Dear Parents and Students,

Last Friday our primary students swam very well against Bodalla Public School at our Annual Swimming Carnival in Narooma. There were some great swims on the day, but one of the best aspects was the willingness of the children to do their best. Many children swam a full length of the pool for the first time.

A special mention must be made of Eric, who swam in every event he could, swimming some personal best times and doing very well. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day with timekeeping and for your support of the children.

Good luck to Keira, Eric, Digger, Luka, Yoey and Coupar who will go on to the District Swimming Carnival, which will be held in Narooma this Friday.

Next Thursday, February 28th, our children will be taking part in the Clean Up Australia campaign by cleaning up our playground (which is usually quite clean!) and the surrounding paddocks. If children have a pair of gardening gloves, it would be great if they could bring those on the day. We will commence our clean up after recess – it shouldn’t take too long.

Our first Whole School Assembly will be held on Friday, March 1st. It will coincide with the Year Six Student Council’s efforts to raise money for bushfire and flood victims. More information about their mini fete and cake stall appear in this newsletter.

Over the next week I will be occupied in several activities out of the school. This Friday I will be accompanying our swimmers to the District Carnival, while next Monday I am required to attend a conference of local Principals at Batemans Bay High School. On Wednesday I am required to undergo ARCO (Anti-Racism Contact Officer) training in Bega. On each occasion the Primary Class will be taught by Mr Markham.

I hope you have a good rest of the week.

John Carter, Principal
When I opened my weary eyes to the blazing hot sun, all my belongings weren’t around me like my pictures on the wall. In fact the walls around me weren’t there, my bed wasn’t underneath me. I was just lying in a lonely isolated place. WHERE AM I, WHERE WAS MY FAMILY, WHAT’S HAPPENING!?

As I looked around whilst sweating with fear I suddenly had a déjà vu that I had been here before.

Something felt so familiar, I just didn’t know what!

While I was looking around I noticed there was a little shiny gem half sticking out of the wet dewy grass. Slowly I jogged over to it and dug the other half out. Then attached to it was a fine gold chain. Then it came to me,

I remember what felt so familiar. When I was little, the night before my mum passed away, I had a dream that me and mum got sucked up into a great big tornado and it dropped us right here. Although I can’t remember the rest, one thing that stuck in my mind was mum giving the necklace and then fading away.

Maybe that wasn’t a dream; maybe it was all real and just maybe mum might be still alive.

Then I started running around madly looking for things I might need while I go looking for mum in this stranded deserted place. I also remember some of the things mum and I had. Like a backpack with two bottles of water in it, and some apples and oranges. Thank goodness they weren’t mouldy. There was also a can of baked beans, pocket knife and a lighter. It’s as if we were getting ready to go somewhere or something.

As I get ready to set off on my journey to find mum I take one step forward but my legs don’t move an inch at all, so I try again but I don’t budge. As I’m about to try again something brushes past my face. Then amazingly something starts faintly appearing it was mum, mum was still alive, I couldn’t believe it, there in front of me was mum.

As I leapt forward to hug her she stepped to the side. She didn’t realise who I was. She asked who I was and I said I was her daughter Rachel and with a frantic jump she grabbed me and hugged me as tight as she could. A burst of inspiration came into my mind; we were reunited.

Suddenly a slice of light took us away and then I was back in my room as a little girl saying good night to mum and dad. Now I will never know what happened and how it happened but one thing I do know was everything was back to normal.

THE END!

By Charli, Year 6
Central Tilba School
Year 6 School Council
Mini Fete

**When:**
Friday, March 1st
Recess (10.40pm) to Midday

**Why:**
To raise funds for the flood and bush fire victims

**Cost:**
$3.00 each for unlimited activities

**What to bring:**
Extra coins for the cake stall, coin line and jelly bean guessing competition

**We will have:**
* Pillow fights on the balance beam *
* Year 6 get ‘sponged’ *
* Coin line *
* Jolly jumper racing *
* Jelly bean guessing competition, which starts this Thursday, February 21st - 10c a guess *
* Cake stall *

* All parents, family and friends welcome! *

Parents and children - can you please help us raise money by baking/making/donating goodies (both sweet and savoury) for our cake stall and sending them in on Friday morning, March 1st.

Thank You.
The Swimming Carnival and Thought Sport Fun
MEET ALICIA COUTTS! - Australian swimmer of the year and Olympic Gold Medalist, Alicia Coutts, will be appearing at Cobargo Pool at 2pm on Saturday, March 2nd. For a chance to meet her and have a photo, autograph and watch her swim, please come along. The Swimming Club will be running their club championships along with a BBQ and then some raffles on the day. All enquiries to Craig O’Meara 6493 6478 or 0437 936 478.

LITTLE YUIN HOMEWORK CENTRE - Reopened yesterday, February 19th and today, February 20th, at 4pm. The homework centre will now be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. So come along and bring your homework. See you there. For more information contact Tracy on 0-412 673 815.

FREE WRITING WORKSHOP AT BATEMANS BAY LIBRARY - Tuesday, February 26th from 1030am-1pm. This month’s theme is ‘A Scary Moment’ and ABC Open is presenting free workshops. You’ll learn the principles of writing a compelling 500 word non-fiction story for online publication. ABC Open producer, Vanessa Milton, will help you create and edit your story and show you how to publish it. To find out more about the project, visit open.abc.net.au/projects. If you can’t make it to the workshop, you can still contribute to the project, just follow the steps on the Get Involved tab. Places are limited, so please RSVP ABC producer, Vanessa Milton at milton.vanessa@abc.net.au or phone 6491 6041.

NAROOMA SCOUTS - WEDNESDAY - Boys and girls welcome from 6+ years. Raft races near Taylors. Bring swimmers! Meet at the Scout Hall at 4.00pm for a 4.15pm start behind Bill Smyth Oval.

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE REGISTRATION - Saturday, February 23rd at Bill Smyth Oval from 9-11am. $40 registration fee. New players need to bring along proof of age (and a copy) along with a passport size photo. Free sausage sizzle.

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.

THE SAPLING GALLERY PRESENTS CHILDREN’S ART CLASSES - Ages 5-10. 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. Sury McKinnon and Kate McGrath have years of experience teaching children the joys of crating. 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.
ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENT OPTION

PLEASE KEEP THESE COPIES AT HOME FOR FUTURE USE

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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