Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to the many parents who took the opportunity to meet our wonderful teachers who shared their education philosophy and passion for teaching at the “MEET the TEACHER” presentations held this week. Every teacher wants to make a difference for the students with whom they work and we are particularly fortunate to have such fantastic teaching and support staff working at this school.

Please return the interview timetable for the three way interviews with parents, students and teachers planned for next 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 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 parents of Kindergarten students to choose to have an interview with Ms Johansen without their child at this early stage.)

Congratulations to all of the children for their fabulous work at the swimming carnival last week. The swimming champions were Senior: James Moore and Brittney Whiteman; 11 years Ada Hall and Bailey Smith; Junior: Amelia Moffitt and Jez Carrett. Best wishes to all of the students who have been preparing for the Small School Swimming Carnival tomorrow, Friday 15 February. The children will assemble at school or meet us at the pool for a 9.45am start. We encourage all children, 8 years up to 12 years to participate in their age race. Where appropriate novelty events will be held for children not able to swim 50m. Parents are invited to share in the spirit of the carnival to support Candelo team and help with timekeeping during the day as well as the tea and coffee stall. Many thanks to all of the parents who have offered to help and to Amanda Fowler for coordinating the parent helpers for the stall.

This term teachers in the junior school will participate in Maths professional development (TENS) training. There are three training sessions each occurring on Thursdays and then the consultant will work with teachers and students in the classroom. Sounds like a lot of fun.

This week the furniture in stage 2 and 3 classrooms was updated and now we have some excess desks and chairs. The excess furniture (small tables and chairs) will be on sale for a nominal fee. Please see Ros in the school office if you would like to purchase the desks and chairs.

Thank you to the many parents who have already attended to the request for payment via the invoices for term 1 costs. The children are already enjoying the benefits of Maths texts, and certainly will enjoy the Visiting Show Pickled Pepper scheduled for 14 March. Your financial support to help provide 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 Student Emergency Contact Details - 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.

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2014: Information guide and expression of interest forms for parents of Year 6 students are attached.
STUDENT WELFARE

School uniforms We are still following up the uniforms at Coast Road Clothing at Pambula for the new tshirts for students. 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 Years 2 to year 6.

- Small Schools Swimming Carnival Friday 15 February for students years 3 to 6 (and 8 year olds who can swim 50m) at Candelo Pool to start 9.45am.
- 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, 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 morning 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 are 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.
- Regional trials for AFL and Cricket have been advertised. Children with prior experience and accomplishments at regional level are encouraged to attend the trials (parents are asked to arrange transport to the venues). Please see Mrs Bourke.

PERFORMING ARTS

- Recorder workshops with Henry Grose, Susan Gray 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 have now nominated for the markets. Thank you to those parents and Wendy will forward the roster to you next week.

School Parliament: A special assembly will be held on Wednesday afternoon from 2.15pm to welcome and celebrate the Year 6 Ministers for 2013. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and enjoy this celebration to support each of the children to manage the service for others component of the Stage 3 leadership program. The Year 6 will be presented with their tshirts and Year 6 badge at this assembly. (Thank you to Jenny and Kathy Wels for collecting the shirts.)

K/1/2 NEWS:

Thank you to the parents who attended our Parent Teacher Information evening last night. I hope it was informative and relaxing for you. Please remember you are welcome to visit our classroom as often as you like and check out what your child has been doing. Please feel free to come and see me if ever you have any concerns or compliments, I'm usually at school until 5:00. Today I have been at Tathra School participating in the first day of a three day course on teaching Mathematics in the Early Years (TENS). The next day will be Thursday 28th and then 21st March. The course is highly regarded and should bring a lot of practical ideas into the classroom. Today the lovely Ms Gordon took the class and themed her day around poetry and drama. I bet they had fun!

Our GET WET DAY was a wonderful and noisy success; we all enjoyed being wet and wild! I've attached a couple of pictures.

Just a reminder to return the parent/teacher interview sheets if you haven't already.
A note will come home next week confirming your interview time. Thanks
Till next week, Deb.

School Swimming Carnival Champions:
Jez, Bailey, James, Brittney, Ada, Amelia

YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS:
This week the students in 2/3/4 held their morning Literacy and Numeracy lessons in the larger, functional library area. The children adapted to the change extremely well and enjoyed the varied stations and activities.
We discussed the many advantages of a small school and then created a newspaper article to encourage readers to come and visit our great school. Technology with Mr Blewett on a Wednesday 12.15pm is very popular. The children are creating a powerpoint this term.
Welcome to our new Yr 3 student Chase, he has settled in very well.
I would like to begin knitting in our class as an ongoing craft activity. If anyone has wool or needles that are not in use, I’d appreciate any donations.

YEAR 5/6 NEWS:
Congratulations to all of the children who participated with such enthusiasm in the swimming carnival. The children attending training were so pleased with their personal best times.
Chapter 1 of The Hobbit has set the scene and Bilbo Baggins is thinking through his commitment to go on the adventure. A focus on poetry will support greater appreciation of language choices to apply to other writing texts.
Already I can see the growing confidence in maths, great application by all.
Congratulations to all of the children for their terrific work on the biographies. They are so special, especially the stories of the grandparents who had been through so much and have seen so much change in their lifetime. 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 biography will be presented to the class in talking and listening time. Homework sites:
Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Meet The Teacher Meeting last evening. It was great to meet with you. The next opportunity to work with parents is at 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 writing: James, Oscar and Ada
Caring: Yasmin and Jake.
**CHEETAH**
Spots rush past in a blurry state
Running paws go by with faith
A million steps of running grace
The Cheetah gains enormous pace
It’s prey is helpless, no doubt about that!
This event, is one nature’ll regret
The Cheetah runs, pounces, attacks!
And the prey’s friends are taken aback
Then runs away, looking for more meat
Killing by Cheetahs continues fast
Ever since their species started, way back in the past.

By: Oscar Gill

**P&C NEWS:**
P&C Annual General Meeting: The AGM will be held in early March (date to be confirmed). All parents and interested community members are welcome to nominate for positions on the committee. The positions that will need to be filled are:
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Canteen Supervisor & Assistant
- Market BBQ Stall Co-ordinator X 2

Nominations can be emailed to Cathy Robertson at flloyd69@bigpond.com or submitted on the night of the meeting. Most of these roles can be undertaken outside of school hours. Even if you have not had involvement in the P&C previously or you are new to the School, please consider if you are able to support the School through the P&C Committee. Involvement in the P&C is a great way to stay in touch with the latest happenings at the School and support your child's education. If you have any questions or are interested in any of the positions listed above or would like further information on the P&C please contact Ivan Balas on 64932620.

**SCIP NEWS**
Fees: Fees are due by next Wednesday (20th February). Term fees are $120 for group lessons and $256 for individual lessons. Please contact me if you are having difficulty paying.

**Advanced Band:** We have started rehearsing one of the pieces for the Candelo Village Festival. We will get another piece in the next couple of weeks.

**Timetables:** If your child did not get a timetable, please ask them to pick one up next week.

**Term 1 concert:** The term 1 concert is planned for Wednesday 3rd April at 5.00pm in the Town Hall. Please mark this date in your diaries and let me know if there is a clash.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Helen Gill 6493 2448

**COMMUNITY NEWS**
**WOLUMLA FOOTBALL CLUB 2013**
Registration is now available online at my football platform. You must go online to register. Some coach positions still available contact Luke Adams if interested on 64942600.

**REGISTRATION DAY**
17th February Wolumla Hotel 12.00-2.00
Come along so we can place you in the right teams. Any enquiries? Payment for rego shorts & socks will be available no pay no play by first game season to start after Easter (at this stage) please register as soon as possible new players all ages welcome!