- Snr Boys 50m Backstroke - Mitchell Hickey 40.40
- Open Medley - Mitchell Hickey 3.07.62

Senior Boy
- Mitchell Hickey
- 11 Year Boy
- Jayden Purnell
- Junior Boy
- Hunter Bellamy

Senior Girl
- Gabby Sullivan
- 11 Year Girl
- Elke Bowles
- Junior Girl
- Zoe Wilson

The winning House was Muluny!

Bongil Bongil Community of Schools

On Tuesday all the Captains and Prefects from the Bongil Bongil Community of schools gathered at Boambee Public School for a photo. We would like to congratulate all these students.

Resilience
2H has been working in their class on resilience. This week they made a resilience tree and wrote one of their challenges on a leaf.

Acrostic Poem - Resilient by 2H
Renew yourself to be strong
Embrace positivity
Smile
I can do it
Learn to accept challenges
I can be strong
Even when facing challenges
Never give up
Try, try try!

Volunteer Needed
Do you have 20 minutes to spare in the morning when you drop the kids off to school? We are looking for a volunteer classroom helper to work in a one to one situation with a stage 1 student on a daily basis. Please contact Mrs Lisa Phillips (via the office) if you can help.

Science Show
Permission notes for this show have been sent home today. Cost is only $5.00 each. This is a totally unique show that will have children spellbound, combining science, illusion and the arts. “The Magical World of Crazy Science” is a delightful mixture of magical visual science demonstrations that teaches a wide array of science concepts. Get a sneak peek of Richard’s show on the Nexus Arts Channel: https://youtu.be/AK3NjM3HROs

Volunteers Needed
Thank you to our wonderful book covers. We still have quite a lot of new guided readers to be covered. If you would like to help please call by the school office and pick some up.
New Students
We would like to give Elise in KW and William in 5/6G. A big Boambee Welcome!

Garden Mania
Please remember Garden Mania has great coffee, cakes, a lovely range of plants and gifts.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS ICAS Year 2-6
The University of New South Wales is once again conducting their International Competitions and Assessments for Schools’ (ICAS) Science, Computer Skills, Writing, English and Mathematics Competitions this year. These competitions will be held during terms 2 and 3. Notes were sent home today for students in Years 2-6 who wish to enrol. Past Maths Papers can be completed online by visiting the ICAS Site Address below: http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online.

P&C Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Thank you to all our wonderful helpers last Sunday at the Bunnings BBQ. Although a very hot day, everyone was extremely helpful and positive. Thanks to the support from our parents, teachers and the community, this fundraising event raised around $950.00.

Flipout
Don’t forget the P&C Flipout fundraiser is on tonight. Kinder to Year 2 at 5.30pm until 6.30pm and Year 3 to Year 6 at 6.30pm until 8.30pm. If you are still interested in going and you have not purchased any tickets yet they will be available for purchase at the door tonight for the same price.

P&C Voluntary Contribution
This year the P&C Voluntary Contribution is the same as last year being $40.00 per student or $100.00 per family for three or more children. These funds are used to help subsidise various activities through the school such as the School Swimming Program, Year 5 and 6 Leadership Camp and the new L3 Reading Program. We really appreciate your support.

School Banking Day Reminder
Don’t forget that THURSDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit in their bankbook and drop it into the GREEN basket at the canteen before school starts.

Bingo
Tuesday, 23th February at 7.00pm eyes down at the Coffs Ex Services Club Team 3, Sub Team B and C - Leanne Krainik and Tania Myers will be the organisers.

Canteen News
With the warm weather upon us, just a reminder of our great range of ice blocks: Frozen Custard on a stick - 50cents, Ice Cups - $1.00, Ice Cream tub - $1.00, Lemonade Ice Block - $1.20, Calippo - $1.20, Paddle Pops - $1.60 and Choc Shaky/Shake - $2.20.

Canteen Roster
Wed 24 Feb Leanne Krainik & Mays Tawfik
Thur 25 Feb Sandra Jeffery & Avalon Zukowski-Jurd
Fri 26 Feb Susan Dean-Hickey, Lisa Page & Ellen Davis

Tissues
We are asking all students to bring in a box of tissues for their classroom. Thank you.

Important Dates
19.02.16 P&C Family Function at Flipout
22.02.16 to 26.02.16 Parent Teacher Interviews
23.02.16 Toormina District Swimming at Coffs
25.02.16 Mid North Coast Swimming at Coffs
26.02.16 Payment Due for Science Show
26.02.16 Assembly 1.00pm
02.03.16 Science Show - Kinder to Year 6
11.03.16 ICAS Last Day for Payment
“Kindergarten Bus Safety”