Dear Parents and Students,

Our first Whole School Assembly for the year will take place this Friday, February 12th, in the Primary Classroom, beginning at 2.30pm. Items will be presented by the Primary Class and ribbons will be awarded from last week’s Swimming Carnival. All parents, grandparents and community members are invited.

Following the Assembly, a P&C Meeting will be held at 4.00pm, owing to Executive Members’ work commitments. Hopefully as many parents as possible can make this meeting as there is lots of organising to do prior to the Tilba Festival.

An incorrect date was published in last week’s Newsletter. The date of the District Swimming Carnival is Tuesday, February 23rd, at Narooma Pool (not the 17th as previously advised). Notes will be going out to those children involved before the end of this week.

Tomorrow (Wednesday), I will be attending an information session on Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at Cobargo Public School. Mr Markham will teach the Primary Class in my absence.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

Regards,

John Carter, Principal

A uniform order will be placed this Friday, if you need anything, order it NOW!
PRIMARY CLASS - Top to bottom, left to right.
YEAR 3 - Annabel, Milo, Harmony, Jack O, Samuel, Phoebe, Riley, Max.
Year 2 - Anwen was absent today (but she looks the same as Cerys!)
THE PRIMARY CLASS 2016

This year the Primary Class will be taught by both myself and Mr Markham in a team teaching situation, based on my availability to be ‘on class’ due to the increasing external demands of my role as Principal. I will still continue to have responsibility for the programming of work for the students while Mr Markham’s main curriculum areas will focus around Science and Creative Arts. Mrs Hankinson will continue to provide her expertise in Music.

Our Literacy focus this term will be on developing improved comprehension strategies in reading and developing writing skills through the use of more complex sentence structures. For spelling and reading activities, children will be grouped according to their grade and ability level. We will be using activities drawn from the ‘Reading Eggspress’ program, school magazines and reading boxes.

In Numeracy children will be grouped into five ability groups and will work on a different strand of mathematics each week. There will be a focus on times table recall and activities using the ‘Mathletics’ program.

In HSIE this term our topic is ‘Cooperating Communities’, looking at how people live and work together to create the goods and services necessary to survive.

Science will look at the topic ‘Smooth Moves’, which focuses on how objects move.

In the area of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, children will be developing their ball skills and running skills in preparation for our Cross Country Carnival which will be held towards the end of term. We will also be forming a school soccer team to take part in the Small Schools Knockout.

Please feel free to see myself or Mr Markham if you have any concerns. The easiest way to do this is by contacting the office and making an appointment.

John Carter and Peter Markham
Primary Class Teachers

WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

Children with these symptoms should see a doctor. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

BOOKCLUB brochures were attached to last week’s newsletter. If you would like to make a purchase, please return order form and payment to the school by tomorrow Wednesday, February 10th.

Your Bookclub purchases help to pay for our End Of Year Presentation Night book awards.
Community Notice Board

Please note: the NSW Department of Education and Training does not endorse any product or service advertised in this newsletter.

NAROOMA REDBACKS SOCCER - Registrations for the 2016 season are now open! Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or come along to our club registration morning Saturday, February 20th, 10-12pm under the dome at Narooma Plaza. For more info contact Nicky on 4476 4180 from 9.00-4.30 Mon-Wed & Friday or email nicky@naroomaplaza.com.au. Register by February 29th for a free pair of club socks!

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL - Is facilitating a couple of projects that could be of interest to the students. The first is a chess club – here are the details.

Chess Club, Community Centre, Batemans Bay. Weekly, Feb 2 - Mar 22, Tuesdays 4-6pm.
Come and try this challenging game. Games for all ages and abilities.
Photographic competition/exhibition for youth (12-24 year olds) during Youth Week.
The exhibition will be held Apr 15/16. The categories are yet to be finalised. There are going to be 2 brand new iphones on offer as first prize so we hope this will inspire the youth.

COBARGO SHOW - Saturday/Sunday, February 14th/15th, 2016. Our Annual Show is on again in two weeks time and we are hoping community members will enter some classes in the pavilion. Thanks to our local Cobargo Chemist and the Lee family there is $100 to be won by the junior person with the most points gained in the pavilion, plus $50 second prize. Please label any entries with name, age and school. For classes and information please visit the show's website: cobargoshow.org.au. There are lots classes listed for juniors, as well as older exhibitors. Don't forget to come and watch the High Flying Motorbikes on both days at approx. 12 noon & 5pm.

NAROOMA NETBALL REGISTRATION - Saturday, Feb 27th, at Club Narooma, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Fees: Net Set Go (5-7yrs) $80, Netta (8-10yrs) $80, JnrU12/Intermediate $110, Senior $140. Anyone interested in participating and/or volunteering in a role is asked to call Kristy for more info on 0417 015 745 or email k.smith78@bigpond.com and get the link for registration forms online or register on the day.

BODALLA SOCCER REGISTRATIONS OPEN - Please register online at myfootballclub.com.au ASAP.

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**CANTEEN MENU BY MY HEAVEN ON EARTH CAFÉ**

Complete order form and return to school by THURSDAY 9.30AM with correct payment (cash only).
NO late orders will be accepted (Friday is TOO late)! (Note: pricing is for school canteen only)

Lunch orders will be delivered for lunch on Friday.

**STUDENT NAME(S):**

**NOTE : STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN CUTLERY**

*Please do NOT expect school to supply & wash cutlery.*

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