Dear Parents and Students,

Last Thursday our school was the venue for a Multilit training course. Multilit is a program designed to improve the reading of students who, for whatever reason, are having difficulties in this area. It is a voluntary program and the course was attended by approximately thirty adults who will work at Tilba and surrounding local schools. It was gratifying to hear so many of those adults comment on our beautiful school and the settled nature of our students.

Thank you to Mrs McHarg and her class for giving up their classroom for the day. They were lucky enough to enjoy the morning completing art work at the water tower.

The Multilit program has this week commenced in our school. Thank you to those parents and community members who have volunteered to work with our children on a daily basis. Should Mrs McHarg or I feel that your child may benefit from the program, we will contact you.

On Thursday afternoon, Linda and Tristan (Felix’s parents) will be taking the children for gymnastics and movement activities as a lead up to the Tilba Festival. This is part of our Performing Arts Grant that we gained this year and I thank both Linda and Tristan for their enthusiasm. I am sure our students will learn lots and have a great time.

This Friday our Primary Class will join Bodalla Public School in our annual Swimming Carnival at Narooma. You are all welcome to come and cheer your child and the school along. Swimming Carnivals are great days for building school spirit. Some of our better swimmers will then move on the next level ~ the District Carnival ~ which will be held in Narooma on Friday, February 22nd.

Next week we will be beginning our support teacher program by dividing the two classes into three each morning for Literacy and Numeracy. We hope to be able to maintain this program until at least the end of Term Two. The classes will be divided into a Kindergarten and Year 1 group of 12 students taught by Mrs McHarg, a Years 2/3/4 class of 13 students taught by Mr Dodd and a Years 5/6 class of 14 students taught by myself. These classes have been organised on a peer group and grade basis and will allow each teacher to plan core, support and extension activities for all students. We are fortunate to be able to work with such small groups.

It’s all happening at Tilba!!

Have a good week,

John Carter, Principal
An absence note must be sent to school for any absence, INCLUDING late arriving or early leaving.

Jewellery is restricted to a flat surfaced signet ring, a rolled gold bangle and watch. Studs or sleepers ONLY may be worn in pierced ears. NOTHING may be worn around the neck, except for medical reasons.

Full school uniform should be worn at all times. Jeans, coloured t-shirts, jumpers and jackets are NOT part of school uniform. Cargo pants, track pants, bootleg pants or leggings SHOULD BE NAVY, NOT black or any other colour. Only school hats are part of our school uniform.

Head Lice ~ to help stop this problem before it starts this year, we ask all parents to ensure that long hair is tied back neatly every school day... AND... if all parents can be check their child’s hair carefully and regularly and take the ‘necessary’ steps immediately... HOPEFULLY... we can keep this irritating and frustrating problem away!

If you have not sent in the NOTE and/or PAYMENT for Friday’s Swimming Carnival (details on last week’s newsletter), please do so NOW.

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.

Please tick appropriate box for method of payment:
I ENCLOSE $7 PER STUDENT EXCURSION CONTRIBUTION, OR
PAYMENT WILL BE MADE VIA ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (FORM ATTACHED)

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

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Signed parent/caregiver .................................................................................. Date ..........................
INFANTS CLASS - TERM 1

This term in HSIE the focus topic is special places. Our recent excursion to the water tank was linked to this. Children are learning the features of natural and man made environments. We will be doing simple mapping, identification of building features and observation of seasonal changes.

In Art we are focusing on landscapes and on identifying a drawing foreground, middle and backgrounds. We will do portraits later in the term.

In English, Years 1/2 have been learning that nouns are a special type of word used for people, places and things. They will also learn about sentence punctuation, base words, alphabetical order, characters and settings in books. Kinder are learning nursery rhymes and sounds. They are also learning to identify the features of fiction and non-fiction texts. Kinder have learnt the sounds made by ‘s’ and ‘m’ and will continue to learn individual letter sounds, not names, eg., ‘c’ is taught as ‘kh’ not as ‘see’. Year 1 are reinforcing letter blends, eg., ‘ing’, ‘all’, ‘cr’. Year 2 are learning digraphs, eg., ‘er’, ‘ir’, ‘oy’.

In Maths the main topic is number and counting skills. Kinder are learning to recognise the numerals 1 - 10 and to count the related number of objects accurately. Year 1 are doing numbers up to 50. Year 2 are doing numbers to 999, including place value. All children are learning to recognise numerals, write them and to count on from a given number. Practising counting forwards and backwards with your child would be most beneficial. As the term progresses we will do 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional space, position and left/right.

Other topics being covered this term include sun safety and UV rays, safety near electricity, interpersonal relationships and how to get along happily with others.

Louise will continue to have the class on Wednesday afternoons for library, music and drama.

PRIMARY CLASS - TERM 1

There are currently twenty-two students in the Primary Class – eight in Year Six, six in Year Five, five in Year Four and three in Year Three. Although the Primary Class will be splitting for the morning as from next Monday, I will still be planning their learning program for the term. In English this term, we will be examining the following text types – narratives (the class are currently writing a narrative entitled ‘Lost!’), recounts, procedures, poetry and persuasive. They will be focusing on individualised spelling lists based on core lists, and in the area of grammar will study nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, clauses, tense, the apostrophe of contraction and homophones.

In Mathematics our focus again will be on times tables, with different groups working on different levels throughout the year. We will again be using the Mathletics series which provides a wide range of online activities for the students that reinforce concepts being taught in the class. Children will be taught concepts in grade and ability groupings – this year we have two students who are dabbling in Year Seven work and homework will be related to concepts being studied in class.

In HSIE we are looking at belief systems and students will be given the chance to examine their own beliefs and the beliefs of systems such as the Dreaming, Christianity, Buddhism and Islam. Students will examine the main beliefs of each system, and will be given the opportunity to develop comparing and contrasting skills.

Our Science Unit will be based on the unit ‘Melting Moments’ and is a chemical science unit that explores how solids and liquids are influenced by temperature. Children will come to understand the properties of materials and how they change state under different conditions.

In PE our initial focus is the Swimming Carnival, and later in the term we will be preparing for the School Cross Country (children can start training now if they like!). We will be playing games and developing skills based on the use of small balls such as tee ball, handball and cricket. In class we will be looking at making sensible decisions in areas such as being sun smart and in the playground, safe living and interpersonal relationships.

In Music, Louise will focus on the ukelele this term in preparation for a performance at the Tilba Festival. I am still in the planning stages of artwork for the term while drama will centre around a performance at our first Whole School Assembly in Week Five.

As usual, it is a busy term but I know the children will rise to the occasion and do their best. Thank you to everyone for returning your child’s homework notes last week. I appreciate your desire to do what you think is best for your child.
BOOKCLUB - Bookclub brochures were attached to last week’s newsletter. If you would like to make a purchase, please return order form and payment by THIS Friday, February 15th. No late orders!!

WOOLWORTHS AND BERGMAGUI - Bega Valley Shire Council is holding a Public Meeting about the Woolworths Development Application, at the Bermagui Community Centre today, Wednesday, February 13th, at 6pm.

THE SAPLING GALLERY PRESENTS CHILDREN’S ART CLASSES - Ages 5-16. Saturday mornings 10-11am during school terms. Behind Cobargo Supermarket. All materials supplied. $5 per class per child. The theme this term is Paint and Paper. Suzy McKinnon and Kate McGrath have years of experience teaching children the joys of creating. At the end of each term the children will have their own exhibition in their Sapling Gallery in Cobargo. For further information ring Suzy on 6493 7272 or just visit the class on Saturday mornings. Another initiative of the Cobargo Creators.

NAROOMA REDBACKS FOOTBALL CLUB - Registrations will be held at Dalmeny Oval on Wednesday, February 20th, from 3.30-5.30pm. New players should bring along some proof of age, eg., birth certificate. Returning players just need to bring themselves along. Registrations will be open to all age groups from U6s through to Over 35s. As always teams will be filled on a first come basis. Payment preferred at the time of registration. For further information contact club registrar, Allison Spurgeon by email: sprughome@people.net.au. Like us on Facebook: Narooma Redbacks.

YMCA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COMP - Monday night competition. Registration February 18th, 6pm at the Leisure Centre. Cost $50 per person. The comp is for players 16+. Teams or individuals welcome. First game February 25th. Contact Nanette Parker on 6493 6158 or Carly on 0408 448 684.

ADULT EDUCATION SOUTH COAST - Brochures listing courses for Jan to Apr 2013 are available from the office at Central Tilba PS. Courses include career qualifications, business courses, first aid, hospitality, WHS and licenses, computers, digital media, languages, personal development, the arts and cooking/health/fitness. Please come and collect one if you’re interested or let Linda know and we’ll send one home with your child.

THEATRICS - Classes for ages 4 and above, commencing February 5th. Offering Hip Hop, Drama, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Classical and Contemporary. Go to www.naroomaperformingarts.com.au for further details or contact Nicole on 0405 195 497.

BERMAGUI-COBARGO MRL - Invites you to fall in love with rugby league this Valentines Day. Registration to be held at Cobargo Newsagency, Thursday, February 14th, 3.30-5pm. Join a local team, make new friends, get involved, support rugby league. Become a coach. Looking for kids turning 6-16 this year. Contact Annie on 6493 6158 or Carly on 0408 448 684.
Water slide fun and Santa’s visit from the last day last year
**ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENT OPTION**

Due to parent requests we are now offering an electronic funds transfer facility to help making payments to the School or P&C easier.

**School Bank Account Name:** Central Tilba Public School  
School Bank Account BSB: 032-001  
School Bank Account No.: 153128

**P&C Bank Account Name:** Tilba & District P&C Association  
P&C Bank Account BSB: 062-652  
P&C Bank Account No.: 00900089

**PLEASE NOTE:**
- Voluntary School Contributions (School Fees) are paid into the **School** account.  
- P&C membership, student insurance and uniform payments are paid into the **P&C** account.  
- Use a different form and direct debit for School and P&C. More forms are available from School.  
- Put family name in as a reference when doing an electronic funds transfer.  
- **TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION, PLEASE ENSURE THAT A SEPARATE FORM IS SENT IN FOR EVERY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AS WELL AS INDICATING ON ANY PERMISSION NOTES OR OTHER FORMS, THAT THIS IS HOW PAYMENT IS BEING MADE.**

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