Dear parents and carers,

It is timely for the school community to review what the school is doing in regard to student welfare and discipline. The DEC Student Welfare and Fair Discipline Policy drives the school policy and as teachers our collective experience working with children from a range of backgrounds, informs our interpretation of the policy. We hope that we can share what we are doing with parents and students so that together we can work towards the safest and happiest school possible. Our common goal is every student learning and growing with confidence. Our focus is on the long term goal that effective discipline is teaching children skills and instilling the values that they will need to become successful adults.

We teach:
1. Self-discipline – so that children learn to take responsibility for behaviour choices, work choices and time management.
2. Social skills – so children can practise the skills to learn to share, to use their words, ask questions, use eye contact, take turns in conversations and develop healthy relationships.
3. Healthy decision making – so that children can practise problem solving strategies to build positive relationships. Children experience natural consequences so that they learn from their mistakes.
4. Impulse Control – to enable children to face logical consequences so that they do not repeat the same mistake. By pre-teaching and using praise children learn to manage their impulsivity. Think! Act! Do!
5. Emotional regulation – so children can use ‘feeling’ words to better express their needs and wants. We use ‘time out’ to give children space to calm down so they can manage themselves with dignity.
6. Confidence – so children can practise skills that build confidence and self-esteem so that children can learn from mistakes, accept criticism and use positive self-talk to help them find courage when needed. We talk about ‘bouncing back’ and learning strategies to develop resilience.

Students report that, “Candelo School is a safe and happy place” because we have clear processes to encourage positive behaviours and age appropriate processes that help children to learn from the misbehaviours.

• Positive welfare strategies include rights and responsibilities, School Parliament, Peer Support, Merit Award system and public recognition of achievement, support programs for students, school rules and Fish awards.
• Consequences include: Extra class time with teachers, ‘time out’ (on the silver seat) and lunch detention, counselling sessions with a teacher using de Bono’s 6 Hats. Factual information, feelings, the impact on others and finding appropriate ways to respond to problems are discussed. Most often there is a need for mediation between students and an apology given. Parents are contacted about behaviours that are ongoing and/or raise concern so that we can plan appropriate interventions and determine what is causing the behaviour. Behaviour plans to support the child are developed in consultation with parents, the principal and the school counsellor (where appropriate).
  - Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others such as harassment, bullying and illegal or antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated. The principal will implement the Student Discipline Policy in consultation with parents, the school counsellor and where appropriate, the Director Public Schools.
Please find attached the **5 School Rules** that reflect **DEC Core Rules and the Core Values** that underpin the policy. I would be very interested in hearing further feedback from parents and to develop greater alignment with our school community on expectations of a school discipline code. Parents please note that the full policy is available on request and is available on the department website.

Our next big event that requires the support of the school community is the Literacy Review. Parents are asked to return the form attached if they are available to be part of the focus group for the school evaluation of literacy on Tuesday 8 April (9.00 to 10.00) followed by morning tea. A survey by email will also be administered if you would like to participate please add your email to the note attached. Members of the team will interview parents, staff and students to gather a wide range of views on. Student permission for a sample of students to attend the interview will be included with this newsletter. The information will be pooled to gain an understanding of the current and future directions of the school in this area as we work to implement the Australian curriculum.

Parents and visitors are asked to please report to the school office to sign in as part of the Work Health and Safety (WHS) practice. A reminder to volunteers and parents working with the children are asked to complete the **Volunteer Working with Children Check** when next in the office, again, another WHS requirement. Please see Amanda or Ros when next you are visiting the school.

Congratulations to our Year 6 leaders who made us so proud at the School Assembly. The induction was made even more special by our guests, Paul Morris, Director Public Schools, Joe Weller P&C President and the many parents, grandparents and friends who attended. The school community also had a chance to hear Oscar Gill’s beautiful composition and to celebrate Harmony Day with special spinach parcels at recess made by Kacey.

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 at 4pm, Sunday 30 March at the Candelo Bowling Club. Please see organiser Jenny Sheedy. The fundraising to date has realised an amazing $1,912.30! 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/](http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2014/bega_valley/Team-Candelo-Public-School/).

**University of NSW Competitions**

These competitions have been made available in the past to students from Years 3-6. They are an external examinations in several key areas; Computer Skills, Science, English and Mathematics. Each competition will cost $8.00. If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions, please forward the payment and advice slip to the office by **Wednesday 3 April**. All students who enter receive a participation, credit, distinction or high distinction certificate. CPS students have performed very well over the past few years and we encourage all students to take up the challenge.

**AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS 2014**

I would like my child__________________________to participate in:

(please tick the appropriate box)

[ ] Australian Schools Computer Skills Competition (Tuesday 20th May) $8.00
[ ] Australian Schools Science Competition (Wednesday 4th June) $8.00
[ ] Australian Schools English Competition (Tuesday 29th July) $8.00
[ ] Australian Schools Mathematics Competition (Tuesday 12th August) $8.00

Please find enclosed $ ............... in payment

Signature Parent/Guardian: 

[ ] Australian Schools Computer Skills Competition (Tuesday 20th May) $8.00

**Please return slip and payment to the office by Wednesday 3 April 2014**

**STUDENT WELFARE**

- **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** are zooming along there will be one more session this term. This positive program promotes peer relationships and encourages children to take risks with their learning in a supportive environment.
- **AASC program last week next week**. Thank you to the children who made it so much fun and to Jenny and Sophie for their commitment to the program. A healthy afternoon tea is part of the afternoon program.

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School Parliament report: As Minister for Community services Jordan is overseeing a range of activities:

• 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.

* Head lice have been reported at the school, please check your child carefully and treat as necessary.*

SPORT

• Congratulations to Bianca Thoms who was successful in gaining a place in the Zone Hockey team.
• Friday Swimming 4 Sport this Friday 28 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 has been postponed due to weather.

PERFORMING ARTS

• 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 (practice at 8.50 – 9.10) and Thursdays (2.00-3.00) 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 will be held in week 11 ready to start rehearsals in week 2 term 2. Students from Year 1 to 6 are invited to audition, there will be some rehearsals after school (most probably Tuesday afternoons and before school on Wednesdays).

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. Our goal is 100% participation so teachers and parents are asked to support children in their reading goal.

School Canteen: Molly will be making cheese and vegemite twists for recess for .50c each, Thank you Molly.

Uniform Committee Meeting:
• Further discussion around arrangements to find a new supplier took place at the meeting with P&C members. A survey to determine winter uniform needs is at the end of this newsletter.

Stage 1 News

Week 9!!!... It’s hard to believe that our lovely Kindies have nearly completed their first term of BIG SCHOOL and I must say they have all impressed me with their eagerness and readiness to join in on all activities. With this group joining my wonderful Year Ones it has been a great start to the 2014 school year. The Best Start parent follow up report was sent home this week, if you wish to discuss this please feel free to see me.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
All TEDDY BEARS are invited to come to school tomorrow BUT with the change in weather and the forecast for continued showers and rain it could likely be that our TEDDY BEARS PICNIC will be postponed to the last day of school term, Friday 11th April, we will see what tomorrow brings.

Today the children will come home with a world map for you to locate your family heritage on. Please complete and return for next week.

Awards this week:
Homework - Ella-Rose, Jessica, Lana, Jessie, Markus
Poems and Rhymes - Blake, Renee, Ruby, Lacey
Home reading - T100 Lana , T 50 Brodie

Till next week, Deb Johansen

Stage 2 News

Students have enjoyed researching and learning about a country of choice for Harmony Day last Friday. Just an update about homework, students receive their homework sheets on Monday, a double sided maths worksheet, students will receive this each week. A double sided spelling sheet, students will receive this every fortnight. We are registered for the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge and students have a list of books which they can choose from. Please take the time to talk with your child about their reading challenge. We have been learning some new and challenging concepts in Maths and thank you to those parents who have been in contact regarding this. I will provide parents with an overview of our maths program for term two.

Noeleen Lumby.
Stage 3 News
A wet week this week giving us the opportunity to view Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, to see the children as superstars on the big screen, was so amazing.
Year 5 and 6 attended the transition to high school and met Don Green the Year 7 2015 coordinator. What a great first impression both he and Mark Freedman made with the group. Year 4 had some quality maths time during the talk. This week Spelling words are on www.spellingcity.com for students to practise spelling. ‘Fin’, ‘Tri’ or ‘–sion’ word lists are available.
There are still some outstanding interviews to be done to discuss student learning plans for 2014, parents are invited to call to make a time or we can talk over the phone.
Miss Martin will take the class on Monday while I attend training for the implementation of finance. Congratulations to Bailey Smith Bronze Award. Awards for Research Archer and Bianca and for Personal Care - Georgia and Annabelle
Warm regards, Suezanne Bourke.

LIBRARY NEWS...
As promised, it is now time to present the awards to the children who read the most books during Term 1. Congratulations to:
Brodie Irvin, Ella-Rose Norman-Cruickshank, Lily Mark, Xavier Bonomi, James Airey, Aidan Mark, and Bailey Smith.
The names of all the children who have received library/music awards during Term 1 will be in next weeks’ newsletter.
Thank you
Merryl Whitby.

SCIP NEWS:
Term 1 concert: The Term 1 concert will be held on Wednesday 2nd April at 5.00pm in the library. Please be at school by 4.50pm so that we can be ready to start at 5.00pm.
Please wear school uniform for the concert.
Band and lessons: Next week is the last week of lessons and band. SCIP will resume in Week 1, Term 2 (Wednesday 30th April).
Term 2: A note is attached to the newsletter regarding Term 2. Please return the form next week so that I know who will be continuing in Term 2. If you are not continuing with SCIP in Term 2, please return your instrument and music at the end of the concert.
If you would like to join SCIP or want further information, please contact me.
Helen Gill 6493 2448

P & C NEWS
Good morning all, how good is the rain!
Attached for your reading pleasure is a copy of the next P&C meeting agenda for the upcoming meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd of April in the School Library from 7pm. I have also attached the previous meeting minutes and the AGM minutes. I only have a few items on the agenda that I can recall, remember if you would like something on the agenda please send me through your request via email and we will try and place it on the agenda for you, closing deadline will be Tuesday 1st April 5:00pm
Please forward this email on to anyone in the school community that would like to be involved, thanking you.
Looking forward to seeing you all there.
P.S. At Sonia’s request, I’ll bring the Tim Tams…
Cheers,
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