Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome Back
Welcome to the 2012 school year. Welcome to our new students and teachers. It wonderful to have you as part of the Boambee School Community.

New students

New Staff–
Ms Ricketts, Mrs Clysdale, Mr Martin, Mr Neale and Mrs Robinson

We have had a challenging start with the uncertainty of enrolment numbers and the wet weather. Current numbers indicate that it is likely we will be able to form an additional class and we have structured the school accordingly. Numbers must be sustained for a period of time before actual enrolment data can be entered to the Department of Education and Communities and for the 13th class formed officially. Once this information has been processed, a demountable classroom will be positioned and a new staff member will be appointed. Hopefully there is a break in the weather to enable the additional building to arrive sooner rather than later. The Technology Centre is being used as the additional classroom until enrolment numbers are confirmed.

The class structures have been created to maximise the physical and human resources available within the school.

Managing resources and grouping students is a constant challenge for schools particularly those of us with limited government funding. Funding in NSW public schools does not often provide the finances for schools to be as flexible as they would like with class groupings. There is often anxiety among parents about children being in composite classes but can I say that in fact this is a very positive learning structure for students. No class of students is without a range of abilities and individual academic, social and emotional need. Teachers are trained to differentiate the syllabus to cater for different levels of learning. Having 10 years in a small school where multiage classes are always part of the school structure I have no doubt of the advantages of grouping students in this way.

2012 begins the first year of a new school planning cycle. The staff have evaluated programs and initiatives and looked at initiatives that will prepare students for 21st Century learning. Teaching and learning programs at Boambee School will foster the development and ability of children to:

- Think critically
- Think deeply and logically
- Problem solve
- Be creative and innovative

In our changing world educators need to recognise the responsibility they have in developing the well being of their students. An intrinsic part of our teaching and learning is to develop in students the ability to:

- Build physical and emotional resilience
- Demonstrate positive and respectful relationships with others
- Express open world views and values
- Act responsibility to sustain our planet

We believe the ability to think well and live well are the two broad capabilities for students in the 21st Century.

The priorities within the School Plan for 2012 – 2014 include:

- Literacy – a focus on development of a balanced literacy program incorporating reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation K-6
- Numeracy - Development of a balanced numeracy program. A focus to improve outcomes in measurement, space and geometry
- Engagement - A focus on developing positive welfare and leadership across the school with the introduction of Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL.
Curriculum – A focus to move towards the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in 2014. Initiatives will include:
- Inclusion of Asian Cultural Studies
- Integration of ICT
- Increase enrichment and gifted and talented opportunities
- Integration of environmental education

Focus on the above priorities is by no means at the exclusion of the quality teaching and learning opportunities and support for students that exist in the school. Schools constantly reflect and evaluate their practice to best meet the needs of students.

There is no limit to what we can achieve as a school community if we work together. Our biggest constraint is funding. With an annual government allocation of $62.90 per student for classroom resources public schools need to work creatively and in partnership with their community to achieve their goals and take their school forward. Our aim is to be a leading school, providing quality educational facilities and learning for all students. During the next three years we will introduce and trial new initiatives, some no doubt will be more successful than others. We have invested significant finances in upgrading data infrastructure with the view to increase computer technology resources within the school. Our Technology Centre will be upgraded with new desktop computers this term and we are trialling the use of laptops as a tool for learning with the view to extend this resource if successful as funding becomes available.

We look forward to a very positive year ahead. Our dedicated teaching staff spent holiday time reorganising planning and preparing for 2012. Students have been outstanding this week and had a great start to the year despite the playground restrictions due to wet weather. Kindergarten students charmed us all on Thursday as they began their “big school” journey. A special congratulations to the Year 6 buddies for their magnificent leadership and care in supporting kindergarten on their first day of school.

**Our Week in Action**

Science experiments

Cooking was great fun with Mrs Musgrave

We made lamingtons.

Reading with friends.

Inside softball with Mrs Bale

Cooperative learning games

Art attack with Mr Neale

A great focus on learning

During the first three days of this week students worked in groups with learning focused on an Australian theme. All areas of the curriculum were experienced with science experiments, indoor sports activities, music, dance, drama, literacy and numeracy lessons engaging students in their first week at school.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Do your Boambee
Be respectful
Engage in learning
Show resilience
Think and be safe

Next week the staff will introduce the core values that will guide behaviour expectations in the school. The PBL concept will be introduced at next Wednesday’s assembly. The core values extend across the school and are inclusive of all students and staff. We will all be working towards doing our Boambee Best.

Weekly Assemblies
Weekly assemblies will be on Wednesday afternoon commencing at 2.10pm. There will be no class item next week. The term calendar attached outlines when classes will be presenting an assembly item.

Authority to Publish
An Authority to Publish note is attached this week. It is important that we have this note returned from all students. We like to celebrate student achievement and learning by including photos in the newsletter and on the website. Names of students will not be entered onto website photos.

Swimming Carnival
The school swimming carnival is next Thursday 9th February at Coffs Harbour Memorial Pool. Permission notes have been sent home and were due to be returned today with details of swimming ability and events nominated. The carnival is open to students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years in 2012 that can swim 50 metres. These children have the opportunity to participate at the PSSA Toormina District Carnival and beyond if successful. The school swimming carnival is no longer a whole school event giving 5, 6 & 7 year olds the opportunity to compete. This is to maximise carnival time for eligible age groups in accordance with the PSSA sporting regulation.

Kindergarten First Day
Welcome to our 2012 Kindergarten students. From all reports everyone had a very exciting time. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces at the end of the day.

Stage 3 News
During the past week all of Year 5 and 6 enjoyed rotating through 4 different classrooms engaging in exciting learning experiences in music, visual arts, PE and revising skills from the very successful Rock and Water program. Stage 3 also welcome Mr Neal (5/6N) and Mr Martin (4/5TS) who will be part of our team during 2012.

We had an overwhelming response of Expressions of Interest for the Technology Class (6H). Unfortunately we could only accept 30 students and preference was given to Year 6. Though the Technology Class students will have access to laptops for learning our other classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 will not be disadvantaged. Technology is part of the NSW Curriculum and all students are expected to reach specific Stage Outcomes through effective Quality Teaching learning activities. Through the generosity of our P & C as well as ongoing Year 6 fundraising most of our classrooms are equipped with the latest computer technology and on top of this all classes have access to our school’s Technology Centre.

Over the coming weeks we all look forward to establishing classroom routines, school and classroom expectations and engaging your children in fun and creative learning experiences.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Information Night.

Thanks,
Michael Hepi
Assistant Principal

Mr Hepi and Stage 3 Rock and Water lesson
Rock and water will be introduced across the whole school this year. Mr Hepi, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Donoghoe and Mrs Holden have been trained to work with this fantastic program. A parent introductory session will be offered this term.
Canteen News
The canteen is open and ready to take orders each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. The 2012 menu is attached to this newsletter, there are few item price changes. Due to the swimming carnival the canteen will be closed next Thursday. If you would like to volunteer in the canteen this year please contact me on 0411 843 600 or call in to the canteen. You will yourself and your time would be greatly appreciated. Thank you Tania Myers

Canteen Roster
Wed 8 Feb  Melissa McNally
Thur 9 Feb  CANTEEN CLOSED Swimming Carnival
Fri 10 Feb  Julie Bellamy

Uniform News
Due to a very busy first 3 days, Unfortunately I have run out of Size 6 and 8 Polo shirts, and all the small sizes of hats. New stock has been ordered and should arrive in the next couple of weeks. My apologies for any inconvenience.
Thank you Wendy Gallagher

P & C News
To kick start off the new year we would love to invite old & new parents/carers to our 1st P&C meeting for 2012.

**Time:** 7pm  
**Where:** Staff lunchroom located in Admin building

If there are any questions you would like to ask about our P&C Please don’t hesitate to contact either of the following people at any time.

Sheena McTackett – President  
Email: Sheena_McTackett@mckinsey.com  
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Tania Myers - Treasurer  
Email: taniameyers@rocketmail.com  
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Student banking
Thankyou to all those who signed up for student banking last year you should have received your bank books during the school holidays. If you missed out, or couldn’t make it, don’t worry, as we’ll be holding another Account Opening day early in Term 1, 2012.

"CRED" who visited us last year to talk about school banking, will be coming back to next weeks assembly on Wed 8th, to remind us all about banking & saving.

Our 1st official banking day for 2012 is on Thursday 16th @ 8.30 in front of the canteen. We were going to hold it on Thurs 9th but our School swimming carnival is on this day. We’ll be sending a note home with further details about the Account opening day & the 1st banking day, next week.

If you have any questions, please contact me on the following;  
Email: taniameyers@rocketmail.com  
Ph: 0423 150 284 Thankyou Tania Myers

BONVILLE PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB
Will resume classes here at Boambee School on the 20th February, 2012. Classes available for girls and ladies from 3 years and over.

Enrolment day will be held in the hall on Friday 10th February from 3-6 pm. Come along and give Physi a go.

All enquiries please phone:  
Melissa 0401587793 or  
Wendy 66531829 or 0419180998.

Boambee Soccer Club – Sign on days
The Boambee Soccer Club will be holding its sign on days for the 2012 season on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th February at IGA, Boambee Central from 9am to 12pm and Ayreshire Park from 1pm to 2pm. If you are a new player you need to bring your birth certificate with you as proof of age.

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier
Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried they might be above their healthy weight range?

Go4Fun is a FREE program which aims to teach kids how to be healthy and fit and stay that way! The program runs during the school term and has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years and their primary carer/s in a relaxed atmosphere with trained nutritionist and exercise leaders.

The Go4Fun program provides a fun approach to learning skills for life, such as preparing and eating healthy foods, reading food labels, keeping fit and healthy. Local families, who participated in the program, highly recommend Go4Fun, describing improvements in their children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

Families living on the Coffs Coast are welcome to take part in Term 1 of the Go4Fun program in Coffs Harbour and Toormina. All programs start on February 6th.

Toormina  
Place: Narranga Primary School  
Date: Monday and Wednesday  
Time: 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm

Coffs Harbour  
Place: Bayldon Community Centre  
Date: Monday and Thursday  
Time: 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm

All enquiries please phone:  
Jo 66581071 or 0422647214  
Sandy 66528611 (bh)  
Denise 66585696

Sawtell Physical Culture Club
Classes are held at Toormina Primary School Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons, and we offer the first 2 lessons free.

Age is no barrier. We cater for girls 3 years of age to grandmothers.

Information/Registration table will be at Toormina Centro Saturday 4th and 11th February or call—  
Melissa Dummer-0467587512/66588665  
Liz Turner-66583803/0402800155  
Bec Newcombe-0423493374  
Hillary Lowe-0431821752/66582992 Or email stnc@hotmail.com

Sawtell Toormina Netball Club
Registration dates 2012 as follows—
Saturday 4th Feb at Centro Toormina 9am to 11am  
Saturday 11th Feb at Murray Dr courts 12pm to 2pm  
Wed 1st Feb and Wed 8th Feb Murray Dr courts 6pm to 8pm

More info contact—  
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