Dear parents and carers,

Congratulations to the following school community members who were elected by their peers at the **P&C Annual General Meeting** last week. President: Ivan Balas; Vice Presidents: Joe Weller and Sonia White; Secretary: Jemal Airey; Treasurer: Kylie Hotson; Canteen coordinators: Molly Went and Kacey Weller and Markets BBQ coordinators: Bevan Airey and Michelle Mark. I look forward to working with the executive and members of the P&C toward our common goals which are outlined below as part of the **Education Act 1990**.

P&C Associations are established to:

- Promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation;
- Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school;
- Encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other educational issues in schools;
- Report, when requested by the Minister, on the material requirements of the school and advise on the subject of maintenance of the school, alterations and additions to school facilities and the selection of new sites;
- Assist and co-operate with teaching staff at public functions associated with the school;
- Be responsible for the election of parent representatives to any school council constituted at the school in consultation with the principal of the school; and
- Assist in any other matters in which the Minister may seek the co-operation of the association.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11 April at 7.00pm in the library.

Best wishes to the stage 3 teams who will represent the school at the **league tag gala day** in Bega today. The children have enjoyed the training sessions to develop ball handling skills and teamwork and worked with the Rugby League officer last Wednesday. Congratulations to Zac Wels who represented the school at the zone cricket trails held in Batemans Bay last Friday.

This week **principals** from our local group will meet in Cooma to share strategies for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and further work around data, targets and school improvement strategies. There is much preparation to be done to prepare principals to be the leading learners for the Australian curriculum as well as coordinate with the high schools to develop collegial implementation plans. This will ensure that Year 6 students are well prepared for the transition to the high school curriculum.

Parents please note that we have scheduled **SCHOOL PHOTOS** for Thursday 28 March. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform, black shoes and hair is neat and tidy. Thank you for returning the envelopes to the school office prior to the date.

Have you registered your child for the Premier’s Reading Challenge? 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**. Children who are unable to do this at home will have support to access the site from school. Remember Mrs Whitby has already registered students in K-2 for the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
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 Kacey, Wendy and Odette for cutting up the pieces each day. Year 6 students Alyshia and Grace follow up by adding to the compost heap 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 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.

• AFL Clinics have been organised for all classes as part of the sport program on Friday 5 April and Thursday 9 and 16 May.

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.

• Candelo Festival Choir 3.30 Tuesday afternoons with Melanie Horsnell.

• Craft and art groups will work with community members to support the development of props and banners for the Candelo Festival at school next week. We are asking parent helpers to come along to assist the students and if you have glue guns that would be very handy. All children are asked to bring in recycled plastic containers, bottles, bags, ice cream containers etc by Tuesday 26 March. David Hargraves is planning to work with class groups at this time. I believe there is one more Saturday workshop for families to help with the props to be used in the parade for the Festival.

• Children who will be able to attend the parade on the afternoon of Saturday 13 April will be asked to come along to the Candelo Festival Movement group. We are waiting to hear more from the organisers re the age group required for this event as well as the costume considerations.

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:

Yesterday the children enjoyed working with Ann Hopper on the banners for the upcoming Candelo Festival. Using paint, crayons and inks they painted and drew watery creatures in a watery world. It’s also great to see everyone coming in with their pile of recycled plastic bits and pieces ready for the water creature making workshop coming soon. Keep collecting and send them in. On the 3rd of April we will be involved with the Bournda Environment Educational Centre’s Autumn Bugwatch. All children will need to wear shoes that are water friendly to enjoy the session. The children love scooping and collecting the small water creatures, identifying them and returning them to the creek on the day.

AWARDS this Week

Packing Away - Troy Mare-Zanelli, Hugh Balas, Sam Zuvela. Caring - Zarleigh Went

Till next week, Deb
YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS:
This week 2/3/4 have explored the value of a dictionary and the correct use of this working tool. We have been working on producing a “persuasive” piece of writing. The class chose either a cat or dog and needed to explain why they preferred this pet. Some very imaginative pieces of writing I must say!
2 & 3D shapes and addition has been the focus this week in numeracy. Thanks Odette for our first Italian lesson this year, what a lot of fun! Our class agreed we can’t wait for the next visit. Remember school photos next Thursday.
Mrs Collins & Mrs Reeve.

YEAR 5/6 NEWS:
This week our class worked with K/1/2 on a reading project and then some follow up to Rod Slockee’s presentation. I would like to thank all of the children for their terrific leadership and especially Ada and Ashlee for their role as Ministers for the Junior School. We had such fun last Friday working to develop the models for 3D papier maiche. After making and drawing 3D block patterns on isometric dot paper, the children were well aware of the concepts required to build up their models.
Samples of student’s writing were taken to our staff meeting this week to develop Teacher Consistency of Judgment around persuasive writing. We will use the aspects of writing to show children where to next in their writing.
Multi step problems have been the focus in maths for both grades.
Spelling test will take place next Friday for words about celebrations. Most children have adapted to the Spelling City program. Homework sheets are due on Friday and this week the home writing is an advertisement for the Candelo Festival or to explain the significance of a traditional celebration. Mr Blewett’s Narrative Power Point presentations are due this Friday.
Regards, Mrs Bourke.

LIBRARY NEWS
Could all children please return their books in a bag?
The children (K-6) have started the Premier’s Reading challenge. This year there are many rewards for the children who are involved in the challenge. Please check out the website:
www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL INVOICES
Thank you to those for your prompt payment of term 1 invoices. As it is nearing the end of the term, could the attached invoices please be finalised before the end of term. Thank you.

P&C NEWS:
BBQ Market Roster - April 7th
Stall: Candelo Public School Staff
Tomato: Suzie O’Brien
Onion: Belinda Heffernan
Lettuce: Jemal Airey
Salad volunteers to collect vegetables and buckets from the Bowling Club after 6pm on Friday or Saturday afternoon (the day before the markets). Deliver chopped salad to tennis shed by 8:00am.
The BBQ market roster for April 2013 through to March 2014 will go home with the school newsletter next week.

CANTEEN NEWS
On Tuesday 2nd April, the canteen will hold a special Chicken Breast Burger Day. A choice of white or wholegrain roll with chicken breast fillet, lettuce, cheese and mayo for $3 each. Please fill in order and return to school by Wednesday the 27th March.
New Canteen contact: Kacey Weller 0407640903.

SCIP NEWS
Advanced Band: Thank you to everyone who turned up ready to play at 8.15am on Wednesday. We are working on the pieces for the Festival – especially River Hymn (letter P – T) in Candelo River Songs. Please practise your part so that you can play it without mistakes. We will be having extended rehearsals on Wednesdays from 8.15-9.00am until the Festival.
Candelo Village Festival Dress Rehearsal: There will be a final rehearsal for everyone involved in the Candelo Village Festival on Sunday 7th April from 3.00-6.00pm at the Candelo Town Hall.
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.
COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

Easter Holidays Program

While on holiday come down to the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre and play! Meet a starfish, say hello to our cheeky octopus and feel a seal skul. Join in our fun holiday activities or just enjoy the delight of the centre.

Holiday Activities include:
* Indoor workshops making marine craft to take home
* Snorkel tours for all ages
* Rocky Shore Rambles
* Fish Feeding
* Tsunami Demonstrations

During the Easter School Holidays (March 30 – April 27) the centre is open 10am – 3pm Tuesday to Saturday.
Except Public Holidays

Adults $7
Children $2
Families $15

For more information visit our website: www.sapphirecoastdiscovery.com.au
For bookings contact us on: admin@sapphirecoastdiscovery.com.au
Phone (02) 64961699

BANDARA VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Let’s have fun, arts and crafts, excursions and more.

Venue: Bega Valley Public School
Times: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm (CLOSES at 5.00 on Friday 26th April)

Please phone Bandara 6492 4360 for information about bookings and programs.

Chicken Breast Burger Day.
Tuesday 2nd April.

Enjoy a roll with a chicken breast fillet, lettuce, cheese and mayo.
$3 each.

(please circle)

Name: ________________ Qty: __ White or Wholegrain
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Amount enclosed: $_____ 

Please complete & return with payment to school by Wednesday the 26th March.

Candelo Festival Parade
Saturday 13th April at 2.45pm.

Please tick the boxes if applicable:

☐ My child/children will be participating in the movement parade.

Please note: this is dependent on availability of costumes.

☐ My child/children are involved in the band/choir.

Name/s: ____________________________

Please return to school.