Dear parents and carers,  
Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held tonight at 7.00pm in the library. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend the meeting. 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!  
An invitation is extended to all of our families to come along to the “MEET the TEACHER” presentations on Wednesday 13 February. We have scheduled the meetings later in the afternoon with the hope that most families will be able to attend. Teachers will present their brief background, education philosophy, classroom practices and much more information at the meeting. Please come along with all of the questions that need to be answered.  
5.00pm Ms Johansen in K/1/2 Classroom  
5.30pm Mrs Reeves and Mrs Collins 2/3/4 Classroom  
6.00pm Mrs Bourke in 5/6 Classroom  
6.30pm Opera House Recorder Meeting in the school library  
Please bring along your questions for the teachers and enjoy a cup of tea and coffee in the library before and after each session.

Three way interviews with parents, students and teachers are planned for Thursday 21 February. Each of our teachers is planning to meet with every student and his/her parents to learn more about them, to establish goals for the semester and to ensure that students know that together parents and teachers form their team. Parents are asked to complete the attached interview timetable, have a discussion with children to outline strengths and areas for development and identify goals on the goal setting sheet. Please bring the sheet along to the meeting. We teachers look forward to this extremely important meeting with you. (NB. It is optional for Kindergarten students to attend the interview with Ms Johansen and parents at this early stage.)

This week invoices will come home for term 1 costs. Payments for the Visiting Show Pickled Pepper, Maths texts and school fees are included in the invoice. Your financial support for these valuable programs and resources that support the achievement of student outcomes, is very much appreciated.

As part of the safety program for the school parents are asked to complete the update of information slip attached to the newsletter. It is essential that we have your current phone number and address to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency.

Best wishes to all of the students who have been preparing for the School Swimming Carnival tomorrow, Friday 8 February. The children will assemble at school and then we will walk to the pool for a 10.00am start. Parents are invited to share in the spirit of the carnival with the mighty Grey Gums and Golden Wattle teams as they come face to face for the first time in 2013. Participation points will make all of the difference in this carnival.
We encourage all children to participate in their age race and where appropriate novelty events will be held for children not able to swim 50m. Mrs Collins will work with beginning swimmers in the small pool. Do the children know how lucky they are to have the opportunity to learn to swim in a 50m pool, right here in their village?

Thank you in advance to parents who have made cakes and slices for sale on the day, your kindness is very much appreciated. The goodies can be taken directly to the pool or taken to the staff room and we will ferry them across.

Pies and sausage rolls will be available from the kiosk on the day.

We are working with the community towards the Candelo Festival celebration Saturday 13 April. Please encourage children to attend the children’s choir with Melanie Horsnell on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30pm at the Candelo Town Hall.

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.

STUDENT WELFARE

We have had fantastic reports from our parents whose children are now attending high school. “Candelo really prepares the children well for their new experience”, reported a very supportive parent. We love to hear good news stories and are thankful that parents take the time to share them with us.

School uniforms we are still following up the uniforms at Coast Road Clothing at Pambula for the new t-shirts for students. It will be very exciting when they and the Year 6 t-shirts are ready. Names on 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.

Teachers monitor the lunch break to ensure that all children are eating their healthy lunches. We appreciate the move families are making to the NO PACKAGE lunch boxes.

Drink bottles filled with water are encouraged at school.

SPORT

Thank you for returning the permission note for the following swimming events/carnivals for all students.

- School Swimming Carnival Friday 8 February for students years 2 to 6 at Candelo Pool.
- Small Schools Swimming Carnival Friday 15 February for students years 3 to 6 at Candelo Pool.
- Zone Swimming Carnival Friday 22 February for selected students from years 3 to 6 at Candelo Pool.
- Friday swimming for sport from Friday 1, 8, 15 and 22 March (it is expected that all students participate).

Children will need swimmers, towel, rashie, goggles (optional), warm jacket, water shoes, water bottles, lunch and recess (also available at the canteen at the pool at swimming carnivals), sunscreen, hat and great school spirit for the carnivals. Children will walk to the carnival following the assembly at school.

- Hockey workshops for students in 2/3/4 and 5/6 are planned for Thursday 21 February at the Candelo Oval with instructors from the NSW Hockey Association. Children asked to bring along their mouthguard if they wish to participate in the tackle (a term used when hockey sticks tap each other) aspect of the workshop.

Please complete the registration form attached to this newsletter if you would like your child to attend the workshop.

PERFORMING ARTS

- Recorder workshops with Henry Grose, Susan Hall and Merryl Whitby are planned each Tuesday afternoon at 2.00pm in the music room. 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.

Year 5/6 Fundraiser: Each month at the Candelo Markets there has been a tradition that the tea and coffee stall raises funds to support each child in stage 3 to attend the major excursion for the year. This year the excursion is to Canberra (4-6 September). Students and parents are invited to attend one of the markets to man the stall to help
raise the funds. Please see the draft timetable prepared by Wendy to see if you are able to support this venture.

**School Parliament:** Year 6 met with me today to nominate for a portfolio for 2013. We will plan a special assembly to present badges and announce the minsters’ roles (hopefully when the Year 6 tshirts are available) at a date to be determined. Parents are invited to attend this formal assembly and to support each of the children to manage the **service for others** component of the Stage 3 leadership program.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome everyone to another exciting year for Candelo School Library!

I am pleased to be back and very grateful to Mr Sam Parker for taking on my position while I was on leave.

Firstly I would like to remind the children to please bring along a bag for the library books borrowed. Library lessons will be held on **THURSDAYS** for all 3 classes.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Merryl Whitby

**K/1/2 NEWS:**

Welcome back to the K/1/2 extended family. We have a lovely class of 17 children with 8 delightful Kindies, 5 wonderful Year Ones and 4 fabulous Year Two's to lead the way. We have used this week to establish our classroom expectations and to get to know our new arrivals and enjoy each other’s company. A special welcome to Troy, who arrived this week, as a new member to the Kindy group. Our class will be having **LIBRARY/MUSIC** with Mrs Whitby on **THURSDAY’S** (12:15 - 12:45) so please pack your child's library bag each week for returning and borrowing books. On **WEDNESDAY** Mr Blewett will take the children for **SCIENCE** (9:20 - 10:20). We will be having **JUNIOR ASSEMBLY** again at 12:45 on FRIDAYS. Our first assembly is expected to be on Friday the 15th.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Each child has now been allocated a **NEWS DAY** and will bring home a reminder poster to put on the fridge. Year 1/2 came home with their **Homework Books** yesterday. Please cover, and with your child complete the small activity and return tomorrow, Friday. Regular weekly homework will start next week. Year 1 and 2 should also be frequently exchanging their home readers. I will be spending individual time with each Kinder next Tues and Wed morning getting to know more about them using the **Best Start** assessment package. Best Start assesses early literacy and numeracy skills in a friendly and simple way. Information will be sent to parents following the assessment. If you would like to know more about the Best Start programme please feel free to see me. If you wish your child not to participate please let me know before next Tuesday.

It’s great to see all those drink bottles on desks and a great range of fruit and vegies coming in for **CRUNCH TIME**, well done. Just a reminder to send in a paint smock/shirt and a small cushion if you haven't already.

Next Wednesday 13th there will be a class **MEET THE TEACHER** evening at school, our session will be starting at 5:00. I hope to see you there.

Till next week  Deb

**YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS:**

What a wonderful first full week back in the classroom. The students have been working hard to decorate and take ownership of the classroom. The walls are coming alive with goals for the year, our standards of work and some terrific artwork including John Coburn inspired collages. In literacy we are gathering a variety of work samples to determine students areas of need and direction for the term. Mathematics has seen the introduction of maths stations with students challenged with a combination of textbook and hands on activities. Students will be sent home with a letter on Friday that includes details about the class and a timetable of our busy weekly schedule. Homework sheets have been sent home and include a variety of tasks that build upon the learning we have organised for this term. Spelling workbooks have also been created to assist in learning spelling words at home.

Year 2 students have received their home reader packages, although we encourage all students to be reading ‘good-fit’ books as often as possible. We look forward to meeting all of you next Wednesday at our MEET THE TEACHERS evening, our session starts at 5.30pm in the classroom!

A big congratulations to our first award winners for a quality start Danni–Lee Jakins, Annabelle Cameron, Esther Hall, Kaiden Went and Robert Berman.

Fond regards from Jo Collins and Nell Reeves

**YEAR 5/6 NEWS:**

This week we have started reading The Hobbit as our literature study and addressing place value in maths. We look forward to viewing the class interviews undertaken by the children in their table teams to develop the concept of autobiography. The children took turns to video the interaction with the iPads. We have started to learn Batman in music while the recorder students are busy on their
program. Homework sheets are due tomorrow and the writing for the biography is due early next week for presentation to the class. Maths homework is also available on Study Ladder which can be accessed free from home. www.studyladder.com.au. Spelling words and activities are available online at www.spellingcity.com.au

I look forward to meeting all parents at the MEET THE TEACHER evening on Wednesday 13 February at 6.00pm in 5/6 classroom and also the three way interviews with all parents on Thursday 21 February. I am certainly looking forward to learning more about the children and to establishing their learning goals in consultation with parents.

Awards for a great attitude to reading: Zac, Mathew Showing team spirit: Ronny Richards, Alyshia Eeles Regards, Suezanne Bourke

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

Swimming Carnival Cake stall
Thank you in advance for baking cakes / slices for the swimming carnival. Please drop them off at the school if you are not attending the carnival.
You will be contacted by phone in regards to the roster for the cake stall tomorrow.

P&C BBQ: Could parents please return to school the roster forms for the Market BBQ if you haven’t already done so. Thank you.

SCIP NEWS
What a great start to 2013. There were lots of wonderful sounds coming from our new room!

**Instruments:** If your child did not bring home their instrument yesterday, it is because I have not received the instrument hire form that was sent home last Friday.

Please return this form ASAP so that your child can take their instrument home. If you need another form, please let me know and I will send you one.

**Contact Details:** Please return the contact details form ASAP.

**Fees:** Thank you to everyone who has already paid their fees for this term. Please remember that fees need to be paid by Week 4 (Wednesday 20th February). Please contact me if you are having difficulty paying.

Aeros: Rehearsals start tomorrow (Friday 8th Feb) at 8.15am. Please be early so that we can start on time.

**Advanced Band:** Rehearsals start on Wednesday 13th February at 8.15am. Please arrive early so that we can start on time.

**Timetables:** Groups are nearly finalised and I will send home a timetable next week.

**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**

**Bega Little Athletics**
Bega Little Athletics season will begin again tomorrow Thurs 7th Feb. 5pm at the Bega athletic track.
All children 7yrs and older welcome to come and join in.

**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