Welcome back to the last term for 2014. I hope everyone has had a nice break and is looking forward to another busy eleven weeks.

Over the holidays our undercover walkway from the main building to the canteen has all but been finished as has the BBQ area and hitting wall. The canteen also has had a hot water system installed. These investments provide yet more resources and opportunities for our school and students. We will also be starting some minor work to the entrance of the school hopefully this week.

After five years at Boomi Public School the time has come for me to move on to new challenges. Boomi Public School has been a wonderful environment to work in and I have enjoyed immensely the opportunities to change and improve various things in the school. The students have been a major part of my life and I have cherished the opportunity to work with them and help mould them into our adults of the future. It has been rewarding to be involved in helping students progress academically and socially and to be able to offer them opportunities that will remain in their memories for ever. I pride myself on putting students first and leaving Boomi School in a better position than when I arrived 5 years ago. I am sure I have made decisions that have not met the approval of all but you can’t please everybody and then some you can never please. I am confident in saying that I can leave with my head up high with the knowledge that I have always put 100% into my school, my students and my community. Boomi is and always will be a special place to me and it has been a wonderful
place to work, live and be part of for the past five years. I have no hesitation knowing that I will leave having made friendships that will last a lifetime. I will be at Boomi until the end of the school year and then I will be taking up the principal’s position at Warialda Public School. I apologise for not being able to tell everyone face to face this news but I think I have been able to keep it a surprise for most.

This term we have lots of activities some of which include –

- Mini school 16/17 October
- Book Fair Week 27th – 31st October
- Year 5 and 6 Personal Development Workshop 29th October
- K-2 Excursion 7th November
- Intensive Swimming Lessons 17th -21st November
- Year 6 Farewell 28th November
- Presentation Night 11th December
- Last day of Term 4 17th December for students 19th December for teachers

THANK YOU
I would like to thank Johnsy for his assistance in putting the new school BBQ together. It is much appreciated.

As always if you have any concerns please come and see me at the school.
Kind Regards  Mick Collins

PLEASE NOTE
We would like to ask parents not to allow children to bring their toys to school unless it is their news day. We do not take any responsibility if the items are lost or broken. It is very unfortunate when items are damaged or lost in any way. Can you please explain this request to your child.
FRIDAY SWIMMING
Swimming will commence this Friday. Please make sure your child has a towel and swimmers. If your child is staying at the pool you need to inform the school and Debbie, the pool manager. Membership of the pool is now due.
Family $110, Child $40, Adult $60
Non ticket holders need to pay $3 per child when entering the pool.
Please Note: The school will be at the pool for at least 16 days this Term. That is $48/child if they do not have a season membership.

2014 MINI SCHOOL
Our MINI SCHOOL will be on next Thursday and Friday. We have six schools participating this year – Boomi, Bullarah, Bonshaw, Garah, Piliga and Tulloona. Our seven workshops include Tennis NSW, Woodwork, Science, Mathematics, Technology, NRL NSW, and the CMA. We will be having our disco on the Thursday night at the hall. Boomi students are supplied recess and lunch each day. I ask that all families help by making a cake or slice and help if possible during the two days with food prep etc. If you are able to help at any time during the mini school please contact Ruth Hickson.

YEAR 5 AND 6 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
This takes place on the 29th October at the school for all year 5 and 6 students. It is hoped that students are able to have a family member with them during the workshop. Girls have a separate workshop to the boys. Each workshop takes around an hour to an hour and a half.

BOOK FAIR
Remember our book fair will be on between the 27-31st October. This will be a great opportunity to purchase quality books for gifts etc. Books can be viewed and purchased from 3.15pm each afternoon.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Orders should be sent home early this term.

CLOTHING: Please label all clothing.
LOST PROPERTY BOX
The lost property box is located in the foyer near the office. Anything found laying around is put in this box.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
The school prides itself on children wearing school uniform and considers it an important part of the school. Please make sure your child wears the school uniform.

*SCHOOL UNIFORMS*

*Anyone wishing to purchase uniforms please see Donna Adams.*

FRUIT BREAKS
Remember all students are now involved in daily fruit breaks. Please send a piece of fruit or vegetable for your child daily.

BOOMI POOL
Season memberships are now due.
Prices are as follows:
- Family $110
- Adult $60
- Child $40

Daily entry fee $3 per child $5 per adult

Swim club
*Will start this term in Boomi at the pool.*
*Tuesdays at 4pm (start Tuesday 14th October)*
*Please contact Claudia Tuohy or Ruth for more info.*

Social Tennis in Boomi
Friday at 6pm unless wet or cancelled by tennis club
Will start on Friday 3rd October at 6pm
All welcome, children welcome to play (must know the basics)
Cost (to pay for power):
- Adults: $3
- Primary/secondary children who are playing: $2

Please let anyone else know who may be interested.
Contact Ruth Hickson on 02 67537260
**BOOMI SHOP NEWS**
The shop AGM is on Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} October at 6 pm at the Boomi Hall. Any nominations for a director’s position please see the shop for the paperwork.

**SAVE THE DATE**
Catholic Parish Mass and Lunch in Mungindi Sunday 9\textsuperscript{th} November 2014. Time to be advised
This Mass is to celebrate Sr Jan’s “Golden Jubilee” (50Yrs) in her religious order. Everyone Welcome.
Lunch will be in church grounds.
This Mass will replace the normal Sunday Mass at Boomi, Garah and Mungindi.

**Please Note** ___ October Mass Boomi as normal 12\textsuperscript{th} & 26\textsuperscript{th}

**Boomi Catholic Church 100 club**
*Raising funds to paint the church $20 per ticket* 
1\textsuperscript{st} $500, 2\textsuperscript{nd} $300, 3\textsuperscript{rd} $200
*Tickets on sale at the Pioneer Hotel*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
Happy Birthday to Seton Henry who celebrated his 70\textsuperscript{th} birthday on 7\textsuperscript{th} October

**CONDOLENCES**
Our condolences go to Noelene Atkins and her family on the passing of Phil. He will be sadly missed.
Phil is an ex student of Boomi School.

**Triathlon**
The next Triathlon will be held on 9\textsuperscript{th} November at 8am from Boomi Pool.
All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Children must have hats sunscreen, helmets
Any queries phone Sophie on 56543345

**Footy tipping party**
This Saturday at 12 noon
BOOMI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMUNITY MEETING
Saturday 20th Sept. Meeting opened 4pm
Ian Alexander opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
Apologies: Janetta Matchett
Reason for calling community meeting.
Presbyterian Assembly are considering closing the church and selling it. It has been some years since a service was held in the church due to the lack of congregation. The Church is in urgent and immediate need of structural repairs. The Presbyterian Assembly have advised that are not prepared to use insurance to pay for repairs as it will increase their premiums.
Ian Alexander extended invitation to Pastor Dan Swan and an elder from Moree to attend. It was noted that they did not.
Ian Alexander advised of appraisal for land/building $12,000 and of repair quote from builder, Floyd Gunn in Goondiwindi, $25,700
Ian Alexander called for a committee to be formed and stepped down from the chair.
Secretary – Nicole Alexander. Nominated J. Hickson /Seconded I. Alexander – accepted
Volunteers for working committee:
General consensus - everybody would like to see the church saved, however the cost is substantial, the district is small - there is a small pool of people to draw on to fundraise etc.
President of Combined Churches Campdraft David Oates noted disappointment at monies raised over the years having not been retained by the Pres. Congregation for church use, instead it was handed over to Moree diocese. There is $3000 in
Heritage Bank in Moree deposited by Ian Alexander & Darvall Hickson.

**Discussion for future use/ fundraising**
Memorial plaques which could be purchased and fixed in interior / internet café / museum / tourist information centre / concerts / cinema – J. Hickson suggested some of the above could be administered through community co-op.

Need for building to be inclusive for all. This should be reflected in name. Also need to ensure that church is preserved in its entirety – ie existing original furniture and contents as well - all of which has been previously donated by local families who are still resident in the district.

**Ownership options**
Not for Profit / Trustees to be investigated by N. Peacey

**Business Arising**
N. Peacey to write to Moree diocese on behalf of the new committee and see if it will assign the church property and contents to a locally based properly incorporated not for profit organisation or trust so that the church may be repaired and maintained for the future spiritual, cultural and historical benefit of the Boomi community.