Dear Parents and Students,

Last Friday saw six of our students ~ Eric, Digger, Yoey, Keira, Luka and Coupar ~ head to Narooma Pool for the District Swimming Championships. All swimmers performed well with Eric winning the Senior Boys Butterfly and the relay team, of Eric, Yoey, Luka and Keira, defeating Mogo in the Small Schools relay. Their efforts resulted in our school winning the Handicap Shield which now sits proudly in our office foyer (it’s very big!!)

Congratulations to our swimmers ~ your swimming, behaviour and attitude were superb ~ and good luck to Eric and the relay team as they move on to regional level at Dapto next Tuesday. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and cheered their swimmers on.

Tomorrow, Thursday, our students will be taking part in the Clean Up Australia program. We will be tidying up our playground and checking the surrounding paddocks for any rubbish that may have blown over. If you can provide your child with a pair of gardening gloves, that would be great. We will be cleaning up after recess.

This Friday is a big day for our school. Our Year Six Student Council is putting on a mini fete to raise money for the recent flood and bush fire victims. Your child is welcome to come out of uniform on Friday and bring $3.00 (and a bit more) for unlimited activities. (Continued over the page ....)
The Student Council is also asking parents to donate some home made cakes or slices which will be sold at a very reasonable price. Children are also asked to bring any small coins to make a coin line (I know where all my 5 and 10 cent coins are going!). There is also a guessing competition for ten cents a ticket. The action will start after recess. Parents and pre-schoolers are welcome to come and join the good cause. Following our fete and lunch, the P&C will hold its first meeting of the year. All parents and community members are welcome to join in discussion about our school. If you want to be involved, this is a great way to do it. The meeting begins at 1.00pm.

At the conclusion of the P&C meeting, we will hold our first Whole School Assembly of the year where the Primary Class will present an interesting and informative forum on Being Sun Smart. Some eminent experts are rumoured to be coming to air their opinions on this important topic and challenge for the title of ‘Sun Smart Champion’. Ribbons from the School Swimming Carnival will also be presented. The Assembly is timed to start at 2.30pm. So all in all, it is a day not to be missed! Hope to see you this Friday.

Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I am required to attend the South East and Illawarra Regional Principals’ Conference in Wollongong. Mr Markham will look after the Primary Class in my absence.

Regards,
John Carter, Principal
NOTE FROM OUR P&C PRESIDENT ~ NADINE HILLS

Hi to all!
This Friday we will be holding our first P&C meeting prior to Assembly. Everyone is welcome! We will be covering various topics, of priority the upcoming Tilba Easter Festival and our participation in that event; setting a date for a Working Bee in Term 1; ideas for the first Special Lunch Day for the year. If parents have any specific items that they would like to raise, please email me at enhills@speedlink.com.au. Following on from last year, this is a final opportunity to complete the QUESTIONNAIRE (AT THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER) REGARDING BEST P&C MEETING TIMES. Given that parents have work and other commitments, we are interested to know when would be the best time for you to potentially attend a P&C Meeting - the day/s and time/s.
Looking forward to meeting together again!

Best wishes from Nadine.
MUFTI DAY
NO SCHOOL UNIFORM!!

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.
TROY STEVER FUNDRAISER - Want a great night out and be helping a great family in the process? An auction/karaoke night will be held this Friday from 7.30pm at Club Narooma. Come and have a great night, bid on items, do a little karaoke and all for a good cause. If you can’t be there but still wish to contribute, an account has been set up and goods can be donated for the night. Information is available on https://www.facebook.com/TroySteverLymeDiseaseFund or phone 4476 1418. Donations can be made online or go into the bank to deposit - Troy Stever Lyme Disease Fund, BSB 062-652, Account 10142705.

BERMAGUI-COBARGO MINOR RUGBY LEAGUE - Training begins Thursday, February 28th @ Narira Sports Ground, Cobargo, 5-6pm. Ages: turning 6-16 this year still taking registrations. Come for a kick, stay for the fun and join a team!!! Contacts Annie 6493 6158, Carly 0408 448 684 or bermaguicobargomrl@gmail.com.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS? Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 - have you? If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July. The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education - whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees or excursions. Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink - either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

NAROOMA SCOUTS THIS WEEK - Birdfeeders and bushcraft. Meet at the Scout Hall behind Bill Smyth Oval on Wednesday at 4pm for a 4.15pm start. Phone Sophia 4476 4513 for more info.

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 0412 673 815.

JUNIOR AFL TRAINING - Starting this week 4.30-5.30pm, Bill Smyth Oval. Enquiries Virginia Hodge 0427 274 421. The Lions are happy to announce that we are having Under 10 and Under 12 age groups playing this year and both boys and girls are welcome to play. For all the kids that have been previously involved in the Auskick programs through the school this is a great way to get ready to play for a local team on Saturdays. For those kids that have no Auskick experience this is a great way to get fit in a local sport and train and play with other kids.

NAROOMA DEVILS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB - Training starts this Friday, March 1st, at 4.30pm for all age groups at Bill Smyth Oval. Come down and meet your coach and have a sausage sizzle.

ONLY 4 WEEKS TO GO! - Narooma Little Athletics. Monday afternoons from 4.15pm at Bill Smyth Oval.

MEET ALICIA COUTTS! - Australian swimmer of the year and Olympic Gold Medallist, 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.
QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING TIME OF P&C MEETINGS THAT BEST SUIT YOU

We are interested to know when would be the best time for you to potentially attend a P&C Meeting - the day/s and time/s. Below is a slip to complete and return by FRIDAY.

NAME ........................................................................................................................................

PREFERRED DAY/S: .........................................................................................................................

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PRIMARY CLASS PERMISSION NOTE
WALK TO BATE STREET, CENTRAL TILBA FOR ART CLASSES

During my time at the Principals' Conference, Mr Markham would like to take the Primary Class up to the main street of Central Tilba to do some artwork. Please complete the permission note below and return it to school BEFORE Wednesday of next week. Please note that this only applies to the Primary Class.

PERMISSION NOTE - PRIMARY CLASS ONLY

I give permission for my child ________________________________ to walk to Central Tilba for the purposes of artwork over the period Wednesday, March 6th, to Friday, March 8th, 2013.

Signed (parent/caregiver) ................................................................. Date ......................