In last week’s newsletter, I included some information about the School Excellence Framework. The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading. I have included more information about the focus and each of the domains. Staff will meet on Monday in their strategic direction teams to finalise our milestones. Parents who have indicated an interest in participating in the strategic direction teams will then have an opportunity before the end of term to become part of the validation/verification process.

**The focus is on students**
All parents want the very best for their children. In education, this means teachers and schools with a commitment to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students – to find the joy in learning, to build their skills and understanding, and to make sense of their world. In the early years, it means having confidence that each individual child will be known and understood, and their individual potential developed. As students progress, it means knowing that they are well supported as increasingly self-motivated learners – confident and creative individuals, with the personal resources for future success and wellbeing.

**Excellence in learning**
The journey to excellence for students in NSW public schools begins during the first important weeks of Kindergarten. Every child brings a different set of experiences, knowledge and skills to school with them, and understanding these is essential to planning their individual learning paths. From the earliest school days and throughout their time at school, teachers use information about individual students’ capabilities and needs to plan for students’ learning so as to engage them in rich learning experiences, developing the vital skills for flourishing – now and in future years. By sharing information about learning development, teachers engage parents as active participants in their children’s education. At the other end of schooling, teachers and schools support students to make successful transitions to future learning and employment, with the skills to make informed contributions as citizens and leaders.

**Excellence in teaching**
Student learning is underpinned in excellent schools by high quality teaching and leadership. Teaching in these schools is distinguished by universally high levels of professionalism and commitment. Lessons and learning opportunities are engaging and teaching strategies are evidence-based. Individually and collaboratively, teachers evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching practices, including sophisticated analysis of student engagement, learning growth and outcomes, to plan for the ongoing learning of each student in their care. Teachers take shared responsibility for student improvement and contribute to a transparent learning culture, including through the observation of each other’s practices.

**Excellence in leading**
Strong, strategic and effective leadership is the cornerstone of school excellence. Excellent leaders have a commitment to fostering a school-wide culture of high expectations and a shared sense of responsibility for student engagement, learning, development and success. Students benefit from the school’s planned and proactive engagement with parents and the broader community. Leaders in excellent schools ensure that operational issues, such as resource allocation and accountability requirements, serve the overarching strategic vision of the school community. Ultimately, leaders in these schools enable a self-sustaining and self-improving community that will continue to support the highest levels of learning as a lasting legacy of their contributions.

I attended a Principal Network Meeting in Coffs Harbour today and will share relevant information with you in next week’s newsletter.

We have several fundraisers operating at the moment and I hope you’ve reserved your place at the upcoming PartyLite Candle Party on Thursday 31st March at 6:30pm!

Have a fantastic weekend.
Brad Lyne - Principal

**P&C Meeting**
You are invited to the next P&C Meeting which will be held Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room at the school. Everyone in the school community is welcome to attend. We encourage all parents/caregivers to come along.
Morning Movement Program
This week saw the start of a whole school Morning Movement Program conducted by the Grade 6 students as part of the Leadership theme they are working on with their teachers and Mr Jeffrey. The Year 5/6 students had a Leadership Camp at the start of the year and have been working on what is leadership, who are good leaders, what behaviours/values do leaders display, goal setting and projects. They wanted to do a whole school project and leave a legacy for the school and they came up with the idea (in conjunction with Mr Lyne and Mr Jeffrey) to run a Morning Movement Program and promote the benefits of being active every day and have planned and practised over the past few weeks in readiness for the launch this week. The grade 6s are working in pairs over 16 classes delivering a 10 minute activity session every day from 8.50am - 9am for the whole school. They are working on spatial awareness and coordination/agility for Stage 1, skills and games for Stage 2 and cooperative/initiative games for grade 5s in Stage 3. Research suggests that quality before school exercise increases focus and readiness to learn due to increased oxygen to the brain and an increase in neurotransmitters. Other benefits of exercising in the morning include increases attention, improves mood and lowers aggression. Studies have also shown increased Naplan and literacy scores and we are looking forward to making a difference not only in the classroom but also developing a lifelong love of physical activity for all students.

Stage 3 Science
This week saw Stage 3 students begin a program where they are engaged in activities led by Pre-Service teachers from Southern Cross University. These teachers will be planning learning opportunities for students across the strands of the Science and Technology syllabus over the rest of the term and into next term. Students work in small groups and engage in hands-on science tasks. Pre-service teachers will work in partnership with Stage 3 teachers to trial innovative ideas in science and technology education in the classroom.

Assembly with Year 1
Last Friday 1G, 1A and 1W performed in front of the school. We sang Cartoon Heroes and dressed up as super heroes. As part of our unit on Boambee BEST, we have been learning to be resilient and never give up when things get hard, just like super heroes do.

ASSEMBLY Week 6 CLASS AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic week at school.

KL Bailey Webb & Jasmine Hill
KD Eva Baker & Joshua Evans
KF Rylan McGowan & Molly Williams
KW Lila Wheeler-Smith & Indi Knowles
1G Perri Nash & Dallace Brown
1A Grace Dunstan & Troy Backhouse
1W Kayleigh Wall & Valerie Dootson
2H Jade Holland & Miah Engel
2D Mia Hibbert & Kooper Mulligan
2S Sienna Ellem & Noah Nielson
3/4D Noah Nash & Maddison Jedyn
3/4T Cooper Hawke & Lauren Krainik
3/4F Lydia Wakeham & Harry Fardy
3/4J Sienna Nielsen & Savannah Johnstone
5/6T Arman Kaur & Kalen Marquardt
5/6M Joshua Marsden & Lily-Grace Herden
5/6G Lucy Kacsics & Angus Nicol

KF won the Gus Award last week.

North Coast Swimming
Congratulations to all students who attended the North Coast Swimming Carnival at Kempsey on Wednesday this week. Hunter Bellamy and the Junior Boys Relay Team (Zac Wilson, Oscar Hickey, Hunter Bellamy and Jack Zimmer) have qualified for State Swimming held at Homebush on 6th and 7th April.

Hockey Gala day
On Thursday Boambee sent a team of year 5/6 boys to the Coffs Coast Hockey Gala Day. The boys picked up skills very quickly and finished 5th overall on the day with 1 win, 1 loss and 2 draws. Mitchell Hickey received an award for team play and sportsmanship. Well done boys!

Yarn Up Meeting
On Wednesday 30th March at 2pm there will be a “yarn up” meeting with Tracey Ferguson, to discuss Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs conducted at Boambee Public School, including NAIDOC Week.
Stage 3 Excursion
Plans for the Stage 3 excursion to Sydney in September are progressing well. The excursion looks to be an exciting trip with highlights such as an Aboriginal Cultural cruise on Sydney Harbour and attending a matinee performance of Aladdin. This should be a worthwhile excursion giving students an opportunity to enjoy the sights of Sydney with teachers and peers. Stage 3 students need to complete the Expression of Interest form and return to it to school by Friday 8th April with their deposit so final numbers can be confirmed. If you are having any issues with payment for this excursion please speak to your child’s teacher so that a payment plan can be worked out. We don’t want any child to miss out if they wish to go. Stage 3 will be engaging in fundraising activities over the year to keep the costs to a minimum.

Stage 2 Excursion
This excursion will be held Wednesday 23rd March from 9.00am until 2.30pm at the Botanic Gardens and Jetty Foreshores at a cost of $6.00 per student. If you would like your child to go please return the permission slip and money to school by Monday 14th March 2016.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day embraces the acknowledgement of all people and cultures from around the world. This year Harmony Day will focus on ‘Diversity is our strength and everyone belongs’. Next Friday 18th March we will be participating in a few variations of the game, hopscotch, as played by different cultures. These sessions will be run by our Year 6 students as part of their leadership program and each class will participate. We encourage all students to come to school dressed in as much orange attire as possible (or yellow) and donate a gold coin to charity on the day.

Moscow Circus Winners
The school received from the Moscow Circus a number of Circus tickets. All students had the opportunity to go into the draw for a family ticket and each class had a single ticket to give out. The winner of the family ticket was Kyla Thompson.

Easter Egg Fundraiser to help Year 5/6 Excursion
We are asking all students in Stage 3 to bring in easter eggs to assist with prizes for the raffle. Tickets will be sold by the Stage 3 students from Monday 14th March at school and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March at our K-2 Easter Hat Parade. Please bring easter egg donations to the front office.

Year 6 Expression of Interest Placement in Year 7, 2017 in a NSW Government School
All year 6 students at our school were given the above form today. 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 18th March. Thank you.

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 week, you will be in the running to win an Amart Sport gift voucher. This draw started 19th March. 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 four week period from 15th February until 11th March 2016. Thank you to everyone who has made a payment.

Our fourth winner is the Caesar Family.

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, 15th March at 7.00pm eyes down at the Coffs Ex Services Club. Deb Crowfoot and Tania Myers will be the organisers. Please come along and have some Bingo fun.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop has its new supply of hats. You can purchase them at the school office for $12.00 each or at the Uniform Shop on Monday’s from 9.00am until 10.30am.

Canteen News
Next weeks canteen special will be a Mini Wrap (crumbed chicken tenderloin with lettuce, grated carrot, tomato and cheese) and receive a Free ice cup for $4.00.

Canteen Roster
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Important Dates
- 14.03.16 P&C Meeting 7.00pm in the Meeting Room
- 17.03.16 Stage 3 Surfing Commences
- 18.03.16 Harmony Day (wear Orange or yellow and bring a gold coin donation)
- 18.03.16 Mid North Coast Rugby League Trials
- 18.03.16 Fun Movement Session 12-1pm
- 23.03.16 Stage 2 Excursion
- 24.03.16 Easter Hat Parade
- 25.03.16 Good Friday
- 28.03.16 Easter Monday
- 30.03.16 Yarn Up with Tracey Ferguson
- 31.03.16 Partylite Candle Party at 6.30pm
- 01.04.16 Cross Country
- 08.04.16 ANZAC Day Ceremony 1.00pm
“Morning Movement Sessions”