Dear parents and carers,

We look forward to seeing parents and friends at the **P&C Annual General Meeting** tonight at 7.00pm followed by the March P&C Meeting.

This will be Cathy Robertson’s last meeting as secretary and it is also timely to thank her and Dave for the new plantings at the bottom oval and all of the support that they have given the school throughout their time at Candelo PS.

We are very grateful to regional Aboriginal liaison officer Rod Slockee who visited the school again this week to support the children’s understanding and respect of **Aboriginal culture**. He is a wonderful storyteller and the children responded well to the lessons that he had to share. Congratulations to Joseph Maher who demonstrated outstanding knowledge and contributed so maturely to the program on the day.

Congratulations to the stage 2 and stage 3 teams who represented the school at the **hockey gala day** on Wednesday. The children were absolutely brilliant and were pleased with their efforts. It was important that Candelo students support the initiative of Hockey NSW initiated by Candelo parents. We are very grateful for the support of many parents and in particular Wendy Thoms for her enthusiasm for this program.

I would like to thank the staff and community for supporting my attendance at the **Principal Conference** in Wollongong on Leadership – Innovation, Improvement and Change. The focus for the Illawarra and South East continues to be Leadership at all Levels; Moving the Middle to the Top; Curriculum and Assessment; Student Engagement and Aboriginal Education. Next term there will be two staff development days (Mon and Tues 29/30 April) to enable schools to provide professional learning to ensure Quality Teaching practice is embedded in planning for the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum in NSW syllabus documents. This week the principals in the Sapphire Coast Learning Community met to discuss the most effective approach to implementing the new syllabus and how schools can support each other and the professional development required. English will be implemented in 2014.

Parents please note that we have scheduled **SCHOOL PHOTOS** for Thursday 28 March (the day before the Easter break). Thank you for returning the envelopes to the school office prior to the date.

This week Mrs Whitby would like to introduce **Get Into the Good Books**, an online read-a-thon with all funds raised being shared between participating schools and Children’s Charities. It is being offered as part of the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013. The purpose of the initiative is to support children’s literacy and to raise funds to improve the potential of all Australian children through the provision of literacy support programs and excellent books. We encourage all children to participate by registering for the PRC by logging on using their school username to access the site [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au). Children who are unable to do this at home will have support to access the site from school. Mrs Whitby has already registered students in K-2 for the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to Jack Muller for his commitment to the MultiLit reading program, he has achieved outstanding results.
STUDENT WELFARE

- Fruit and vegetable snacks are available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at lunch time. It is wonderful to see so many children accessing the fruit and veg. We are thankful to Wendy for buying the supplies and to Kasey, Wendy and Odette for cutting up the pieces each day. Year 6 students Alyshia and Grace follow up each day. Thank you to everyone involved in this plan.

- The staff and parents encourage the wearing of school uniform to include school hats each day. Please ensure the name is on the hat. Please note that hats are available from the school office.

- 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. Next term we will focus on different vegetables to encourage children to try different foods. Ms Johansen is planning to bring the Live Life Well Program to our meeting to determine other focus areas.

- There are three bins available at lunch time to encourage a recycling program. The yellow bucket is for food scraps, the middle bin is for paper and recyclable materials and the other small bin is for rubbish.

SPORT

Thank you for returning the permission note for the following events/carnivals:

- Friday swimming for sport (weather permitting) this Friday 15 and 22 March - it is expected that all students in years 2 to 6 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 and hat.

- Stage 3 Rugby League Tag Gala Day Thursday 21 March Bega Ovals. Selected teams will represent the school at this event. Tag Footy parent helpers please see Mrs Bourke if you are able to help with training.

PERFORMING ARTS

- Children in the Opera House Recorder Program each Tuesday afternoon at 2.00pm will receive a special note for Henry outlining the importance of 5 minute daily practice to learn the music required. Parent support is needed for this 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.

- Candelo Festival Choir 3.30 Tuesday afternoons with Melanie Horsnell.

- Candelo Festival Movement group will start this week to develop roles with Mrs Bourke. Discussions with the organisers will inform us of the age group required for this program.

School Parliament:

The Easter Competitions are well underway. Enter the ‘Easter Colouring Competition’ and place your entry in the blue box in the foyer. Prizes are Easter eggs for each stage. Enter the ‘Easter Competition’ to win an Easter cookbook and cooking accessories. Tickets are 50 cents and are available from Year 5/6 children. The proceeds will go to the Year 6 fundraiser for the Stage 3 excursion.

Enter ‘Guess the number of eggs in the Jar’ competition to raise money for Diabetes Australia, 20 cents a guess or 6 guesses for $1. All competitions will be drawn Thursday 28 March. I commend the children for their use of initiative and thank their parents for their support. Mrs Bourke.

K/1/2 NEWS:

Today we enjoyed an explosion of poetry dished out by a variety of puppets during the visiting performance, ‘Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems’. K/1/2 were delighted by the antics and enjoyed inviting the Wyndham K/1 back to our classroom. In addition, on Monday, the whole school enjoyed hearing more about our indigenous culture through a presentation by Rod Slockee. He came with various hunting and musical items to show the children. Rod is from Bodalla and has promised to return for some boomerang throwing lessons and art demonstrations. It was great to see the kids really engaged in his talk and we all look forward to his return. I’ve included a couple of children’s drawings recalling Rod’s visit. Next Thursday I attend my final training day at Tathra for ‘TENS’ and Ms Garden will be taking the children for the day. Many of the children will be familiar with her as she was a reading helper in the class last year.

Next week Kinder will read ‘Sing, Sing, Sing a Song’ and follow the tiger family trying to get their little ones off to bed after food, baths and books. Kinder will continue hearing and identifying initial sounds of words and creating rhyming words. We will be concentrating on the ‘sounds’ of m, s, f, and t. In Maths, numeral formation to 5 and counting/making groups to 10 including numbers before and after a given number. Year 1/2 will read the book ‘The Terrible Tiger’ and concentrate on writing using their
'writing goals' sheet (I will attach a copy for home). In Maths, they will practice the strategies of counting on and back and finding quicker strategies to add the total of 3 dice, eg making a 10, doubles, doubles plus one etc. Ask your child how to play GO FISH TEN, all you need is a pack of cards.

Today Kinders will be coming home with their Best Start Information for Parents. The follow up will tell you where your child is at and also give you ideas on what would be appropriate for the next stages of your child's learning and development. Many of the activities you may already do, some might be new and some you might find they have already achieved as they are now over half way through their first term at school. WOW it goes quickly!! Take what you can from the follow up and if wish to talk about it please come and see me.

YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS:
An interesting and varied week was had for all in 2/3/4. The engaging storyteller Rod Slockee captivated his audience with Indigenous tales and demonstrations. Rod chose three attentive and respectful members from the school to participate in his activities and all of those students hailed from 2/3/4, well done to our class for their polite enthusiasm! Afterwards, students wrote a recount of the day, recalling some of their favourite moments. In mathematics we are exploring perimeters and 2D shapes. Furthermore, a daily focus continues on mental computation strategies. Finally, we are proud to announce that our class blog is live! The blog has been created through the Department of Education and Communities blogging platform and is only accessible to students in 2/3/4 and their families. To view the blog students simply login to their student portal. Students will be using the blog to share their work of the week, enhance their ICT skills in an authentic and safe environment and discuss activities that have been occurring in class. We encourage students and their families to actively participate by contributing to the discussions. All comments are viewed and approved by the teacher before appearing on the blog. Happy blogging! Congratulations to this weeks award winners Carl Maher-Wilton, Milly Balas, Rebecca Airey, Chase Mare-Zanelli, Deja Elliott-Mansour and Oliver Joyce.

Mrs Collins & Mrs Reeve.

YEAR 5/6 NEWS:
Our video sessions to support the understanding of the history of the early settlement explored the early relationship between the Aborigines and the European settlers. We are looking at the development of events and the differences in the cultures that led to the conflict between the two peoples. Studying history assists to make sense of the present and with knowledge comes understanding.

The magic ring is discovered by Bilbo and enables him to escape Gollum in The Hobbit. Work will continue on the imaginative creature 3D papier maiche model in craft this Friday.

Writing persuasive interviews about the benefits of eating a healthy breakfast enabled the children to practise their use of inverted commas this week. The maths focus has been on fractions, equivalent fractions year 5 and addition of fractions for year 6. Understanding data and a variety of graph formats is also being developed in 5/6.

Spelling test will take place on Friday for words about geographical terms. Homework sheets are due on Friday.

Awards for awareness of spatial relationships: Angus Cameron and Yasmin Powell
Awards for being polite – James Moore and Alyshia Eeles. Regards, Mrs Bourke.
BOOKCLUB

***Reminder*** Bookclub flyers are to be returned by Tuesday 19th March.

P&C NEWS:

***Reminder*** The P&C AGM will be held tonight Thursday 14/3/13 commencing at 7pm in the School Library. All parents and interested community members are invited to attend. All executive positions will be open for nominations on the night. The regular General meeting will be held directly after the conclusion of the AGM.

The outgoing P&C committee would like to thank all the families and staff of the School who have generously given their time and effort to support the BBQ Stall, Canteen and other various P&C activities that have occurred during the past 12 months.

Bundaberg Flood Victims - Benefit Night

The Candelo Show Committee is holding a fundraising event showcasing local talent to raise funds for the Bundaberg Flood Victims.
Details are:

Date: Saturday 16th March
Venue: Show ground
Time: 5pm start

Tickets for the night will be sold at the Show Ground on entry. Your donation to this event is greatly appreciated. There will be a monster raffle drawn on the night.

Food, softdrink, tea and coffee will be available.

P&C will be lending their BBQ and helpers are required. If you are able to lend a hand on the BBQ please contact Marie Hackett on 6493 2427 or 0417 460 604.

Candelo Festival

Parent helpers are also required for the P&C BBQ stall being planned for the 13 April to support the Candelo Festival. Please see Joe Weller on 6493 2887 or 0419 013 740.

SCIP NEWS

Advanced Band: Just a quick reminder that Advanced Band is rehearsing next Wednesday (20th March) in preparation for the Candelo Festival on the 12th and 13th April. Please remember your instrument and music and be ready to start rehearsing at 8.15am.

Lessons: Lessons will resume on Wednesday 27th March.
If you have any queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Helen Gill 6493 2448

BEGA TATHRA JUNIOR SOCCER

REGO DAY

When: 23rd March Time: 9:30-11am
Where: Bega - Valley fields under the bridge
Tathra - Tathra country club.
Cost - $40 per player or $80 per family.
Check out the website - begetathrajuniorsoccer.org.au or phone Jenny Weber 64922485.