Dear parents and carers,

Children in the Candelo Dance Group have been working with Mrs Bourke to develop Lanterns for the Candelo Music Festival Opening Concert, 7.00pm tomorrow night. Congratulations to our dancers for their commitment to the training program and for being such great ambassadors for the school. The free concert begins with a welcome and Bush dancing for all, then the CPS children will perform Lanterns; after more bush dancing the Flamenco dancers will perform; 8pm supper organised by the Candelo Tennis Club* ($5.00 for children and $8.00 per teen and adult), followed by an Aboriginal dance group. Then there will be more bush dancing until 9.30pm when Mike Martin (the Pied Piper) will lead those wanting to listen to more live music to the Bowling Club for a Music/Variety Show.

It sounds like a wonderful opening for the festival, come along and be part of the celebrations. Thank you to our shining stars who have been giving a lot of their personal time to rehearsal: Annabelle, Amelia, Bianca, Lucinda, Daisy, Alannah, Esther, Kasey, Chanel, Rebecca, Kassie, Chloe, Lily, Zarleigh, Jessica, Jessie, our youngest members Lacey and Gypsy and to past student Amma who is joining us for the program. We are all very grateful for the support of Jenny, Louissa and Sherryn who will ensure every child looks beautiful.

* Please note the fundraising by the Tennis Club (Norma and Wendy) during the concert is to help replace the floorboards in the Supper Room – a very worthwhile cause if you would like to support it.

The children have responded with great compassion to the urgent request from UNICEF to raise $237 to help provide a UNICEF School-in-a-Box kit for Vanuatu children. Class 3B have written a response to the letter from the Chairperson for UNICEF as part of their training in writing expositions. The children support the student leaders request for a mufti day with each child and (staff member) donating $4.00 of their pocket money or doing jobs at home to earn $4.00 to donate for the cause. Children are invited to wear mufti clothes tomorrow Friday to show their support.

Kaiden and Alannah represent Class 3B in their effort to raise funds to provide a UNICEF school-in-a-box kit for Vanuatu children.
The student leaders are working to hold an **Easter Egg Raffle** to be drawn Thursday 2 April (just before the Easter term break). The fundraiser will support the Stage 3 small schools excursion to Canberra as well as the Stage 3 excursion to Mogo Goldfields (term 3). Donations of Easter eggs for the raffle are most welcome and should be left with Mrs Bexley in the office. Children in Class 3B are asked to each make a small donation towards the raffle to raise funds for their excursions. Tickets will be 50c and 5 for $2.00 — there should be a range of prizes. A book with 5 tickets will come home with the newsletter today. Tickets will also be on sale on Friday at recess.

Parents are invited to attend the **end of term school Assembly at 9.15 Thursday 2 April.** Children are invited to wear **BLUE for World AUTISM Awareness Day on Thursday;** some of the children will present tips for friends about what works for them as they live with autism and we will draw the Easter raffle as well as celebrate student’s wonderful successes during the term. Bronze awards will be presented to Amelia Moffitt and Annabelle Cameron.

**Thursday 2 April Coast Road Clothing** have offered to bring the winter uniform for display and fitting. Parents are encouraged to bring their children for try-ons. They will set up for 8.45am (just before the school assembly).

We have nearly achieved our goal to meet with **100% of parents** to discuss student goals to inform every student’s educational plan. Teachers will be in contact with parents to make a meeting time either by phone or in person, to ensure that we have met with everyone.

The **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)** are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element developed specifically for primary (years 3 to 6) and secondary students. The ICAS tests are conducted annually in Australia and in over 20 countries including Asia, Africa, Europe, the Pacific and the USA. There is a cost of $8.00 per paper.

Please return the tear off slip (on the back of the newsletter) along with payment to the school office by the end of term 1, so that orders can be made. (There is a minimum of three students required per test.)

**State Elections and the Candelo Festival** are scheduled for Saturday 28 March. Road closures along William St from 12.00pm will mean that there will be access to Candelo Public School for the voting public from 8am – 6pm from the side or Queen St entrance. Parking outside the school or across on the oval or next to the police station will be available. There is a ramp for wheelchair access from this entrance to the library.

Tickets for the **Saturday Candelo Music Festival** are available online [http://www.candelovillagefestival.org/](http://www.candelovillagefestival.org/) and from the Candelo General Store. Children under 12 accompanied by an adult have free entry. We wish them great success!

We are so fortunate to have a number of **parent helpers** working in classrooms, the canteen and in other capacities in the school. A reminder for parents to always sign in at the office before going to classrooms and to complete the **Working with Children Check.**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge** is now open and closes 21 August. Children are requested to log on and record the books that they are reading and that are on the Premier’s reading list. Primary children need to record 20 books from the list and Mrs Whitby will guide Class 1W each week in class time and record the number of books that they have read. A certificate will be presented to every child who completes this challenge.

**STUDENT WELFARE**

- **Groups for Peer Support** activities will continue next term to ensure all groups rotate through the planned activities. We hope that your child enjoys each activity.
- **Bullying NO WAY!** posters are being developed by Class 3B in preparation for group leaders to discuss during Peer Support next week.
- Our goal is **for 100% of students to bring Daily Crunch&Sip** – water bottles, fruit and veg for the morning break. Donations of fruit and vegetables next term will help us to provide a platter at lunch time to encourage children to sample a variety of vegetables and fruit. Many thanks to Lacey’s family for the very large pumpkin!

**SPORT**

- **There will be no Friday swimming for sport this week.**
- Thank you to parents who were able to transport **students in Class 3B to the Rugby League and TAG Gala day** at Bega Recreation Fields today. Congratulations to the two teams for wonderful sportsmanship on the day.
- **Cross Country** training should continue over the holidays for children with aspirations to make it to the zone carnival. The Zone Cross Country is scheduled for Wednesday 6 May at Wolumla Sport and recreation fields. Our School Cross Country will be held early next term.
PERFORMING ARTS

Candelo Festival: Lantern Dance Rehearsals would like to thank staff and parents for their support of the dance and costuming for the festival.

Friday 27 March timetable: 5.30pm meet at school for a final rehearsal, dress in costumes and have light makeup applied. Hair should be worn in a high pony tail. 6.45pm prepare to walk to the Town Hall for the performance.

7.00pm Candelo Music Festival Opening Concert – Begins with a welcome and Bush dancing for all and then the CPS children will perform Lanterns; after more bush dancing the Flamenco dancers will perform; 8pm supper organised by the Candelo Tennis Club; followed by Aboriginal dance group; then more bush dancing until 9.30 when Mike Martin (the Pied Piper) will lead those wanting to listen to more live music to the Bowling Club for a Music/Variety Show.

The children will bring their bags to the ‘Green Room’ at the back of the Town Hall to change out of costumes and then we will return to the Town Hall to enjoy the rest of the program with their family. Thank you for your support of the dance program at Candelo PS.

- **Recorder Workshops** Opera House Recorder Program for children who are working at the required standard of performance. Weekly practice is essential. Please forward child’s payment of $16.00 for entry fee and t-shirt.
- **SCIP Wind program** will take place next Wednesday during school time, please apply to Helen Gill re this program of individual and small group tuition.
- Expression of Interest notes for the **SCLC Music Camp** (18-20 May) are now available upon request from the school office. Experienced musicians are invited to apply for the Camp.

Class 1W News:

“Arrr Ahoy, me Hearties! 1W pirates will be searching for treasure next Wednesday the 1st of April. Parents and carers are welcome to come and enjoy our treasure hunt at 12:30 in the park.

Students can come dressed as pirates and enjoy a treasure hunt, games and a picnic lunch returning to school at 1:30.

Our last assembly for this term will be next week on Thursday at 9:15am, where we will celebrate World Autism Awareness Day. Students are asked to come dressed in **BLUE** to help raise awareness and make a gold coin donation on the day.

**Awards this Week:**
- Research: Emma and Ella
- Personal care: May and Joshua

Catriona Warne

Class 2M News:

I would like to congratulate all those who participated in last night’s SCIP concert. It was great to see so many brave faces giving it a go; I know I was very nervous!

We had a great time working with Dan last week in the garden. Harvesting and eating our first watermelon was quite a treat!

The children have been busy this week trying to persuade me to either knock down a beautiful forest to make a fun theme park, or insisting on keeping the natural theme park that is the forest. I am very torn, the arguments they present are very convincing.

A quick reminder, next week the family tree homework task is due in. I hope you have all had lots of fun looking into your family history.

**Awards this Week:**
- Research: Sophie and Chloe.
- Personal Care: Jeremiah and Zeke.

Sophie Martin

Class 3B News:

Personal responses, this time to the chairperson for UNICEF, enable children to further their skills in using stimulus material, and writing plans before writing and developing their ideas and opinions about topics.

Say No to Bullying and Violence theme was further developed through puppety. The children made some cute puppets and in drama filmed the interviews playing out some bullying incidents. It was fun and very engaging for everyone.
Congratulations to our dancers for their commitment to the training program and for being such great ambassadors for the school. We are very proud of each child.

The children are reminded about the mufti day tomorrow and our goal to raise $237 to help provide a UNICEF School-in-a-Box kit, which has everything needed for a teacher to set up a school in a temporary, child-friendly space. Student leaders have asked for the mufti day with each child and (staff member) donating $4.00 of their pocket money or doing jobs at home to earn $4.00 to donate for the cause.

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Homework folders should be brought in this week in preparation for the Easter prizes for all children. The children who have been most consistent completing tasks this term, will enter the draw to say thank you for their effort.

Awards this Week:
Great effort and working towards their goals: Deja, James and Chase
Excellent initiative: Georgia.
Suezanne Bourke

SCIP News:
Term 1 concert: Thank you to everyone who performed at the SCIP Term 1 concert last night. You all played so well.
Lessons: Next week will be the last week of lessons for the term.
Term 2: As I mentioned last night, I will be going overseas next term. I had found somebody to replace me but unfortunately they can no longer take my position. I am in the process of finding somebody else and will let you know who that will be ASAP.

If you do not wish to continue with SCIP in Term 2, can you please let me know ASAP so that I can organise groupings and a timetable. Helen Gill 6493 2448.

P&C News:
Candelo Markets on next Sunday 5th April;
Market stall; Jemal Airey, Jordan Airey, Toni Hall, Ancret Shipton, Kristyn Rorie, veggies available from the Candelo General Store on Saturday 4th April (due to Public Holiday) Jemal - tomatoes, Susan Hall - lettuce, Joe Weller - onions.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April in the School library, all more than welcome.

Trivia fundraising night coming up in May, to be held in the Town Hall, more details to follow next term.
Cheers Joe

Ballet Class

Veronica Valderrama
- ex professional ballet dancer – will be holding Ballet lessons for girls aged 6-8 years
Come along - Thursdays 4:30 to 5:00 pm to the Candelo Town Hall.
For enquiries contact Veronica:
veronica.valderrama@gmail.com
or phone 0427967180

Your School and your P&C
Need lots of Volunteers!
In the classroom, in the Library at the Markets – you may even be able to help from home. Contact the School if you think you can assist in any way

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Student application.
Name: 
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Please tick the boxes for the subjects that you would like your child to sit. I enclose $...................

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