Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to all families. The school year has begun well for our school. We welcome four new kindergarten students – Phoebe Coxon, Hunter Dibden, and twins Maximilian and Milo Van Zyl – who seem to have settled in very quickly to their new school. Welcome also to their families – I hope your association with our school will be a pleasant and educational experience.

We currently have 39 students enrolled – 22 in the Primary Class and 17 in the Infants Class. Both classes are working well and all children are trying their best.

Several children seem to have lost their hats this year – if your child does not have a hat, they can be purchased from the office. Bucket hats are $13.00 each and wide brimmed hats are $16.00. At this time of the year, it is essential that all children wear their hats in the playground.

A full newsletter and calendar of known events will be published next week.

Already our Year Six students are planning a fundraising day to assist the victims of the recent fire and flood disasters which will coincide with our first Whole School Assembly.

An event for primary parents and students to put in their diary is our Annual Swimming Carnival with Bodalla Public School, which will be held at Narooma Pool on Friday, February 15th.

Early congratulations are in order for our school. This year we have won the Eurobodalla’s Learning for Life Award for our efforts last year in environmental education. The award carries with it a $1,000 prize to be used in our environmental programs.

If you have any concerns you wish to discuss about any aspect of our school, please feel free to contact the office for an appointment.

Regards, John Carter, Principal
ANNUAL CENTRAL TILBA AND BODALLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMBINED SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Years 3/4/5/6 Only - Friday, February 15th, 2013

All Primary Class students (Years 3/4/5/6) are expected to participate in this Swimming Carnival, even if for health reasons you cannot swim, you are expected to participate as a spectator. The subsidised excursion contribution is $7.00 for all students. Transport will be by bus.

All students should wear their **full school sports uniform (including hat)** and bring their swimmers, towel, sunscreen plus ample food and drinks for fruit break, recess and lunch (please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child’s name). A limited canteen is available, but NO lunches.

Please complete the permission note below and return it to the school with the excursion contribution ($7.00 per student) **by Wednesday, February 13th**. Parents are welcome to come along and support their children and the school, but will have to provide their own transport.

*Please note that the excursion contribution is still payable even if parents transport their own children, as costings for buses, etc. have to be worked out on the assumption that all students are travelling on the bus.*

*Please advise the school if you will be transporting your child and ensure you inform a teacher if you are taking your child home directly from the pool.*

**THE BUS WILL LEAVE THE SCHOOL AT 9.20AM SHARP.**

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Friday, February 15th, 2013**

**Primary Class Students Only (Years 3/4/5/6)**

I hereby give permission for my child/children ……………………………………………………………... to participate in a Swimming Carnival at the Narooma Swimming Pool on Friday, February 15th. I understand that transport will be by bus.

Student(s) swimming ability (please tick appropriate box for each student):

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<td>CHILD’S NAME</td>
<td>Can’t float or tread water</td>
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Signed parent/caregiver …………………………………………………………………………………. Date ……………………..
INFANTS EXCURSION

Years K/1/2 Only - Thursday, February 7th, 2013

On Thursday, February 7th, the Infants Class will be going on a half day excursion to the ‘water tank’ lookout at Central Tilba to do some artwork/sketching. We will stop along the way to sketch various landscapes and subjects.

We will leave the school at approximately 9.15am. There will be no transport and no costs involved as we will be walking. This excursion is subject to the weather conditions on the day.

Any parents who would like to assist with supervision on this excursion, please note on the permission note below. Unfortunately preschoolers cannot join us on this excursion.

Children should wear their full school uniform including their school hat and will need to bring along their fruit break, recess snack, lunch and a water bottle.

Please complete the permission note below and return to the school by Tuesday, February 5th.

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MULTILIT

Multilit is a literacy program which focuses on developing and consolidating reading skills for those children who may be struggling. This year we are fortunate to have the services of the YESS group (Youth Educational Support Service) who are keen to implement the program in our school. It involves primary aged children working one-to-one with a tutor on a daily basis for thirty minutes to improve their reading skills.

Thank you to those parent and community members who have volunteered to be a part of this program. There will be a training day for those people next Thursday, February 7th, from 9am-3pm at the school and the program will begin in the following week. Parents of those children to be involved will be receiving additional information about the program.

Invitation to ALL parents - You are invited to the school next Thursday, February 7th, to view and informative DVD - ‘Pause, Prompt Praise’, on how to help your child learn to read. This DVD is aimed at adults. Children will not be viewing it. It will be shown at 2pm and goes for approximately 45 minutes. I encourage all parents to come to the school to watch it. If your child struggles with reading or in the Infants Class you are particularly encouraged to attend.

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INFANTS EXCURSION - Years K/1/2 Only - Thursday, February 7th, 2013

Permission Note

I hereby give permission for my child/children .............................................................. to participate in an excursion to Central Tilba and the ‘water tank’ lookout on Thursday, February 17th. I understand that this excursion will involve walking to and from Central Tilba.

YES - I would like to accompany this excursion (name) ..........................................................

Signed parent/caregiver .................................................................................................. Date ..........................