2012 Education Week
Education Week is a time to celebrate quality teaching and learning occurring every day in our 2,200 public schools in NSW.

It's a week where schools invite families and communities into classrooms and to special events to witness the depth and breadth of student learning, the excellent teaching and the wonderful support provided by our school administrative and support staff who work in offices, classrooms, libraries and on school grounds.

The Boambee school community values education, recognises the uniqueness of each individual and rigorously pursues the development of the "whole" child. Every effort is made to provide opportunities across the spectrum for students to achieve their potential in all that they endeavour.

As a comprehensive school we value, not only, the recognition of effort, as our school motto ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH EFFORT indicates, but celebrates the success of all student endeavours.

We have high expectations of students, staff and parents as partners in this most important of life's challenges - a sound education for our youth.
We all work so hard during Literacy groups. There’s lots of different fun activities to help us learn to read and write.

The wonderful world of KL

We love writing at our writing centre.

We can make words with playdough!

We can read in a tent!

During NAIDOC week we made Aboriginal dot paintings.

When we read the story ‘The Potato People’ we made our own potato people!

Every day we put a cross on our calendar because we are counting up to 100 days of school in Kindergarten.

Special days like the superhero fun run are very exciting!

We loved making masks for Harmony day.
KG Highlights

Making things

Performances

Bus trips

Fun days

Learning to read and write

Being with friends
This is one of the activities we do to learn our letter names, sounds and words.

We demonstrated our learning of halves and quarters using pikelets. Then we got to eat them. Yum!

The words we are learning to write are on our lanyards.

We learnt about sun safety. *Slip, slop, slap,*

We like spending time at the Writing Centre. This is the place we practice our writing skills.

In Term 2 we learnt about food webs and how energy comes from the sun.

**Mandarin Maths**
Everyone had a mandarin. We counted and graphed how many segments and seeds were in each one. They were tasty too.
1D 2012 Highlights.

- NAIDOC day.
- Group work.
- Assembly item
- Sporting challenge.
- Drawing
- Harmony Day.
- Crazy Hair Day. Shave for a cure.
- Jolly bops
- Super heroes Fun Run.
Using toys to learn about energy

Lots of great visual art in our classroom

Our energy poster won a prize!
During the semester we have enjoyed learning about artists and their individual painting styles and techniques, like those of Vincent Van Gogh.

During NAIDOC Week celebrations we practised some of the painting techniques used by traditional Aboriginal people.

Learning about the many ways that we can help to reduce our carbon footprint was interesting, fun and quite amazing! We had a guest speaker talk to us, we conducted experiments, we planted seeds and watched them grow and we finished the term with a wonderful Science Fair where we visited the children from the other Stages and listened to what they had learnt.

Music is really important in our class. It helps us with our reading, it helps to train our memories it improves our listening and it is a fun way to learn about many different things. Prue Whoo wrote some songs especially for us and came along to teach our class the songs and the actions that accompany the songs.

Technology sure has changed the way we learn! We use ipads in class to; help manipulate 3D shapes, learn new and interesting words and improve our ‘logic’.

Reading with a partner is a great way to share a book. We have been reading with the children from 3P. We read to them and sometimes they read to us!
Getting ready for our assembly item

Mrs Musgrave and Arsh doing our exercises

Tarran with our cupcakes we made in class.

Ashton, Tarran, Brooke and Wilkie with our Science experiment

Zac, Chloe, Jak, and Maya hard at work.

Josh playing the didgeridoo

Working with Mel and our new teacher Miss Plesman

Using the whiteboard to learn all about measurement!
Art was all about the 3 colours on the Aboriginal flag and what they represent.

Science Time with Mia!

Maths games are always a popular way to end a lesson and consolidate knowledge!

Life Education with Ceri and Healthy Harold; our topic this year was about Healthy Bodies and Healthy lives.

iPads are changing the way we are learning. We love them!

3P researched, planned, trialled and constructed Water Wheels through the ENGQUEST program.

Our solar bag was hard work but made learning about Solar Energy more meaningful.

Using water polymer crystals in the garden are a great way to help save water. They are interesting to make as well!
Coal Mining with chocolate chip cookies. We learnt the damage mining does on the environment by using a toothpick to dig put the chocolate chips.

Tyreece and his pop share their knowledge on NAIDOC day.

Fitness – 3 mornings a week we have been doing exercises to try and increase our fitness.

Artwork during NAIDOC week

Bree-Anna demonstrating a science experiment on energy.

Courtney creating a chemical reaction.
Concentration on concentration (spelling game).

Overshot water wheels in action under our prac teacher’s supervision (ex pupil Ben Davis).

Our science fair experiments – Ryan’s wind turbine.

Working model of water turbine and pulley system.

Not Netherlands – windmills in Australia.

Partner skipping

AFL day – budding SWANS

Harmony day every day in 5/6B

5/6B skipping for lifelong fitness at class assembly.

Singing with Mr Singh.
Learning how to utilise the sun’s energy.

Making solar ovens and panel cookers.

Powering devices with photovoltaic solar panels.

Collaborative learning has taken place through design, construction and evaluation activities. We have worked together and helped each other to succeed.
In Term 2, my group and I did a project on plastic bags. We found that if we tied all the plastic bags together it would go around the world 42 1/2 times!

We made costumes out of rubbish. I helped make a plastic bag dress and I made my own fabric bag dress. I learnt a lot about how plastic bags can affect the environment. Did you know that over 100 000 animal and birds die every year as a result of plastic bag litter? Kenya

Last term we had a science show. We learnt about fire, sound and wind. With fire, we learnt the components that fire needs to survive, its destructive forces and how to stop it. With sound, we learnt about sound travel, that sound can knock cups of heads and sounds that can hurt you ears. With wind, we learnt about how planes fly and the wind under a plane is low pressure and the air above the plane is high pressure. Adam

In Term 1 this year, 12 boys and adults participated in The World’s Greatest Shave. Boambee public school raised about $1800 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Boambee also had a crazy hair day to help with the fundraiser. The participants in The World’s Greatest Shave were very proud. Jake

2012 we got laptops for the technology class. We learnt about how to use laptops properly. We also learnt more about technology and how to use photoshop. In photoshop you can make all different things. We made post cards about the environment and all the litter that is lying on our beaches. We do nearly everything on our laptops like maths, English, writing, making power points and making movies. We have learnt a lot about technology. Erin

It was amazing meeting our new teacher Mr Doyle. He is a nice, welcoming teacher who is fun and very enthusiastic. He teaches us new games every day and always greets us with a great welcoming smile. We have had lots of fun with Mr Doyle whether it is during Maths, English, Art, Spelling or Laptop work he is always a great hand. Thank you Mr Doyle for taking over our class for the rest of the year and we hope you like us. Ella