Dear parents and carers,

The way schools are funded has changed. Our school receives funding based on a formula which includes education levels and current occupation of parents. Our school entitlement will be determined in April and we hope to update all of our enrolment records with your support. What’s a FOEI and why is it important that I know?

The Department of Education & Communities uses information you provide when you enrol your child to determine a Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI). Currently our FOEI is 81 which is quite high. The higher the FOEI, the less funding we receive. Up to date Parent data is needed, so please complete the attached note and return by the end of March. Further information is contained in the note attached.

At the end of this term our school will undertake a school self-evaluation of literacy. Members of the team will interview parents, staff and students to gather a wide range of views. This information will be pooled to gain an understanding of the current and future directions of the school.

Congratulations to the stage 2 and stage 3 students who represented the school at the Hockey Gala Day held yesterday. Thank you to Wendy Thoms for organising the gala day and to the parents who made themselves available to transport the children - Amanda, Marcia, Anna, Danielle, Wendy and Craig. Parents and teachers are asked to register their licence and insurance papers with the office when driving students to school functions. Also, for some families it was an added expense to buy the mouthguard and shin guards for the gala day, and we appreciated this.

Bega High School Year 6-7 Transition Activities

Towards the end of term 1, staff and students from Bega High School will be providing a range of activities to support students in years 5 and 6 as well as their parents. Don Green, year 7 adviser 2015, along with Mark Freedman, Head Teacher Student Welfare and a number of current year 7 students will visit schools to meet students, talk about the transition to High School and answer questions.

There will also be opportunities for parents to meet Don and Mark and learn more about the next 12 months and beyond. Information sessions will be held at Cobargo Public School on Monday March 31, Bega High School on Wednesday April 2 and at Candelo Public School on Thursday April 3. These sessions will begin at 5.30 pm and should last around an hour.

On Tuesday April 8, all students looking forward to going to Bega High School and their parents are invited to come along for a guided tour of the school. This will commence in the school hall at 4pm and will be completed by 5pm.

Anyone seeking further information about these activities can contact Mark Freedman at Bega High School on 64929000 or at mark.freedman@det.nsw.edu.au

We met with the School Parliament this week to develop a strategy to support The Candelo PS Relay For Life team. A PURPLE mufti day and special juggling ball workshop will be held on Friday 4 April. Thank you to all of the families who are working really hard to promote school and community spirit and to realise the motto of the Cancer Council: Celebrate! Remember! Fight Back! The fundraising to date has realised $1410. To get behind this project or to join the team go to our page at: http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2014/bega_valley/Team-Candelo-Public-School/
STUDENT WELFARE

- Staff are working to address the issue of vehicle access via the road leading up to the canteen during school hours. We have developed signage (temporary until we have an achievable plan) to inform drivers, had a safety talk with the children, sought advice from the department and have requested parents not drive up the road during school hours (8.30 to 3.30). We continue to investigate how best to manage this safety issue and will keep parents informed.
- This week Peer Support groups will have a break to allow for the hockey gala day. I am sure the children will look forward to the third lesson next week. This positive program promotes peer relationships and encourages children to take risks with their learning in a supportive environment.
- AASC program is an exciting FREE initiative from the Australian Sports Commissions Active After School Communities. Children should come each Wednesday and Thursday with the following: swimming gear to include towel, swimmers, joggers, (and jacket if it is cold). Parents are asked to collect children from the school at 4.30pm. (If there is a variation to this arrangement, parents are asked to inform the teaching staff in writing). A healthy afternoon tea is part of the afternoon program.
- Crunch@lunch, fruit break and fruit for recess is actively supported at school. We encourage children to bring carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes from the garden, sandwiches with salad food etc as part of their daily lunch. A survey this week showed the following results for the Crunch@lunch program: Monday – 10 lunch boxes with vegetable pieces or salad on sandwiches/wraps etc; Tuesday - 20 lunch boxes.

School Assembly: Parents and grandparents are invited to attend the School Assembly on Friday 21 March at 9.15 for the Induction of School Parliament, celebration of Harmony Day and presentation of class awards.

School Parliament report: This week we had the Parliament meeting re Relay4Life fundraising. Jordan and Nathan led the group to plan Purple mufti day on Friday 4 April for all students so that they would come dressed in purple clothes or wear a purple ribbon, purple hat etc. At lunchtime the children would make juggling balls and hold beginner juggling lessons. The cost for the fundraiser would be $3.00 per child (to include $1.00 for mufti and $2.00 for their juggling balls and lesson). All fundraising money will support the Candelo PS relay team in Relay4Life.
- An Easter Egg raffle is being organised by the children led by Bailey and Jack, for Thursday 10 April. Stage 3 students are asked to donate eggs for the basket (real and chocolate eggs) by next Thursday so that tickets can go on sale in week 10 and 11. All proceeds will go towards the Stage 3 excursion to Jindabyne in term 4.
- International Food theme at the canteen on Friday 21 March will celebrate Harmony Day. Angus, Jack and Jake will work with Kacey to organise the details.
- Oscar was organising ideas for Stewart House fundraising for next term.

SPORT

- Friday Swimming 4 Sport this Friday 14 March and 21 March (it is expected that all students in years 2 to 6 participate). Children will need swimmers, towel, goggles (optional), warm jacket, water bottle, sunscreen, hat and great school spirit.
- Stage 3 Tag Football is planned for Thursday 27 March at Bega Recreational Fields.

PERFORMING ARTS

- Expressions of Interest are now due for the fourth SCLC Music Camp to be held from Sunday 18 May to Wednesday 21 May (Week 4 Term 2) at Kianinny Resort, Tathra. The overall camp cost will be $240.00 per student to include tuition, accommodation and food. The camp offers students in Years 5 – 9, with an interest in music and performance an opportunity to work with experienced music teachers, professional musicians and peer tutors to further develop their skills. Workshops include but are not limited to: guitar, ukulele, vocal, wind, brass, percussion, marimba, keyboard, music composition, performance arts, concert band and rock band. Please apply to the school office for the forms.
- Recorder workshops Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm in the music room. Nominated students will work towards the Opera House Recorder program. (Mimosa Concert on Thursday 26 June.) Recorder students are asked to bring their recorder on Tuesdays and Thursdays for practice time.
- SCIP Wind program each Wednesday during school time, please apply to Helen Gill re this program of individual and small group tuition.

School Canteen:
- Please note that canteen will be available for all students and staff each Friday.

Uniform Committee Meeting:
- Friday 21 March at 3.00pm in the office to discuss winter uniform and options for the supply of uniforms; interested parents are most welcome.

Stage 1 News

Teddy Bears Picnic

On Friday the 28th March we will have our Teddy Bears Picnic in the Candelo Park, leaving the school at 12:30 and returning by 1:30. Children will need to bring in their special bear for the day to have lunch with down at the park. Rugs and a special treat will be supplied so all you need to prepare is a nice lunchbox lunch and to find a
keen bear. Parents are welcome to come and join us on the day.

Awards this week
Maths - 2D shapes/3D objects:
Ella-Rose N-Cruickshank, Emma Moore, Brodie Irwin
Politeness: Ash White, Jessica Heffernan
Till next week, Deb Johansen

Stage 2 News
We have had another busy week! My apologies for the delay in informing parents of Merits awarded to Stage Two students since the beginning of the term. They are:
Quality Start - Zarleigh and Xavier; Reading - Carl; Care - Kasey and Lucy; Writing - Lily and Blair; Safety - Lulu and Rebecca; Spelling - Patrick and Alannah; Maths - Jez and Chase; Learning - Esther and Kasey; Measurement - Zeke and Colin; Respect - Chase and Joseph.

On Wednesday I was able to share information about keeping bees with the students. Students were able to try on a beekeeping suit and had many interesting questions to ask about keeping and appreciating bees in our environment.

Please also find a permission note for students to attend an event at Bega Valley Primary School next Tuesday, it should be a great day.
Noeleen Lumby.

Stage 3 News
Many students were able to develop their narrative writing editing and publishing skills this week and were very proud of their work. The link for the Write4fun website has been emailed to children and we are working to establish a class wiki so that children can ‘post’ their writing for comment and to share with others. Making the writing task purposeful and relevant is the aim of this exercise. Aidan and Jordan have already started their writing for the competition. Oscar’s song ‘You Don’t Have to be Afraid’ was received so well by the class, they gave it 100 out of 10! This wonderful achievement led to the question, “Why don’t we write a school song?” Congratulations to the hockey team and in particular Jack, Bailey, Angus and Dallas who showed great team spirit and skill. Bailey’s excellent shots at goal secured the last game for the team. Next Tuesday at 10.00am we will wave the flag for the group of cars driving through Candelo and on Wednesday our class will look at “My Place” through the eyes of the Bournda Staff. This experience will inform our writing for the week.

I am available after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and on Friday 21 for interviews to discuss student learning plans for 2014, parents are invited to call to make a time or we can talk over the phone.

Awards for fraction work in maths: Deja and Jordan and for following school rules: Bianca and Jack.

Warm regards, Suezanne Bourke

LIBRARY NEWS.
I would like to say a BIG thank you to the AIREY family for donating several boxes of books, and THANK YOU also to Amelia Moffitt for donating some lovely books.
No doubt our Candelo Public school Library will benefit greatly from these fantastic books.

All the classes are registered for the NSW PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2014. So far, the children are very enthusiastic. GO CANDELO!
The theme for BOOKWEEK 2014 is: "CONNECT TO READING." More on this subject soon.

Finally THANK YOU to all the wonderful children who are remembering to bring their books back. A reminder that at the end of each term I will be handing out awards and prizes to the children who borrow the most books from each class.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful library.
Merryl Whitby

SCIP NEWS:
Lessons and band will be as normal next week (Wed 19th March).
Term 1 concert: The term 1 concert will be held on Wednesday 2nd April at 5.00pm in the library. Keep practising your pieces so that you can play them really well at the concert.

If you would like to join SCIP or want further information, please contact me.
Helen Gill 6493 2448

COMMUNITY NEWS

BEGA TATHRA MINI SOCCER REGO DAY will be held on Saturday the 15th of March from 10am - 11am, at the Tathra Country Club and Bega Valley Hockey Fields.

For any enquiries please call secretary Karen Butchers on 0477 054 582 or email begathathrajuniorsocker@gmail.com.au

BEGA DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION is pleased to advise competition for all age groups will be commencing Saturday 3rd May.

Once again our club will be hosting the exciting Nationally accredited Net Set Go program for 6 – 10 yr olds. This program will also commence on May 3rd. The Net Set Go program will focus on teaching our younger members basic skills. There will also be match
play in a non-competitive environment with the emphasis on having fun and meeting new friends.
All participants will receive a free promotional bag filled with wonderful goodies including a netball.

Want to give it a go? Why not come down to our FREE Come and Try Day to be held 29th March. Open to all children aged between 6 and 12 yrs of age (including existing members) this is a great opportunity to see what the Net Set Go Program and junior netball is all about. Bring along a friend and don’t forget your water bottle, sunscreen and joggers. For more information email us on: beganetball@hotmail.com or phone our registrar, Cathy Johnston on 64923987

Registration day for all age groups, including opens, will be held in conjunction with the Come and Try Day on March 29th at the Bega courts from 10am – 12pm. Registration fees are payable on the day with direct deposit options available for your convenience. Please contact us on the above contacts for more information.”

**EASTER HOLIDAYS SURFGROMS**
Coastlife Adventures are hosting the VEGEMITE SurfGroms this Easter holidays at Pambula Beach. VEGEMITE SurfGroms offers youngsters aged between 5 and 12 years the opportunity to learn how to surf in a fun, safe and supervised environment. The Easter holidays SurfGroms is an 8 hour course from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April. Each student will attend a 2 hour lesson from 9:00am to 11:00am at Pambula Beach each day. Every registered participant will receive professional surf instruction, a beginner’s board and wetsuit for use during the lessons, plus a special VEGEMITE SurfGroms participant pack.
Register online at www.surfgroms.com or for more information please call 6494 1122.

**SAPPHIRE COAST TENNIS**
Looking for activities for your children this school holidays?
Sapphire Coast Tennis are running Tennis Clinics in the School holidays. The clinics are three 90 Min intensive sessions giving pupils a chance to improve all areas of their game. The clinics will be set up so each session is catered for the age/ability of the players.
MON/TUE/WED 14th/15th/16th April @ The Bega Tennis Club
MON/TUE/WED 21st/22nd/23rd April @ The Merimbula Tennis Club
(5 – 7 Year Olds) 1.00 pm – 2.30pm Red Group
(8 – 10 Year Olds) 2.30pm – 4.00pm Orange Group

(11 – 15 Year Old) 4.00pm – 5.30pm Green/Challenger
The Total cost for the 3 days of coaching is $40.00,
Please call James on 0409 315542 or email sapphirecoasttennis@gmail.com to register your child

**Hockey Gala Day**

**Wanted for the School Gardening Project ASAP**
About 4 x 2.1 meter lengths of 50 x 75mm Pine Framing
30 x 90mm roofing screws
Acrylic paint – any colour
2 square metres of shade cloth

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