Dear parents and students

Last Friday our students raised money for the Nepalese earthquake victims. I am delighted to announce that our mufti day and coin line raised $200.00 and that an anonymous $100.00 donation from a community member raised our amount to $300.00. Every student and parent should be extremely proud of this effort from our small school. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Linda is currently on leave and will be away until Monday, 18th May. Her place in the office will be taken by Kim Atkins, who I know will do a wonderful job.

Our Parent Information section this week focuses on Writing for Year One students.

Next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing the annual NAPLAN assessments. It will commence on Tuesday, May 12th, with children doing the Language Conventions and Writing tests, while on Wednesday they will do Reading and on Thursday Numeracy. Parents should endeavour to ensure their children are present at school on these days.

On our School Website you will find our 2014 Annual School Report and our School Plan for 2015-2017. You can access this by typing ‘Central Tilba Public School’ on your search engine. The Report and Plan can be found by clicking on ‘Our School’ and then ‘Annual School Report’.

Tomorrow (Thursday) I will be attending a ‘Kids Matter’ training course in Canberra. Mrs Cooke will teach the primary class in my absence.

Don’t forget that this Friday, 8th May, we will be holding a P&C Meeting at 1.00pm, followed by a School Assembly at 2.30pm. Items will be presented by the infants class. Hopefully you can be there.

John Carter, Principal
Primary Class - Term 2

This term in English the primary class will focus on their Multicultural Perspectives speeches. Children in Years 3 and 4 will prepare a talk on the topic ‘The Same But Different’ while Years 5 and 6 will be working on the topic ‘What Australia Day Means to Me’. These will be presented later in the term and children will then be chosen to represent the school at the District finals.

In addition, children will be working in three reading groups, rotating through school magazine activities, graded reading cards and comprehensions, and the Reading Eggspress technology program. This term the class will develop their dictionary and thesaurus skills and focus on punctuation as they develop their writing skills in procedural, information and visual literacy texts.

In Technology, children will be working regularly on a typing program to improve their touch typing skills as well as developing a greater understanding of Microsoft Word and Power Point programs.

In Mathematics, children will continue to use the Mathletics program. The class is divided into four groups and topics covered this term will include lines and graphs, operations revision, larger numbers, addition and subtraction, patterns and algebra, area and perimeter, fractions, 2D shapes, multiplication and division.

In Human Society and Its Environment, our unit of work for this term is ‘Australia, You’re Standing In It!’ This is a unit in which children will complete mapping activities of Australia and New South Wales and study a range of man-made and natural Australian icons such as the Opera House and Uluru.

In Science, children will work on the unit ‘Material World’, where they will consider how the invention of new materials have helped to revolutionise modern life. They will consider the various properties of materials and their impact upon the environment.

In Creative and Practical Arts, Mrs Hankinson will start band work with the children this term, giving them an opportunity to focus on an instrument – either drums, keyboard, guitar or vocals. Children will be doing Music on Tuesdays, which will also be their library day for borrowing or returning books. Mrs Cooke will continue her art work with the class in Mr Markham’s absence (I am expecting Mr Markham back either at the end of this term or the start of next term). Hopefully, the class will produce a play to perform in their assembly towards the end of the term.

In PD, Health and PE, the children will focus on preparing for next term’s Quaama Sports Day, developing their skills in shot put, discus, long jump and high jump. The class will also be involved in a League Tag day, while selected runners will compete in the District Cross Country Carnival. We will also be participating in the Small Schools Soccer Knockout this term, playing against Bemboka Public School. Finally, we will be participating in ‘Jump Rope For Heart’ and the Premier’s Sporting Challenge.

In the second last week of term, written reports of your child’s progress will be sent home, and there will be an opportunity for parent-teacher interviews in the last week of term. However, the opportunity is always present if you have any concerns to see me. It is often best to organise this through the office.

John Carter
Infants Class - Term 2

This term Louise Hankinson is team teaching with me on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings during literacy and numeracy. This is most beneficial, as each child is receiving greater individual attention.

In Mathematics Years 1 & 2 topics are 2D space, 3D space, shapes, position, ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd...), patterns, number rules and skip counting.

Kinder topics include zero, rows, columns, recognition of numerals to 10, patterns, rote counting, ordinal numbers and days of the week.

In English Kinder are continuing to learn the sounds associated with individual letters of the alphabet. They have already learnt these sounds this year: s, r, c, o, m, a, t, b, h & m. They have also been introduced to some simple words, which will continue to increase.

Later this term Kinder will commence home readers. More information will be provided soon.

Year 1 will continue to reinforce their knowledge and automatic recognition of blends within words. (eg. sl, pr, cl) and Year 2 will focus on more challenging digraphs. (eg. or, au, ir, tion.) It will help your child if you can draw your child’s attention to blends and digraphs during home reading.

Year 1 & 2 are being encouraged to take more responsibility for their writing by self-editing and correcting their writing before presenting it to a teacher. Children are learning to read back over what they have written and to circle any possible errors.

In Science we are doing a unit on changes that happen around us, such as how foods change when they are heated or cooled, how concrete hardens and how water evaporates in the sun.

In Human Society and its Environment we are focusing on the various roles of workers in the community.

The Enviromentor’s program will be taking place this Friday to develop children’s understanding of how they should interact with their environment.

This term we will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. By the end of term each child should be a proficient skipper and jumper.

Half yearly reports will be sent out towards the end of term providing details of your child’s progress.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any issues. I am looking forward to a productive and fun term.

Regards
Laura McHarg
P&C Meeting
Friday, May 8th, 1.00pm

Whole School Assembly
Friday, May 8th, 2.30pm
K/1/2 presenting items

Correction to ‘Dates for your Diary’
Years 3/4 Rugby League Gala Day is Thursday, June 11th (not June 6th)

Hello Everyone,

The P&C meeting for this term is here already and will be held at school this Friday 1pm. We will be discussing the success of the Tilba Festival and the Oakleigh Farm Auction which was kindly organised by Christina, as well as a Working Bee date, Special Lunch days and the children's participation in Environment Day. If you would like anything added to the agenda, please call me or the school or even better, come along to say hi at the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you for a cuppa and to see the infant's class assembly.

Have a lovely week, Megan

Writing Continuum
Week 3 – Year One

Please note that the information presented in this Newsletter is of a general nature. For specific information related to your child, it is recommended that you speak with your child’s teacher.

By the end of Year One, a child should be able to –

😊 Create longer texts (several sentences) supported by visual information such as diagrams, maps or graphs;
😊 Begin to use text features such as headings and paragraphs to organise information;
😊 Demonstrate simple proof-reading and editing skills such as being able to circle a word that ‘doesn’t look right’;
😊 Accurately spell an increasing number of high frequency and topic words;
😊 Use simple punctuation such as full stops, exclamation marks and question marks;
😊 Write a sequence of thoughts and ideas;
😊 Experiment with using some complex sentences to enhance his/her writing;
😊 Use a refined pencil grip, correct posture and paper placement to write more fluently and legibly;
😊 Use a computer’s functions to edit his/her texts.
### NEPALESE FUND RAISER

![Image of children with "Nepal" written on the ground]

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**Special Lunch Days**  
**Volunteers Needed For Term 2**

If you would like to volunteer to do/help with a Special Lunch Day in Term 2, please send this form back as soon as possible. The children love Special Lunch Days, but unfortunately they can’t be held without parent help.

We’ve only had one offer to help to date and this is not enough for the children to enjoy any Special Lunch Days!

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TANJA MARKET DAY - 9th May 2015
PLEASE book your stalls ASAP....email: emmacattermole@yahoo.com.au or on 0400 289 262. THEME: Homemade, Home-grown, Recycled and Sustainable. We have fabulous local artists showing and selling their amazing creations. You don't want to miss out so please contact Emma, above.

A great family day out, fabulous homemade food, great Barista made coffee, handmade lemonade, all day BBQ … plus loads more.

Please come and help us fundraise for the Tanja School P&C. Hope to see you there ... day before Mothers Day!

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT NETBALL - Saturday, May 2nd, 9.30-11.00am, at the Bermagui Indoor Stadium. We are holding a fun and come and try day, also registration for the 2015 season. Any child between 5 years and Year 6 can come along and see if they would like to join our club for Net Set Go (Junior netball). You will be able to participate in warming up exercises, fun games, ball handling skills and netball. Just come along on Saturday and bring a friend (or two) with you, have fun and make friends. Hope to see you there. For more info phone 6493 3208.


NAROOMA PRESCHOOL - is currently offering places on the following days: Monday - 3 year old group. Tuesday and Wednesday - 4/5 year old group. Thursday and Friday - 4/5 year old group. Drop in to the Preschool or phone 4476 2494 to discuss enrolling your child. You can also find more info on www.naroomapreschool.com.au.

CHILDERN BRINGING MONEY TO SCHOOL - Please note that money children bring to school often falls out of envelopes through holes or the gaps at each end of the adhesive fold-over. It is much better to use the resealable plastic bags. We have a container of these on the office desk for recycling/reusing. Note - it is not necessary to have an envelope/plastic bag if you are not sending in any money and it is not necessary to have a separate bag/envelope for different payments and notes.

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL MAYORS WRITING COMPETITION 2015
The Mayor’s Writing Competition is on again. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for our budding authors in the Shire, aged between 5 – 18 years to showcase their talents. Entry forms are available from local libraries or can be downloaded from the ESC website http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au

The competition closes on August 28th, 2015
VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS, STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE & P&C MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CIRCLE ‘EFT’ IF THAT IS YOUR PAYMENT METHOD

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS (SCHOOL FEES) – This has been set by the P&C at $40/student or $70/family for the year. This is extremely low compared to other local primary schools. We ask that all parents consider paying this small cost towards their child’s education if they can. Please send in your contribution with the form below.

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CENTRAL TILBA PUBLIC SCHOOL
EFT - BSB 032-001 A/C NO. 153128

Family Name .................................................... Date ..............

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE - The cost is $10 per student. The P&C has already paid for ALL students in the school to be covered and ask that parents consider reimbursing the P&C this small cost for having their primary student children covered for accidents. We ask that you send in the $10 per student as soon as possible. If you can’t afford the whole $10 per student, any contribution you can afford would be great. Please send in with the form below. Please don’t forget to let the school know if your child has any kind of injury covered by the benefits payable so that we can send a claim home for you to complete (even if you haven’t paid the insurance). Please note this is a ‘24/7’ cover, NOT just school hours or events.

Enclosed is $10.00 per student (or part thereof).
CHEQUES PAYABLE TO TILBA DISTRICT P&C ASSOCIATION
EFT - BSB 062-652 A/C NO. 00900089

Student Name(s).................................................... Date ..............

P&C MEMBERSHIP - The P&C ask all families to become members of our P&C Association. It is not necessary to attend any or all meetings, although we hope that as many parents as possible will try and support the P&C at their meetings, but by paying the small membership subscription of only $5.00 per family, per year, you ARE supporting the P&C. Unless P&C subscriptions have been paid, you are not able to vote on any issues that arise at meetings or at the AGM. This donation helps to pay for our affiliation fees with the Federation of P&C’s and Public Liability insurances and P&C Workers’ insurance; this amounted to over $400 last year.

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO TILBA DISTRICT P&C ASSOCIATION
EFT - BSB 062-652 A/C NO. 00900089

Family Name .................................................... Date ..............