Principal’s Report

This always proves to be a busy time getting ready for the Delegate Show. We put lots of entries in and whilst we can’t all be winners we like to demonstrate the importance of community events. In the past the Year 5 and 6 students help in the dining room during the busy lunchtime rush. If this could continue it would be greatly appreciated.

Also included with the newsletter is the A-Z Booklet. This was to be given out at our information session which NO ONE attended. I realize there is not a perfect time but it was the opportunity to hear the expectations in our classrooms and all about the outcomes your student should achieve. Disappointing as it was, it was also a chance for you to raise your questions and any issues. We were also going to talk about Home Reading. This is very much the home responsibility as we work together to improve/extend your child’s reading. We merely facilitate the books and encourage participation. Folks at home need to make it a pleasurable experience not only reading the words but making connections and ensuring comprehension of the text and vocabulary is extended. If the books appear too easy or difficult then adjust by using books or magazines you have at home.

There are some new issues regarding attendance at school. Two main things to remember is that you only have up to seven days after an absence to be explained. After that it will remain unjustified and cannot be legally altered. The second thing is make sure if your child is late or leaves early they must be signed in or out by an adult or it will remain unjustified as well. More in the next few weeks.

Cross Country is also nearly upon us, Friday, 13th March. It has been great to hear and see the support from the P&C. It is one of the few events which enables us to do some fundraising. Please help if you can. Volunteers note is attached.

Lastly, Year 5 and myself are off to Cooba Recreational camp next week, 9th to 11th March. We are attending with Year 5 from Bombala Public School. Looking forward to this fantastic opportunity!!

Have a wonderful fortnight!
Carol Sellers
Principal

Around the School

On Monday 23rd February the students had a visit from Gretta, Mrs. Bucholtz’s sister. Gretta was born with Cerebral Palsy, a physical disability that impacts her ability to communicate and use her body. She uses a wheelchair for mobility and communicates via an iPad that she operates with her nose. Gretta talked (using the iPad) to the students about her life and some of her triumphs and challenges, including school and university. She gave the older students a lesson in using her communication app, and assisted the younger students with their writing. Gret had a wonderful time and can’t wait to visit again soon.

In the afternoon Mr. Serov, Gretta’s dad, also visited the school. He makes traditional Irish instruments and is a talented musician. Mr. Serov showcased some of the instruments to the students and played a tune with Mrs. B on their concertinas.
This week in K12

Students in K12 have started the year with a blast, launching into their *Spaceship Earth Unit*. They have explored the Earth’s surface and investigated the connections between the land, sky and their daily lives. To bring the unit to life students have engaged with interactive technologies, conducted science experiments and developed their own weather/season tracker.

*Below:* Cooper, Lachlan and Georgie creating storm clouds in a cup. Declan and Lincoln showcasing our Earth models and its layers. Aiden exploring land and sea with a sun catcher.

Numeracy groups are underway with students rotating daily through various activities that align with the weekly focus topics. Each task caters to a different learning style and supports the students through intensive lessons, group tasks and independent work. This week students have learnt about addition and subtraction, including the ‘friends of ten’ and ‘jump’ strategies.

*Below:* Mathew and Kadence learning about groups and addition.

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**Important Dates**

**Week 6**

- **Friday 6th March**
  - Green Group in the Kitchen
- **Saturday 7th March**
  - Delegate Show

**Week 7**

- **Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th March**
  - Cooba Excursion Year 5
- **Friday 13th March**
  - Green Group in the Kitchen
  - Cross Country (Year 2-5)

**K12 Student of the Week**

Each week in K12 we celebrate a student who has displayed safe, respectful and responsible behaviour. Congratulations to Lydia our Week 4 recipient and Declan Week 5.

**Book Corner News**

Congratulations to our Radical Readers

Kadence  Week 5

and Alex Week 6

Robyn Mikula
Student Spotlight

Courtney

What is your favourite thing about Delegate Public School?
No bullies

What is your favourite subject?
Maths

What have you learnt in class this week?
Subtraction, trading and summarising for comprehension

What is your favourite activity on the weekend?
Watching movies

Platypus Pride Award

Georgie

Responsible
Assisting her younger peers during Literacy rotations

From the Office

We have had very few returned Parent/Emergency contact forms. Another one is attached for your convenience; please return to the Office ASAP.

Community News

Enclosing and heating our pool
On Monday the 9th of March we are hosting a rally to enclose and heat our local swimming pool. We need as many people as possible to come along and show their support. This is a very important issue and with the support of the Bombala community it is believed that we can make this significant change. It will be a great service for our town, one that has been long overdue.

So we are urging everyone, even if at the moment you don’t use the pool but think you might if it was warmer and covered in, to please come along to the pool on the 9th of March and show your support. There will be a free sausage sizzle to thank you for your support.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE POOL ON THE 9th OF MARCH!

Michelle Peisley
Chamber of Commerce

Attachments

- Parent/Emergency contact
- A to Z Book 2015
- Payment envelopes
- Cross Country volunteer request
- Bombala Basketball Association
We are the leaders at Delegate Public School. This year there are no Year 6 students so we have taken on this role. We enjoy being leaders because we can teach students how to be respectful, safe and responsible. We do this by being good role models and setting the example. Next week we are going to Cooba for a leadership camp with students from Year 5 at Bombala Public School.

Jaidyn
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