Dear parents and carers,

Parents, grandparents and friends 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.

Thank you to the many parents who returned the FOEI survey, it certainly will help the school to access the funding that is available for schools. 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. Please return the note by the end of March.

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 on Tuesday 8 April. This information will be pooled to gain an understanding of the current and future directions of the school.

Congratulations to the stage 2 students who represented the school at the State Library exhibition held at Bega Valley PS this week. Thank you to Ms Lumby for organising the excursion and to the parents who made themselves available to transport the children.

School Parliament is planning a PURPLE mufti day and special juggling ball workshop for Friday 4 April to support The Candelo PS Relay For Life team and raffle tickets are on sale at the school office. 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! A team meeting to determine the relay timetable is planned for Sunday 30th March at the Candelo Bowling Club. Please see organiser Jenny Sheedy. The fundraising to date has realised an amazing $1,502.30! 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/.

Staff have been developing the School Plan and working with colleagues in other schools on the Alliance Project, developing the submission for the Performing Arts Festival and working with the SCLC network as part of our professional learning projects. Next week (Wednesday 25 April at 3.45 – 5.00) as part of our school evaluation we will review sections of the School Plan and School Discipline Policy. Parent representatives are most welcome.
STUDENT WELFARE
• Bega High School Year 6-7 Transition Activities, 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.
  • Bega HS Transition Meeting for parents to meet Don and Mark at Candelo Public School on Thursday April 3 from 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm. 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 - 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
• Peer Support groups will rotate to the next activity next Wednesday. 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.

School Parliament report: As Minister for Community services Jordan is overseeing a range of activities:
• To celebrate Harmony Day mini Greek spinach and cheese parcels will be on sale at recess at the canteen on Friday 21 March. Angus, Jack and Jake will help Kacey with this project.
• Purple mufti day on Friday 4 April for all students - come dressed in purple clothes or wear a purple ribbon, purple hat etc. Juggling balls workshop and beginner juggling lessons will be held at lunchtime. 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. Please see Jordan and Nathan.
• 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.
• Stewart House fundraising for next term is being organised by Oscar and Dallas.

SPORT
• Friday Swimming 4 Sport this Friday 21 March (it is expected that all students in years 2 to 6 participate). Children will need swimmers, towel, goggles (optional), warm jacket, water bottles, sunscreen, hat and great school spirit.
• Stage 3 Tag Football is planned for Thursday 27 March at Bega Recreational Fields with a training session next Tuesday. Parents are asked to assist with transport leaving the school at 9.00am. Please see note attached.

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. Please apply to the school office.
• 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 for this program of individual and small group tuition. SCIP Concert 5.00pm Wednesday 2 April, families are most welcome.
• Auditions for our ‘Show’ piece for the Sapphire Coast Learning Community Library: Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) is now open. Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 should go to https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html to log on using their DEC user name and password. Students can enter books by PRC ID, Title or Author or use the form fields to search for your books. Each child is asked to read 20 books (15 from the PRC list and 5 own choice books). Students can enter the books at home or at school. Mrs Whitby will enter Stage 1 books as they are read in library sessions. Class teachers will issue awards for each set of 5 books read as part of the home and class reading program. Our goal is 100% participation so teachers and parents are asked to support children in their reading goal.
PERFORMING ARTS

School Canteen:
• This week Kacey is celebrating Harmony Day with some delicious Greek spinach (from the school garden) and cheese triangles at recess time. The spinach & feta triangles will sell for $1.00 each.
Lunch orders for the canteen are 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
On Tuesday we enjoyed waving our flags as the Victorian RACV motoring club, celebrating 100 years, passed through our small village. It was a pleasant surprise and well received when a couple of the vintage cars stopped and allowed the children to have a look AND even get in! Nearly 200 cars passed through Candelo.

We have been busy continuing to use Bears to introduce our Investigating themes and now we will focus on multi-cultural Australia and Celebrations for the last few weeks of school. We celebrate Harmony Day this Friday and will be enjoying a special canteen day, enjoying the food from Greece. Next week I will be sending home a world map for you to locate your family heritage on so your child can share it with us at school.

There will be a special Assembly in the Library at 9:15 this Friday for Year 6 to receive their Yr 6 shirts and badges, so our achievement awards will be presented at this assembly. Parents are welcome.

Awards this Week:
Investigating - Troy Mare-Zanelli, Gypsy Rigatos, Markus Dederer-Stiles
School Environment - Lana Venables, Ella Gatt
Till next week
Deb Johansen

Stage 2 News
Merit Awards
Maths – Zarleigh, Rebecca; HSIE – Jez, Lulu; Responsibility – Esther, Lily
Students had a great morning at Bega Valley Primary School on Tuesday and a big thank you to parents who were able to assist with transport. The students enjoyed the presentation by the State Library of NSW and were able to see primary resources which rarely leave the library. Thanks once again to Megan Collins, Anna Maslen, Jenny Sheedy, Kacey Weller, and Natasha Bonomi.

We have begun filming the Candelo News, students have been learning about film making, script writing and developing storyboards. We look forward to completing the production and sharing what is happening in our local community with a wider audience.

Our gardening project this week will be a worm farm. Another big thank you to Miss Martin and Jenny Sheedy for delivering the resources to the school and to the Mark family for supplying the timber for the frame. Students have enjoyed the hands on experience of not only creating a garden to provide the school with fresh produce but to also learn about other requirements to make a garden an interesting and productive place to work in.

Noeleen Lumby.

Stage 3 News
The assembly tomorrow will cap off an exciting week for year 6 as they prepare for their induction to the School Parliament and receive their year 6 t-shirt kindly supported by Candelo P&C. Other news this week was the sense of community shown as the car rally snaked its way through Candelo. It gave us the opportunity to appreciate the amazing workmanship and the effort given by the car enthusiasts to help celebrate the RACV anniversary.

Our class hosted Doug from Bournda and Libby from Atlas Biodiversity engaging the children in environmental studies and emphasising how everyone can be a scientist. Activities included recognising animals that live in the school environment; using an infrared camera to track wildlife movement (although we didn’t capture any wildlife visitors) and using binoculars to birdwatch and record species heightened the children’s awareness of the detail within their environment.

We made some Harmony Day people representing the diversity within our community and across Australia. Some creative clothing designs were developed. Work on the Slowmations for Science has begun and deep understanding of the Water Cycle will be a result of the project.

I am available after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and on Friday after school 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 HSIE - Bailey and Daisy; Responsibility - Jake and Nathan

Warm regards, Suezanne Bourke
SCIP NEWS:

Term 1 concert: A note was sent home yesterday about the Term 1 concert which will be held on Wednesday 2nd April at 5.00pm in the library. Please return the note next week so that I know who will be at the concert. Keep practising your pieces so that you can play them really well at the concert.

Year 3: Well done to Xavier Bonomi and Zarleigh Went who both played really well in their lesson.

Aeros: The Entertainer is almost ready. Keep practising your part so that you can play it without mistakes.

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

Helen Gill 6493 2448

P & C NEWS

As you are aware the P&C runs a successful bbq stall at each and every Candelo markets on the first Sunday of each month. Each year the P&C call on our loyal parents to help run the bbq each month which helps to contribute $8,000 a year to P&C funded events for our children. We are after some more volunteers to assist this great fundraiser. It is a great day to socialise and meet new parents and to help contribute to Candelo PS.

Please fill in the form which is located in the office or phone / email Joe Weller: joe.weller@ccamatil.com 0419 013 740 thanking you.

April Market Roster – Sunday 6th April
Jamie Carrett (Trailer)
Amanda Fowler
Marsha Smith
Anna Maslen
ONE MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Molly Went – Lettuce
Sam Joyce – Onions
Amanda Fowler - Tomatoes

COMMUNITY NEWS

BANDARA VACATION CARE PROGRAM
Let’s have fun, arts and crafts, excursions and more.
Venue: Bega Valley Public School
Commencing: Monday 14th – Thursday 24th April 2014.
8:00 am – 5:30 pm (CLOSES at 5.00 on Thursday 24th April 2014)

Please phone Bandara 6492 4360 for information about bookings and programs

PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL

The school funds and accounting arrangements were transferred to a single bank account and SAP in November last year for the 229 schools trialling the LMBR system.

Could parents not pay for fees etc online at this time into the old account. Please pay by cheque or cash at the school office. We apologise for any inconvenience.