Dear parents and carers,

The members of the P&C are working very hard to coordinate fundraising to support the technology update for our students. There are a number of fundraising initiatives that are being asked of our school community to raise $4000 for iPads for the stage 2 and 3 classrooms. This is a big ask and a big task! This week ALL raffle books, for the fabulous prize of a trip to Sydney with lots of inclusions worth over $2000, will need to be returned (both sold and unsold tickets). The draw for the raffle is on Friday 22 August. The Trivia night planned for this Saturday 16 August at the Candelo Bowling Club, will be one of the last opportunities to sell the raffle tickets. Joe Weller, as the organiser, was thrilled with the last Trivia Night and the generosity of everyone involved. He is looking forward to another ‘fund’ filled night. Thank you for your support.

There will be a School Assembly tomorrow, Friday, to present Bronze Awards to Daisy, Dallas, Jake, Lachlan, Bianca, Oliver, Kaiden, James, Jazmyn, Deja and Zarleigh and Silver Award to Amelia, Lana and Jez.

Parents and family members are welcome to attend from 9.15am.

Thank you to all of our parents who have been able to organise the day to attend our - BOOKWEEK

“Connect to reading ~ Reading to connect”
Friday 22nd August from 11am- 3pm.

Please read with your child to find a character that they can ‘dress up’ for the Book Character Parade.

- 8:45-11 Morning Bookfair display - Booktique Books
- 11:00Performing Arts display to showcase class items and performing arts items (all children)
- 12:30Book Fair in library for students and parents
- 1:00Lunch and Red Cross Cake Stall
- 1:45Book Character Parade (dress up as a favourite character from a book recently read)
- 2:45Draw for the P&C raffle (all books need to be returned for the raffle draw)

Thursday: Children can view the Book Fair books and make a wish list. We hope that they are doing lots of “jobs” at home so they can earn some book fair money.

Friday: Red Cross morning tea (K-2 bring cakes, slices and biscuits to the canteen before school)
Lunch (Years 3 – 6 will each be asked to bring a plate of delicious finger food to the canteen before school)
The cost will be $3.00 per plate for lunch – the proceeds will support the Stage 3 excursion program.

2.45 P&C RAFFLE draw! You could win a holiday to Sydney valued over $2000!

Families are asked to make a fun day by inviting parents and grandparents, preschool children and families as well as community members and neighbours.
Kindergarten Enrolments and new enrolments for 2015 are asked to contact the office for enrolment forms and information booklet about the school. Ms Johansen will invite the preschool children to visit us along with their parents so new families can become familiar with the school as part of our transition program. Do you know a young family who needs this information? Please invite them to come to the school to meet us and extend an invitation to our Book Week program on Friday 22 August.

STUDENT WELFARE
Student wellbeing issues are very much a part of our holistic approach to learning. We are guided by values and beliefs that focus on positive self-esteem, respectful relationships, a respect for diversity and a sense of connectedness and inclusion.

The school website has a range of very useful and informative articles and videos to support teachers and parents to meet the challenges that present for children in today’s society. One such article is: The most important skill to teach your child is RESILIENCE!

One common trait all successful adults have is resilience. The ability to bounce back from disappointments is something we have the opportunity to teach our children every day.

As our kids constantly remind us, life isn't always fair. Is it a parent's role to constantly try to make life fair? How do we balance the desire to shelter and protect our children with the need to teach them how to cope with life’s disappointments?

The School A to Z website asked top teachers all over NSW for their tips for parents on developing resilience so children can succeed in the face of unexpected challenges. These tips include:

- Resilience doesn't come naturally to all kids - we need to specifically teach those skills.
- Always saving your child from failure doesn’t give them the opportunity to learn better skills.
- To interact effectively with their peers, our kids need to develop resilience.
- Commend your child's strengths, and be positive about their abilities to improve their other skills.
- Self-esteem comes from conquering challenges, not from constant praise that everything we do is brilliant! (praise the effort given to make the achievement)
- Kids notice how well parents handle stress and challenges and then copy those behaviours.
- Extracurricular activities help develop social skills.
- Life isn't always fair. Teach your child how to accept that and adapt to challenging circumstances.

Create opportunities for your child to talk about their problems - teens often open up more if you're doing some activity together (see more at www.candelo-p.schools.det.nsw.edu.au).

AASC
There are still spaces available for cricket with Dave Allen and Sophie Martin each Monday afternoon after school. A healthy afternoon tea is served each week so come along and have fun and learn some new skills.

SPORT
- AFL skill sessions for each class will continue this Monday and next Monday during fitness time.
- Stage 2 Tag Footy Gala Day is planned for Wednesday 10 September at Bega Fields (parent drivers please).
- Premiers Sporting Challenge continues for the next 2 weeks of term 3. The children will complete their cards each week for each 20 minute period of activity to try to reach their Diamond award.

PERFORMING ARTS
- Hallway Gallery - Have you visited the Indigenous display in the Hallway gallery?
- An in-school Public Speaking Competition for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students is being planned for Wednesday 3 September. We will need to select two stage 2 students and two stage 3 students to attend the Small Schools Public Speaking Challenge on Thursday 11th September (venue tba).

Stage 2 topic - 'The Power of Fingers' a 3 minute monologue and a 1 minute improvised talk on a random topic.

Stage 3 topic - 'The Value of Neighbours' a 4 minute monologue and a 1 minute improvised talk on a random topic. Children will need support to research and prepare for their speech for the in school challenge on Wednesday 3 September during the morning session. Two children will represent the school at the Small Schools Challenge Thursday 11 September.

- Children in performance groups will be asked to perform at Book Week on Friday 22 August. (Students in Recorder, Dance and SCLC Choir) as well as class and band items. Costumes and full school uniform (to include the school jacket) is required for the presentation. Thank you Sherryn Heffernan for attending to the costume repairs required for this activity. Children in dance who are yet to pay the $10 fee for materials please see the office.

- SCIP program each Wednesday the children will need to bring their instrument each week, check the timetable for their lesson and make sure they practice each day.
• Dance rehearsal Tuesday 19 August from 3.30 – 4.30pm for mermaids, gold fish, divers and Sebastians. The children will perform at the Book Week Assembly and will need hair styled.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS
Ms Martin’s garden group were busy this week as part of the Peer Support groups that will continue during this term. Rubbish in the bin ensures a clean playground children.

Library: Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 should go tohttps://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html to enter books read. Our goal is 100% participation so teachers and parents are asked to support children in their reading goal.

School Canteen:
• Canteen this Friday for staff and students. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have been making the canteen work so very well.

I would like to inform parents that I will be taking some leave from 25th Aug to 2nd Sept as I need to care for my mother. The children will be in the safe and expert hands of Miss Garden, she has just returned from NZ and is already planning some exciting activities around volcanoes. Can you please start collecting small plastic juice bottles (250–300 mls) as these will make the best volcanoes! Thank you to all the parents who have come in for an interview, it is always great to share our thoughts, concerns and WOWs! For those who were unable to make it please feel free to catch me after school any day except Wed.

Awards this Week:
Congratulations to Lana for reaching her Silver Award! Home reading - Brodie (T150) Ash (T100) Maths - Ella, Jessica, Elijah, Ash Learning Rule - Lacey, Nyna Till next week, Deb Johansen

Stage 2 News:
Students in Stage Two have been preparing for Book Week. All students have produced a poetry book with poems they have written individually and in small groups.

We had a great time making paper using shredded paper. Students have been learning about the origin of books including the Book of Kells. Please ensure your child has prepared for their speech on Friday, this was part of their homework for this week. Next week Oliver, Kaiden, Esther and Archer will be attending Science in the Lab at Bournda Education and Environment Centre.

We still need eight long cardboard tubes and clean food tins for an art activity we will be undertaking.

Awards this Week:

Thank you to the students and families who nominated Candelo PS teachers for this community activity. Please make sure that you have voted (many times) as the program ends tomorrow.

Stage 1 News:
• K/1 measuring with their metre rulers.

The Book Fair is on our doorstep and I can tell some of the children have been discussing what character they will be. There is a touch of excitement in the air. Please remember that K/1/2 parents are asked to make and donate a cake/slice or biscuits for the RED CROSS stall. Thank you for your contributions.
**Stage 3 News:**

Our HSIE research for the Asian country for the home and school project is well on the way. All children have an outline of the project and a rubric to help meet expectations. We are working toward an exhibition and display for the end of term. The poster is due next Wednesday; a power point or animato presentation is due by week 8; artefacts and music/musical instruments (or pictures) are due by week 9; cooking food to share with a small group of students is due in week 10. The children will need to create the traditional clothing to wear for the display (where possible) for week 10’s exhibition. Well done to all of the children who have stepped up and are producing some great work. We will continue to create some Japanese fans and we are very much enjoying the class novel *White Crane*. PRC books should be recorded by next Friday.

We are working towards the Premiers Spelling Challenge (Regional Wednesday 10 September), the in school Spelling Bee Challenge will take place on Tuesday 2 September. Here is the link for the words, the password is *decade* and the link to the Arts Unit is [https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2014-premiers-spelling-bee](https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2014-premiers-spelling-bee) we are working through some of the words in class.

Each child is working on the topic for the Public Speaking Challenge - Year 4 - 'The Power of Fingers and Year 5/6 - 'The Value of Neighbours'. Our in school Public Speaking challenge will be held on Wednesday 3 September during the morning session. Start practising the topic now because it takes lots of great effort to be the best you can be in public speaking. Two children will represent the school at the Small Schools Challenge Thursday 11 September. We have a very busy and focused couple of weeks in front of us! See you at the assembly this Friday when lot of our children will receive their Bronze Award and Amelia has achieved her Silver Award this week:

*Awards this week: Great effort in Maths*

Lachlan, Angus, James and Georgia

Regards, Suezanne Bourke

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**SCIP News:**

Welcome to Deja Elliott and Jazmyn Edwards who have joined the program on flute.

**Band:** Our rehearsal will begin at 8.30am next week. Please be early so that we can start rehearsing on time. Snowman is starting to sound really good. Well done.

**Aeros:** Keep practising “Mexican Hat Dance”. Keep the pulse constant! Also look at “Entry of the Gladiators”.

**Fees:** Thank you to everyone who has paid their fees. If you have not yet done so, can you please pay your fees ASAP. If you are having difficulty paying, please contact me so that we can come to an arrangement.

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

Helen Gill 6493 2448

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**Community News:**

**Latin Dance Classes**

Starting Saturday 16th August 2014 11am – 12:15pm Candelo Hall – ONLY $10.00 per person All proceeds to Candelo Public School

Call Paul on 64932338 for more info.