Dear parents and carers,
Best wishes for a lovely family Easter break, to all of our families. We look forward to seeing all of the children when they return on Tuesday morning.
Next week is Autism Awareness week and children are asked to wear something BLUE on Friday 5 April to raise much-needed funds, awareness and understanding of autism. One of our parents, Michelle Mark will address an assembly at 12.45pm. The Minister for Social Justice Emily will collect donations from children (50c or gold coin).
There are many articles to support parents and teachers to find those connections between home and school. ‘7 Positive Parental Engagement Tips To Help Kids’ by Helen Splarn is an article from Generation Next that I thought I would share with you. “Family-school and community partnerships are re-defining the boundaries and functions of education. They enlarge parental and community capacity; they create conditions in which children learn more effectively. In these ways they take education beyond the school gates”.
Headings for each of the tips include: Give Support and create a learning environment by asking questions and exchanging ideas; Expect A child to Succeed, expect their personal best; Develop A Positive Parenting Style by modelling behaviour around learning like taking risks and persevering with difficult things before having fun; Volunteering show that it is good to be part of something and being involved; Continuity helps, give a little help often; Make it real and local, discuss local issues as a starting point for learning something new; Build a bond with the school and a relationship with the teacher based on trust and mutual respect.

Congratulations to both stage 3 teams who were joint winners in the final of the League Tag Gala Day in Bega. Congratulations to all of the players and in particular Nathan O’Brien, Michael Stoddard and Oscar Carrett who were identified by their peers as contributing to valuable plays. Sport brings children together and develops team work and while we had two teams in the final, the organisers have requested only one team to play in the Zone finals at Cobargo (date to be announced). We will negotiate the team to represent Candelo and make a request of parent helpers to support the team with transport.

The principal meeting enabled us to develop a plan for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and to refine the 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.

Thank you to parents for ensuring all of the children were well prepared for the SCHOOL PHOTOS. The children are to be commended for their wonderful manners and level of cooperation today. Angi High will work to have the photos back to parents early next term.

Today the children were able to borrow books to keep them reading during the Easter break. Reading with and to your child (no matter their age) is a wonderful way to support and share in their reading journey.
STUDENT WELFARE:
Ms Johansen presented the principal and staff module this week for Live Life Well@School. The next step is to work with parent representatives through the canteen to develop the plan and the submission to support the fruit and vegetable platter and plans around fitness.

SPORT:
School Cross Country Carnival will be held on the 3 May the first Friday of term 2. It will be half day session held in the afternoon (we would love parents to come along to support this activity).
Zone Cross Country 10 May will be held at Wolumla for the children who qualify following our carnival.
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 will continue each Tuesday afternoon at 2.00pm in the music room. Thank you to the parents who are supporting students to learn the music (at least 5 mins practice EVERY DAY) for 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.
The next craft and art workshops to support the development of props for the Candelo Festival at school will be held next Tuesday with David Hargraves. 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. The children have already enjoyed making jellyfish with David Hargraves and will need greater support next week.
Ann Hopper has also been working with children in K/1/2 and 5/6 to paint the banners for the festival. Children in 2/3/4 will have their turn at this fun workshop next Wednesday at 12.00pm.
We had about 20 children who will be able to attend the parade on the afternoon of Saturday 13 April, come along to the Candelo Festival Movement group this week. The Festival Parade has been scheduled for 2:45 - 3:15pm on Sat April 13. I'd like everyone to come to the school library to get dressed and face make-up applied at 1pm, parent helpers are most welcome.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT:
Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Colour competition who were K/1 – Zeke Weller, Colin Gatt & Jessica Heffernan. 2/3/4 – Nellie Whyman, Alexandra Eeles & Annabelle Cameron. 5/6 – James Moore, Alyshia Eeles & Ada Hall. Alyshia Eeles is also the winner of the Guessing Competition (291) she won a jar of Easter Eggs. Congratulations to Georgia Weller and Emily Weller (I wonder how many books of tickets the girls bought?) who won an Easter cookbook and cooking accessories for the raffle. The money raised from the Guessing Competition will go to Diabetes Australia and the raffle money to the Year 6 fundraiser for the Stage 3 excursion. I commend the children for their use of initiative and thank their parents for their support.
Stewart House fundraiser: The children were so keen to buy the Stewart House handballs that they have already been on sale. The Bouncy Balls cost $3.00 each, the funds will help support the Stewart House programs that is attended by children from country areas.

K/1/2 NEWS:
ARRGH me MATEY!!
It was a mighty hot pirate hunt but yes we found evidence of Easter Bunnies, not only footprints but a few small chocolate eggs that we gathered in our treasure basket to share later, as pirates do. Thanks to all the fabulous parents that helped to make our adventure safe, splishy-splashy and fun. All pirates were exhausted by rest time including Captain O'Hansom so we enjoyed a quiet afternoon in the comfort of our cool classroom making Easter baskets. It has been a busy week as on Tuesday we also enjoyed a second Candelo Festival workshop with Mr Hargraves. We made our first sea creature, a jellyfish, out of recycled materials. They will hang from the tress in the park and glow in the dark during the festival. Another workshop will be held after Easter where the children will make their own sea creature from the bits and pieces they have collected and brought in. Year 1/2 spelling tests will be next Tuesday, homework books may be returned then as well.
Awards this WEEK
HSIE - Lily Mark, Flynn Charlton-Seaman
PE/Fitness - Zeke Weller, Sophie Gill
Till next week
Deb.

YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS:
Welcome to this eggsellent Easter edition of 2/3/4 news. Students have been busy this week creating underwater creatures made from recycled materials for the Candelo Festival, if they haven’t already could all students bring in at least one plastic carton on Tuesday in preparation for more sea critters. Mrs Collins has finished the final training session for Targeting Early Numeracy and is really looking forward to implementing individualised maths strategies. While Mrs Collins was at training, the students enjoyed a day with Miss Martin. The students were particularly thrilled by the science experiment in which they managed to avoid bursting 22 balloons with the weight of the class bearing down upon them. As an engaging way to end this busy week the students today participated in cooking lesson where they had to read and interpret a recipe and utilise their understanding of fractions. In the afternoon the students participated in a maths relay, which involved solving a variety of maths problems in order to receive clues to an Easter cryptogram. On that note we wish all family and friends of 2/3/4 a Happy Easter and a fabulous mini break.
Warm Regards, Mrs Reeve and Mrs Collins.

Joke of the week:
Why did the Easter egg hide? He was a little chicken.

YEAR 5/6 NEWS:
This week our class worked with David Hargraves to create a bloom of jellyfish for the Festival and thank you to Ashlee who remembered her recycled materials. Children are reminded to please bring a plastic bottle or plastic icecream tub as well as other plastic materials such as yogurt tubs for eyes, bottle caps, in fact any recycled material that is used this week, wash out and bring to class. We also had the pleasure of working with Ann Hopper this week on some magnificent banners. Best wishes for a happy Easter, we celebrated the effort given to homework with our Easter egg draw today.
Awards for focus on and responsibility for homework: Ada, Jack, Bailey, Oscar C, Grace, James and Janet
Regards, Mrs Bourke

STEWART HOUSE DAY - FRIDAY 10th MAY:
Stewart House has 1,800 public school children each year that travel to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.
Support Stewart House by purchasing a High Bounce Handball for $3 each at recess or lunch time.
Next term we will send home ‘Stewart House Donation Drive Envelopes’. Any donations would be kindly accepted.
SCHOOL INVOICES:
Thank you to those for your prompt payment of term 1 invoices. As it is nearing the end of the term, could any outstanding invoices please be finalised before the end of term. Thank you.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN:
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point, there’ll be one for every $10 spent. (excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards.) Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points, return to Candelo Public School and we will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

P&C NEWS:
We are desperately looking for workers at the Candelo Festival BBQ on the 13 April. If you are available anytime time to help between 7am – 7pm, please contact the School Office.
Also please find attached the BBQ Market Roster for April 2013 through to March 2014.

SCIP NEWS

**TERM 1 CONCERT HAS BEEN CANCELLED**
I have decided to cancel the Term 1 concert as we have been focusing on the Festival.

Candelo Village Festival: There are 2 extra rehearsals planned for the Festival:
Saturday 6th April 11.00am-12.30pm at Mumbulla School Hall - rehearsal with Biamanga percussion.
Sunday 7th April 3.00-6.00pm at the Candelo Town Hall final dress rehearsal for everyone involved in the Festival.
If you have any queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me. Helen Gill 6493 2448

COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS:

BEGA TATHRA JUNIOR SOCCER
Registrations are still being taken for Bega Tathra Junior Soccer.
$40 per player or a maximum of $80 per family.
Ages are 5-12 years and attending primary school.
Games start 4th May.
Phone Jenny Weber on 64922485 to register now.
Check out the website: begatatthrajuniorsoccer.org.au

GET READY TO ROCK!
FREE KIDS’ MUSIC WORKSHOP WITH MR TIM CANDELO VILLAGE FESTIVAL, SATURDAY APRIL 13.
Renowned kids’ entertainer Mr Tim will be holding a free music workshop on the morning of the Candelo Village Festival. Participants will then be able to perform on the Festival Main Stage as part of his act!
The workshop is for kids aged 6 to 12, and will be held at the Candelo Public School at 11:30am on Festival day, with the performance at 1:45pm at the Festival Main Stage. If you’re keen, be sure to register by calling Kate Burke on 6493 2736, as there are only 30 places available.

Looking for activities for your children this school holidays?
Sapphire Coast Tennis are running tennis camps at the Bega Tennis Club for beginners to advanced players aged 5-15 years over the school holidays. The camp runs for 3 days:
Mon, Tue, Wed 15th – 17th April 9am – 12 Noon
Each day Children learn a different stroke or aspect of the game, related to the standard of the group. Structured practice follows, leading to lively games and competitions between groups. Children are to wear sporting attire, hat and bring sunscreen and a water bottle. Snacks will be provided in the break. All equipment is supplied, so your child does not need to bring a tennis racquet if they do not own one.
The 3 day camp will cost $60 per child.
Contact James on 0409 315 542 or sapphirecoasttennis@gmail.com to book or for more info.

FREE Fun Program for Kids to Become Fitter, Healthier & Happier!
Do you have children aged 7 to 13? Are you worried about their lifestyle?
Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks during the school term. Sessions will run on a Thursday for two hours after school.
Free Call 1800 780 900
For more information visit www.mendcentral.org/go4fun
Where: 31 Upper St, Bega
When: Thursdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm
Commencing 2nd May, 2013!