Dear parents and carers,

We had a lovely assembly on Wednesday to welcome all of our families to the 2013 school year. Our teachers and staff are very excited and looking forward to working with each of you so that together we can create a great learning environment and a safe and caring place where the children can thrive and succeed. Small schools have big hearts and ours is a great school!

I look forward to meeting new parents who will be attending the P&C meeting next Thursday in the library. The meeting will start at 7.00pm. Our goal is to work closely with parents and the P&C is a forum where we are able to exchange ideas and develop plans for the school. There are a number of subcommittees and we would encourage all of our parents to come along to share their special expertise with us. Come along, you are invited!

We have formed 3 multiage classes for 2013: Ms Johansen - Kindy/Year 1/Year 2; Mrs Reeves/Mrs Collins - Year 2/Year 3/Year 4; and I will work with the Year 5 / Year 6. Mrs Whitby will share her love of literature and music as the teacher librarian/music and Support Learning teacher. Mr Blewett will work with 5/6 each Thursday and take each class for Teacher Release to focus on Science and Technology each Wednesday. Mr Dunning has already been very busy over the holidays managing the changes in technology, we appreciate his support of the school network.

There are a number of Learning Support Officers working with students from time to time, Jenny Sheedy, Wendy Luxford, Kacey Weller and Odette Bellicante. We are so pleased that they will share their expertise with us. In the front office Mrs Ros Bexley has already given enormous support to many of you and we are grateful for the genuine care given to each child and our families. Fiona Cullen supports Mrs Bexley each Thursday to publish the newsletter and support library programs. Thank you to Jerry and Sonia for their hard work over the holidays. Students, parents and staff certainly appreciate their work to maintain the school buildings and grounds. Our dynamic school team are determined to make the 2013 school year the very best possible.

During January work was completed on the awning over the stairs to the admin and landscaping to reinforce the bank behind the ramp. There was some minor vandalism in the holidays from visitors to the town which was most unfortunate. It is important that we teach all children to show respect towards school environments and public areas and to help to look after them.

The term 1 calendar is on the website and we will endeavour to keep parents informed of programs and events as they are made evident via the website and newsletter. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you each week please advise, otherwise it will be available on the website.

The school bus timetable has been updated and our school bells will be rung at 9.10 for morning assembly and 3.10 so that the buses can depart at 3.20pm. Thank you for adjusting to this change.

This week all classes will be implementing the FISH Philosophy and review class/school rules to establish class guidelines so that our classes are ones in which learning is the focus and children have a common understanding of teacher expectations. Staff will review the School Discipline Policy at our next meeting and a copy will be forwarded to all families.
The Australia Council has given funding to stage the **Candelo Festival** with music composed by local musicians. "WATER AND LIFE - A CANDELO CELEBRATION" CHORAL CONCERT FOR THE FESTIVAL OPENING. This will be a formal event with involvement from the Bega Valley Children's Choir, the Candelo Community Choir, Heartsong Choir, the Candelo Adult Concert Band and members of the SCIP program.

We would like to offer students from Candelo School the chance to participate in the children's choir. Melanie Horsnell will be teaching this material at her Candelo Singing Troupe sessions on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30pm at the Candelo Town Hall. Children who are interested in being part of the Children's Choir can contact Melanie at melaniehorsnell@gmail.com or turn up on a Tuesday afternoon.

The Festival will also feature a **water creatures theme** developed by David Hargreaves. The children will be asked to create the hundreds of water creatures for the festival at workshops during school. Could we ask families to start collecting recycled materials as the water creatures will be made from rubbish such as old plastic bags, milk bottles, bailing twine, etc. Anything plastic and clean would be helpful for the workshops.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT - Getting off to a good start**

Wondering how to help your kids do well at home and at school this year? The department’s parent resource **School A to Z** has a webcast full of expert tips for you to help your children have a more successful year.

The ‘Getting off to a great start webcast’ has a number of chapters on how to motivate children for learning, advice on peer relationships and how to handle conflict and bullying, communicating with children and the importance of strong home-school relationships.


**STUDENT WELFARE**

School uniforms. Coast Clothing at Pambula are working towards supplying a new tshirt for students, we were hoping to begin with the Kindergarten students. We are also waiting on the order for the Year 6 tshirts.

Thank you to our parents who support the implementation of the **No Hat Play in the Shade** (under the COLA). Names in hats and cords on hats will help children to keep the habit of wearing their **school hat** each day.

Wearing shoes designed to support growing feet is important and we encourage all children to wear appropriate footwear for school activities. Healthy lunch boxes that contain nutritious, fun and easy food are certainly a challenge. Here are some ideas: Fruit break - frozen grapes, orange slices or mango cheeks.

No package lunch boxes - chilled homemade pizza or wraps with favourite fillings such as shredded chicken, cheese slices, finely diced celery and mayonnaise; cheese, celery and carrot sticks with dip;

*The Brain Song* from the Quality Start program suggests the following food types: blueberries, nuts, fish, yoghurt, bananas, olive oil, wholemeal bread, tomatoes, spinach and popcorn. Actions accompany the words, so if your child starts singing about food that is what they are telling you!

**SPORT**

A permission note will come home today for the following swimming events/carnivals for all students Years 2 to year 6, please return the note to class teachers:

- School Swimming Friday 1 February
- School Swimming Carnival Friday 8 February for students years 3 to 6 at Candelo Pool.
- Small Schools Swimming Carnival 15 February for students years 3 to 6 at Candelo Pool.
- Zone Swimming Carnival 22 February for selected students from years 3 to 6 at Candelo Pool
- Friday swimming for sport from Friday 27 February (it is expected that all students participate).

**PERFORMING ARTS**

- Recorder workshops with Henry Grose, Susan Hall and Merryl Whitby are planned each Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm in the library. Nominated students will work towards the Opera House Recorder program. *(Mimosa Concert on Thursday 29 August.)*
- SCIP Wind program each Wednesday during school time, please apply to Helen Gill re this program of individual and small group tuition.

**K/1/2 NEWS:**

We welcome: Sam, Hugh, Jessica, Ella-Rose, Tahlia, Renee and Jessie

**YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS:**
Welcome back to Candelo Primary School! We have enjoyed an engaging and informative two days back in the classroom. We hope that the students returned home feeling the same sense of anticipation and enthusiasm for the year ahead as we both did. Our class consists of 28 students across grades two, three and four and will be taught by two teachers, with Mrs Reeves working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Collins completing the week on Thursday and Friday. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel comfortable to send us a note, or drop in for a discussion. We always welcome your thoughts and ideas and look forward to working together to ensure that your child receives all of the guidance and support in order to experience success this year!

**YEAR 5/6 NEWS:**
Thank you to 5/6 for a terrific start to the term. I am certainly looking forward to great things from all of the students as they work towards their learning goals. A short organisational newsletter will be sent home this week informing parents of our direction for term 1 and equipment required for the classroom. Awards for a quality start this week: Jack Muller, Janet King, Oscar Gill and Brittney Whiteman.

**P&C NEWS:**

*2013 calendars* are still available from the school office for $10.00

**P&C Meeting**
P&C meeting is next week at 7pm on 4th February all welcome. The AGM will be held in Week 4 on 7th March.

**Markets**
We started the year off with a really profitable January market, $1500 was raised! Thank you to Zac, Amy, Oscar and Jez who helped out on the day.

**February Market Roster - 3rd Feb**
Market stall: Phil King, Norma King, Dan Joyce, Susie O'Brien, Jemal Airey (Stall volunteers, please be there by 7:45am),
Tomato: Kasey Weller,
Onion: Andrea Richards
Lettuce: Monica Moore
Vegetables and buckets can be collected from the Candelo Bowling Club after 1pm on Saturday 2nd February.
Contact Amanda on ph: 6493 2490 or 0458 694 258 if you have any questions.

**Stage 3 Canberra Excursion**
Tea/Coffee/Drinks Stall Fundraiser
Wendy Luxford is rostered for the stall on Sunday. Volunteers are needed for the stall please contact the office.

**SCIP NEWS**
Welcome 2013. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.
A note will be sent tomorrow (Friday) regarding SCIP in 2013. Please return the contact details form by Wednesday 6th February.

**Instrument Hire:** If you are hiring an instrument, the hire form must be returned and the hire fee paid before you can take your instrument home.

**Lessons** will begin next Wednesday 6th February.
**Aeros** will start on Friday 8th February at 8.15am.
**Band** will start on Wednesday 13th February at 8.15am.
If you no longer wish to be involved in SCIP, can you please let me know ASAP.
If you would like to join SCIP or want further information, please contact me.
If you have any queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.
Helen Gill 6493 2448
COMMUNITY NEWS

Tennis at Candelo with Sandra

If your child/children are interested in playing tennis, here is a great way for them to get started.

Term 1: Commencing Monday 25th February (6 weeks) - Tuesday 26th February (7 weeks)

Cost: Monday-$30 per child / Tuesday-$35.00 per child

Session times available:
MONDAY Group 1: 3.30pm to 4.00pm (max. 6 children) beginner
MONDAY Group 2: 4.00pm to 4.30pm (max. 6 children) beginner
MONDAY Group 3: 4.30pm to 5.00pm (max. 6 children) intermediate
MONDAY Group 4: 5.00pm to 5.30pm (max. 8 children) advanced
TUESDAY Group 1: 3.30pm to 4.00pm (max. 6 children) beginner
TUESDAY Group 2: 4.00pm to 4.30pm (max. 6 children) beginner
TUESDAY Group 3: 4.30pm to 5.00pm (max. 6 children) intermediate
TUESDAY Group 4: 5.00pm to 5.30pm (max. 8 children) advanced

TO BOOK:
Please book your preferred group time for your child/children by Friday February 16th
Telephone: Home 64932260 / Mobile 0422426663 or Email: sandralbunce@gmail.com

Bega Netball Registrations Fun, Fitness, Friends

Play netball! All ages, all levels of play catered for. All games at Bega netball courts.

First day of play - Saturday 2nd March.
The popular Net Set Go program will be held for members turning 9 and under on Saturday mornings (from 2nd March) at the courts.
Registration days will be held at the clubhouse on:
Wednesday 6th Feb – 4pm – 6pm
Saturday 9th Feb - 10am – 12.30pm
Saturday 16th Feb - 10am – 12.30pm
Phone Cathy on 64923987 or email rjandcj@tpg.com.au for more info.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT AND SWIMMING CARNIVALS
YEARS 2 – 6 STUDENTS (due tomorrow please)

I give my permission for my child/ren ................................................................. to walk to the Candelo Pool for Swimming for Sport on Friday afternoons leaving school at 1.30pm and returning to school by 3pm.
Children are to bring their swimming costume, rashie, towel, hat and suitable shoes to cross the creek.
Entry fee of $2.50 per child if no season ticket.
I give my permission for my child/ren to attend the Candelo PS Swimming Carnival on Friday 8th February, the Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Friday 15th February and if your child has qualified the Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 22nd February 2013 at Candelo Pool.
Entry fee of $3.50 per child (if no season ticket) for the Small Schools Swimming Carnival and the Zone Swimming Carnival.
Parent support for the carnivals will be most appreciated.

SWIMMING DETAILS
My child is permitted to go in the water (please circle response):
A non swimmer:  My child is unable to swim
A weak swimmer:  My child is comfortable and confident in shallow water but cannot swim very well
An average swimmer: My child is a reasonable swimmer but is not very strong or confident in deep water
A strong swimmer:  My child is a strong swimmer and is very confident in deep water.

(please circle) Less than 25m  25-50m  50-100m  More than 100m

Signed ......................................................... (Parent / Caregiver) Date......................

Name of Parent / Caregiver ......................