Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to our wonderful staff for a very focused term working with parents and students to promote learning outcomes and development for each and every child in our care. Thank you to Tracy Stroud who has been relieving administration officer this term, we have enjoyed her efficiency and attention to detail when preparing the newsletter. Staff will attend Staff Development day at Quaama PS with small schools on Monday 28 April to develop greater understanding of the numeracy and literacy continuums to track student learning. We look forward to seeing our students return on Tuesday 29 April after a well earned rest.

The School Self Evaluation focus on literacy conducted this week, has been a very positive and informative process. Can I thank the teachers, parents and students who participated in the interviews with DEC personnel and teaching staff. Thank you also to parents, staff and students who returned the survey by email. Along with data provided by NAPLAN results, student reports and informed by Best Start data, our support team are working with us to come up with the report to address planning for future directions of the school in literacy as we work to implement the Australian curriculum.

Congratulations boys and girls! PURPLE mufti day and special juggling ball workshop raised $150.55 for the student Relay for Life student team – Amelia, Lily, Annabelle and Angus. Thank you to staff for preparation for the day and to Tonia and Zoe who helped students to develop juggling skills. Now for the hard work – practice!

Due to rain, the Bega Valley Relay for Life was postponed to 11/12 October. Raffle tickets for Relay for Life will continue to be on sale at the school office, please see Ros and Amanda.

ANZAC DAY April 25 will fall during the April school holidays. Traditionally Candelo students have represented the school in the Anzac March Past convening at 10.00 at the Town Hall. Children should wear full school uniform for this formal occasion and school hats. Our school leaders will lead the school march carrying the school flag and then present the prayers on behalf of the school, at the community service. Teachers will meet the children at the Town Hall for the march past.

Our school assembly this week will be an opportunity to support Autism Awareness week. Jenny Sheedy, Michelle Mark as well as Aiden, Oscar and Kaiden will help deepen our understanding of what autism means for people living with autism, during the special assembly on Friday.

Candelo PS will again participate in the FREE federally funded Active After-school Communities (AASC) program this term. Yoga will be on THURSDAY’s from week 2 starting 8 May and running for 5 weeks. Fiona and Jenny will be taking the activations. Indoor HOCKEY will run on Thursday 12 June and Thursday 19 June. This 2 week program will be with Jenny and Sophie.
Congratulations to all of the students in the SCIP program. What a great concert last week to celebrate the beginners on the program, the advanced students and the adult band. Thank you Helen for sharing your expertise and demonstrating the importance of music to learning in all curriculum areas.

Thank you everyone for a brilliant term 1. We wish everyone a well earned break and look forward to seeing staff and children return full of zest for term 2. I hope that everyone has borrowed some great books for the holidays, and have some fun exploring and trying out some new activities.

**STUDENT WELFARE**

- **School Assembly in the Library Friday 11 April at 9.15** to present bronze awards and draw the Easter Egg raffle.
- **Peer Support groups** have enjoyed the last session for this term. This positive program promotes peer relationships and encourages children to take risks with their learning in a supportive environment and will continue in term 2. A focus on the anti bully message and resilience will be a feature of the drama lessons.

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

- **An Easter Egg raffle** has been organised by the children led by Jordan, Bailey and Jack, for the last week of term 1. A number of Stage 3 students have already donated eggs for the basket (real and chocolate eggs) A set of 10 tickets was sent home with each newsletter last week for each family 50c for one and 5 for $2.00. Please return the money and tickets to school for the draw on Friday morning at the assembly in the library. 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 Sport** will include a range of team sports and will be held on the oval from this Friday.
- **Congratulations to Nathan O’Brien who was successful in making the Zone Football team.**
- **Stage 3 Tag Football** has been postponed to 21 May.
- **School Cross Country** Friday 9 May and Zone Cross Country Friday 16 May.

**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** will continue next term.
- **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 Fridays).

**Library: Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)**

Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 should go to https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html to enter books read in the holidays. Our goal is 100% participation so teachers and parents are asked to support children in their reading goal.

**School Canteen:**

- Lunch orders for the canteen are available for all students and staff each Friday. Thank you to the volunteer helpers and Kasey and Molly for your terrific work to support the canteen in term 1.

**Uniform Committee Meeting:**

We are still working to find an alternate supplier who can provide quality school wear at affordable prices, reliability and accessibility for parents.

**Stage 1 News:**

To CELEBRATE the end of term the hard working K/1 crew will be PULLING on a pair of PIRATE pants, BUCKLING on some BOOTS, RAISING the PIRATE flag, SWINGING a PIRATE sword, CRYING argghhhhh ME MATEY and travelling down to the river to check for any evidence of EASTER BUNNY activity...eg pawprints or any dropped eggs! This will be on Friday, the last day of school. Major costumes are not compulsory, just a little something will do... be as creative as you like (I'm sure our dress up box will even have something if you are stuck). Parents are welcome to join our adventure leaving school at 12:00 and returning by 1:00, don't forget your eye patch! If wet we will search our classroom!! A special thanks to Sherryn, Zoe and Jenny G for being a valuable part of group times this term and to Mel for her morning songs. We all love you coming in and leading some of the activities, your support is very much appreciated. We hope to see you again...
next term, oh, except for Mel and Gypsy we wish you a wonderful time in France. Ooh La La! Don't forget to send a postcard.

Awards this week
Firstly CONGRATULATIONS to Lana and Jessica for reaching their BRONZE AWARDS.
Home Reading – Jessica T150
Writing - Emma, Tahlia
Reading - Ella, Renee
All awards will be presented at the end of term Assembly in the Library, Friday starting at 9:15am. Parents welcome.
Have a safe and wonderful holiday.
Till next term, Deb Johansen.

Stage 2 News:
A big thank you to students for a fantastic first term. We have had a busy start to the year. Thank you to parents and community members who have been able to give their time to support students learning.
In term two we will be learning about 'Being Australian' and Communication, Technology and Media. I wish all students a safe and enjoyable holiday break.
Noeleen Lumby.

Stage 3 News:
We have been enjoying the diaries and EGGriments this week for the ‘Baby Eggy’ project. Thank you Amelia, Angus, Archer, Daisy and Annabelle who met the writing and science criteria for the project. Deja, Bianca and Lachlan were prize winners for best decorated egg and keeping their egg safe. It was also an opportunity to review the work being done on reading EGGSPress. Some children are using the program well and I encourage children to do Comprehension Gym activities in the holidays to build their average in comprehension.
Thank you to Aidan for preparing to raise awareness for autism at our assembly on Friday. What an amazing job you are doing. Year 6 leaders will present the assembly and Bailey and Jordan will organise the draw for the Easter Egg raffle (fundraising for the Stage 3 excursion).
There will be a homework draw tomorrow to celebrate the children who have committed to homework this term.
Thank you everyone for a great term 1, your wonderful manners and kindness has ensured that we have a great class.
Awards for responsibility for home project – Annabelle, Amelia, Angus, Archer and Daisy.
Warm regards, Sueanne Bourke.

Song Writing Workshop
Thank you to Melanie Horsnell who worked with us to begin the process of writing a school song today. Children from stage 2, Joseph, Oliver and Kasey and stage 3 students Jordan, Oscar, Annabelle, Amelia and Daisy will continue to work to compose a school song with the ideas brainstormed. An exciting adventure for all!

Warrigal Spinach being prepared to make a delicious pesto, accompanied by a lemon myrtle drink all from Ms Garden’s bush tucker garden. A real treat!
Zeke and Troy

Aidan and Georgia constructing their Slowmation figures

Bailey and Nathan with their Slowmation explaining the water cycle process

Buddy Art Group busy using their colour wheels

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Department of Primary Industries Kids’ Fishing Workshop

8 – 14 year olds are invited to learn to fish safely and responsibly

Where: Merimbula
Cost: $40
When: Thursday 24th April

To book, ring Stephen Thurstan, Primary Industries
Ph: 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190 or e-mail steven.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Workshop details are on the web: