



BOMBALA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Responsible Respectful Learners

Term 1 Week 9 & 10

Wednesday, 3 April 2024

EASTER CELEBRATION AT BPS



THANK YOU BPS P&C

We were grateful to have had three of our P&C members, Linda, Lily, and Lorna, who volunteered their time to assist in distributing the easter eggs to our students on Friday.

BPS would like to thank the P&C for generously donating the Easter Eggs.

Thank you for your continued dedication to enhancing the experience of our students.



EGG GUESSING COMPETITION

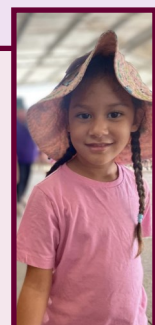


Congratulations to Summer and Scarlett who won the P&C Easter egg guessing competition.

LITTLE VISITORS

It was truly wonderful to have some of the daycare and preschool students join us for our Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg hunt last week. The creativity involved in crafting their hats was truly impressive, and we hope they had a delightful time here at BPS.

We look forward to welcoming them back soon for more fun-filled activities.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final edition of our School Newsletter for Term 1 2024.

We are approaching the last week of school for Term 1 and cannot believe just how fast it has gone. Bombala Public School has seen outstanding growth with student engagement, student learning, student attendance and participation in a variety of curricular and extracurricular activities to start the year. We have also seen outstanding whole school progress and improvement with our systems and processes with a deliberate focus on ensuring we are providing all students with explicit, high-quality teaching and learning opportunities.

I would like to sincerely thank the parents, carers and community members who have been a part of this remarkable journey with us. Last year we saw so many changes across the school and it is obviously now paying off this year.

We are grateful and delighted to receive positive feedback on a regular basis from our parents as it is informing us that we're on the right track in serving you and your child's learning and wellbeing. We're so proud of the school's direction, particularly when we hear and see students thriving due to the tailored approach and small group intervention programs that run across the entire school ensuring no student is left behind or is missing out.

Highlights

There are so many good news stories to recognise and celebrate, however, I have listed the initiatives below that have had a massive impact on the school's journey for improvement.

• Extra Classroom and Smaller Class Sizes - Seven Classrooms!

This year we have seen the benefits of incorporating a new classroom to offer smaller class sizes. This was geared towards providing a more supportive and individualised learning environment for every student. This initiative has certainly enhanced our explicit teaching, provided tailored individualised learning, and created high-quality spaces that facilitate the development of strong, meaningful relationships. All students from Year 2 up, are in mainstream class structures to enhance the overall educational experience and further support focused, staged specific learning for our students.

• Learning Support Team

We now have a dedicated Learning Support Team five days a week made up of five staff who are dedicated to ensuring all students have tailored support for their learning, assessment and wellbeing needs throughout their educational journey. The team lead processes ensuring all required services and providers are connected to the school and families.

• Professional Learning to Build Staff Capacity

A Professional Learning team has been established to lead the use of high-impact professional learning principles that all staff address to ensure effective classroom practice and student wellbeing. There is high quality, personalised learning occurring in every classroom across the school.

• Whole School supporting Positive Behaviour and Learning

The new merit system coupled with the new PBL focus, have strengthened students understanding of the school's values. Students regularly hear, see, and demonstrate Respectful, Responsible and Quality Learner behaviours and like all learning, the more students practice this, the better they become. We are seeing positive choices and behaviours across the school and it is only getting better.

New Bell Times – starting Term 2

As you would have seen in the previous newsletter, new Bell Times will start in Term 2. As we constantly strive to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our school day, we have reviewed several models to better accommodate the needs of our students and the new curriculum requirements. We are excited with the new bell times starting next term as it will most certainly support transition throughout the day and optimise learning time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work towards creating an even better learning environment for our students.

Executive Director and Director visit

We had the pleasure of hosting a visit from our Executive Director and Director of Educational Leadership a couple of weeks ago. The purpose of the visit was to review policies and procedures, talk with staff and students, visit classrooms to observe quality teaching and review the schools progress on our journey to towards excellence. We were so very proud of the overall report showing immense growth and improvement in all areas of the school. Data captured has revealed overwhelming improvement in four domains; Purpose and Direction, Work Environment, Enabling Practices and Leadership. Again, I thank the parents, carers and community members for the strong partnership in ensuring a quality school for all students.



Awards Assembly – Next Friday

Now that we are wrapping up Term 1, it's time to recognise and celebrate student achievements at next week's Awards Assembly. We look forward to seeing you there to be a part of the recognition and celebration. At this assembly we will be recognising students who have demonstrated achievement and excellence in all areas. We can all look forward to seeing a performance from the School Band and Choir as well. As a thank you to our community, we are putting on a BBQ for all students, parents, carers, and staff straight after the assembly. We hope you can join us. Please find details in this newsletter and on our Facebook page.

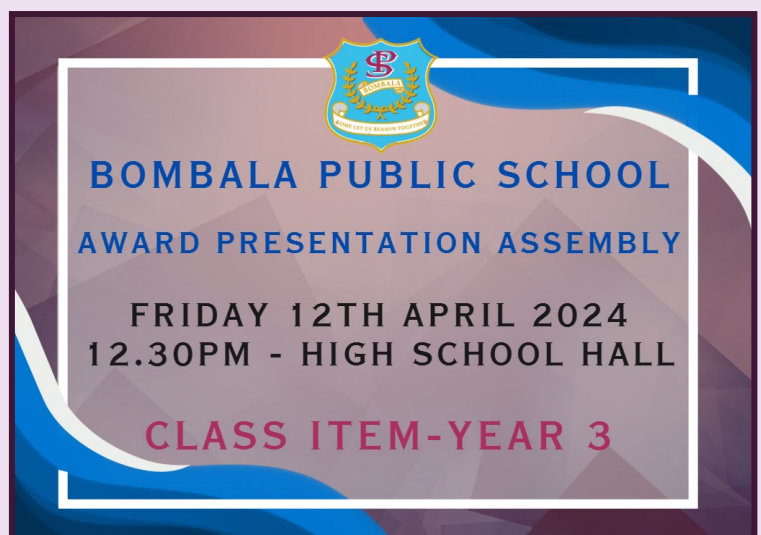
As we conclude another enriching term here at Bombala Public School, we are filled with gratitude for your unwavering support and engagement. From our dedicated staff to our enthusiastic students, and each member of our wonderful community, your commitment to education and collaboration has made this term a success.

We wish you all a restful and rejuvenating end of term break. We look forward to continuing this journey together in the upcoming term.

**Every Student is Known,
Valued and Cared for at Bombala Public School!**

Yours faithfully

Mr Christopher Grasso
Rel. Principal
Bombala Public School



PBL MERIT SYSTEM CELEBRATION

BPS students have achieved a remarkable milestone this term, reaching 500 puggles, filling our cylinder to the brim! To CELEBRATE this achievement, tomorrow will be a MUFTI day, with extra playtime at lunch.

Additionally, we kindly ask students to make a gold coin donation to show our support for our wonderful tennis coach, Tom Perea, and his family, who are currently going through a challenging time.

Your generosity will make a significant difference during this difficult time.



HARMONY DAY



PSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT

Zayne, Harry, Seth, Tom, Cody, Harley, Jed, Brax, Jasper, and Rylie represented our school in Round 2 of the PSSA Cricket Knockout at Merimbula on Monday, March 25th. The team started off strongly by winning the toss and electing to bat first.

However, nerves were evident from the first ball, resulting in an unfortunate start as one of the opening batsmen hit their own wicket for an early departure. The team felt the pressure of the match conditions, facing a new ball for the first time.

Despite the opposition bowling well and dismissing the team within 20 overs, Harry put up a fight to claim a solo wicket. Unfortunately, the boys came up short as the opposing side chased down the total quickly with wickets in hand.

Nonetheless, the boys had a wonderful day and learned some new skills. Well done to all for showing great sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour.

Looking forward to next year.

Mr Cikos



PSSA RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

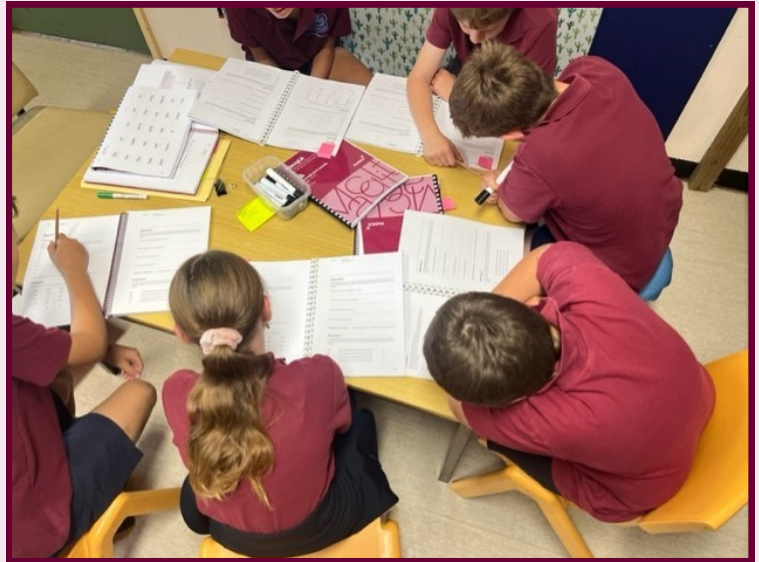
Jasper, Harry, Seth, and Brynn participated in the Tablelands Zone PSSA Rugby League trials hosted at Crookwell Public School today. Throughout the trials, these boys showcased exceptional sportsmanship and determination, representing our school with pride. Above all, they relished the opportunity to compete.

We eagerly anticipate learning the outcome of the selection process.

CROSS COUNTRY

The district PSSA Cross Country is coming up this Friday, April 5th. The course is being prepared and is in stunning condition. We anticipate some great racing on the day, with fine weather expected. Good luck to all students who are competing on the day! The bus will depart school at 9am and will return by 3pm.

INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT AT BPS

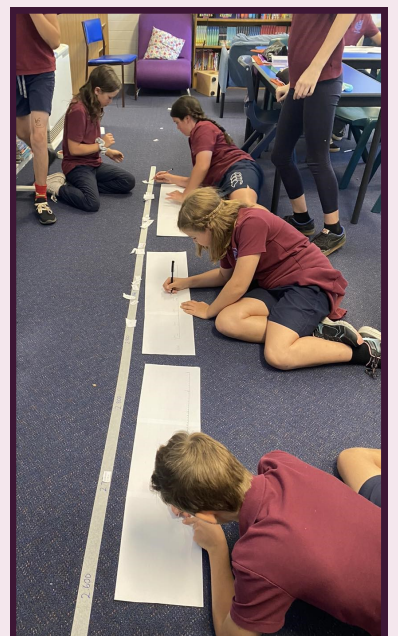
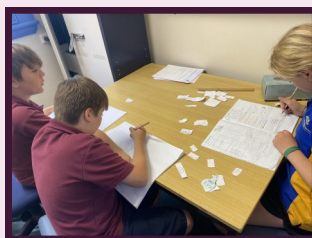
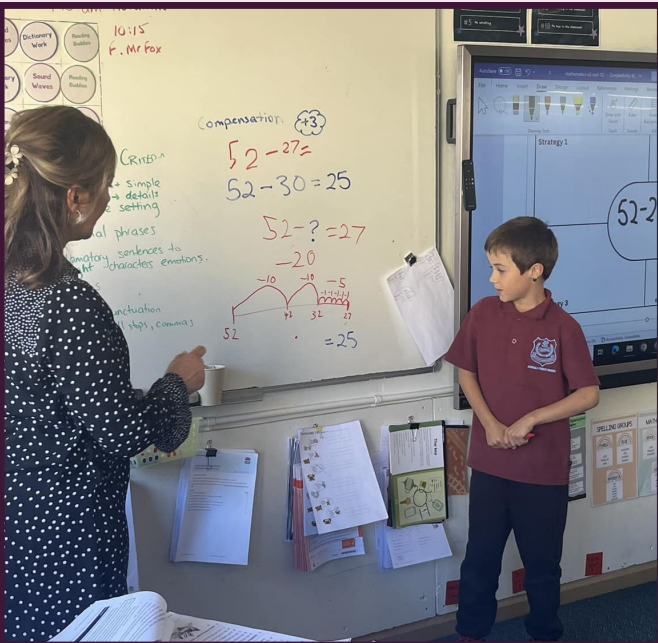
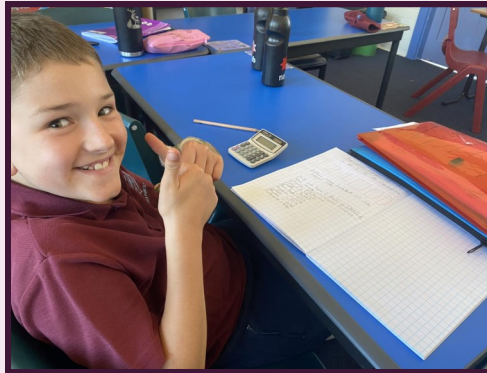
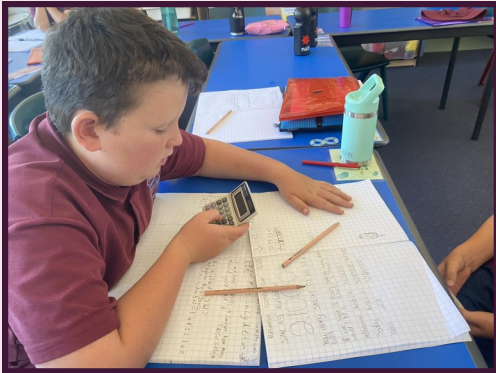


Term 1 has seen an amazing start to 2024 at BPS. The classrooms are abuzz with high quality teaching, learning and relationship building. Along with our explicit instruction, feedback and differentiation, we have ensured that all students are catered for and that no one 'falls through the cracks' by providing intensive literacy intervention groups. After carefully analysing the data and consulting with classroom teachers', small groups were established from each class. A large number of staff were trained in the Mini and MacqLit literacy programs and now, four mornings a week, we see a small group of students head to their designated area for this fast paced, interactive and evidenced based intensive intervention. The children are doing well, with strong gains made already. We can not wait to review their progress in the near future.

We are also in the process of getting numeracy support groups up and running in Term 2.

We at BPS are committed to setting our students on the path for success in an environment where all students are known, valued and cared for.

BPS CATERING FOR DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLES





THE LUCKY WINNERS!!

1ST PRIZE – DAWN ROBINSON

2ND PRIZE – MICHELLE GREBERT

3RD PRIZE – AIDEN KOHLER

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
PURCHASED TICKETS.

COSMO CAFE - LUNCH ORDER NEWS

Please be advised that the lunch order service at Cosmo Cafe is limited to Mondays and Fridays only.

They will no longer accept parent drop-offs for orders on other weekdays.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

New winter menu coming for Term 2

Additionally, we extend our thanks to Cosmo Cafe for their outstanding service to the school.



This photo captures some of our enthusiastic students alongside Mrs Morreau, embracing the opportunity to ride or scoot to school on **National Ride2School Day**.

It's wonderful to see participation in promoting healthy habits and sustainable transportation choices.

Thank you to all who took part!





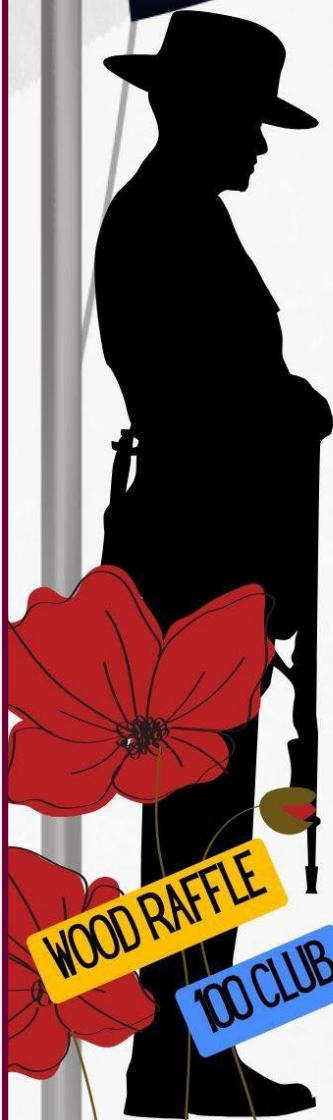
BOMBALA ANZAC SPORTS DAY

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL
REGISTRATION BY 12 NOON
BOMBALA EXHIBITION GROUND

PROCEEDS TO LOCAL CHARITY

- BIKE RACES
- TREASURE HUNT
- EGG & SPOON RACES
- SACK RACES
- 3 LEGGED RACES
- CHANGI CHALLENGE
OBSTACLE COURSE
- FOOT RACES
- EGG TOSS
- BUKALONG MILE
BIKE RACE

**FOOD & DRINK
AVAILABLE**





Merimbula Boardwalk Guided Adventure
 April 15th & 17th 10:00am-12:00pm



This is a unique opportunity to look at the fascinating creatures that help our estuaries thrive! Led by our NPWS discovery guide, search the mangroves for the many creatures that call it home.

At low tide join our guide as we take a closer look at the ecosystems of Merimbula Lake. Learn to identify the creatures and birds that inhabit the lake while playing a fun game of Boardwalk Bingo.

Fun for all ages!



Merimbula Boardwalk (park at Bridge and Market St.)
 Cost: Adult \$16, Children \$10

19th Century Whaling Tour with Morning Tea
 April 16th & 18th 10:00am-12:00pm



Join local NPWS discovery guide, for a tour of the historic Davidson Whaling Station and surrounds. Enjoy a simple morning tea and hear stories of life at the station 200 years ago. Learn about Twofold Bay's legendary killer whales and their amazing interactions with humans.

After, explore the surrounding grounds and try-works area with your NPWS Ranger. Learn more about the natural and historical aspects that make this a truly special place.



Davidson Whaling Station Historic Site
 Cost: Adults \$20, Children \$12

SCAN QR CODES TO BOOK ONLINE or at Merimbula Parks Office

Link: <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities>
 Contact 02 6495 5000 or 1300072757

Tours Available by Request For Groups of 8+

Contact the Merimbula National Parks Office on 02 6495 5000 to request a private tour for your group or to have our WOW trailer visit your event or location

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 FRIDAY NIGHTS
 & BOMBALA MAIN STREET
 SATURDAY MORNINGS