Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations to all our award winners at last Friday’s first Whole School Assembly for the year. It was great to see so many parents and community members supporting our students at the Assembly. Thank you to all those who stayed or came back for the P&C Meeting after school.

From that P&C Meeting, it was decided that the next meeting, which will include the Annual General Meeting, will take place on Tuesday, March 15th, at 1.00pm, followed by our second Whole School Assembly for the term. Please put this date in your diary and try to make it along. Elections will be held for Office Bearers for 2016 so your support and interest is required.

A roster appears in this Newsletter for our stall at the Tilba Festival, which will be held on Saturday, March 26th. Please consider sparing some time to assist in setting up, working during the day or helping to pack up. We will again be selling hamburgers, egg and bacon rolls and drinks. Having personally done it for many years myself, it is actually a lot of fun! Your efforts will be rewarded with the P&C’s ability to buy more resources for your children.

Next Tuesday, seven students will be representing our school at the District Swimming Carnival in Narooma. Good luck to Phoebe, Harmony, Angela, Layla, Archie, Max and Milo. I will be at the Carnival as an official. Mr Markham will supervise and teach those Primary students remaining at school.

Have a great rest of the week.

Regards,

John Carter, Principal
NOTES FROM P&C MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2016

Present: Megan Ridgway, Jeff Garrad, Adele Morrison, Sandy Felder, Craig de Somerville, Jo Lane, Linda Lonergan, John Carter

Apologies: Christina Potts, Nadine Hills, Shelley Davis, Kylea Haslope, Liane Hornig

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- The 2016 School Year has begun and our school has 39 students - 24 in the Primary Class and 15 in the Infants Class, including 3 new Kindergarten students;
- Staff completed CPR and Child Protection training on the Staff Development Day;
- The Primary Class competed with Bodalla Public School in the Annual Swimming Carnival. Seven children (Phoebe, Harmony, Max, Milo, Layla, Angela and Archie) have been selected to compete at the District Swimming Carnival in Narooma on Tuesday, February 23rd;
- On Wednesday I attended a Positive Behaviour for Learning course at Cobargo Public School. Along with the Kids Matter program, these two initiatives will form the basis of our student wellbeing programs for the year;
- Our first Whole School Assembly was held today.

Upcoming events:

- District Swimming Carnival - February 23rd, at the Narooma Pool;
- Gulliver the Guide Dog Presentation - February 24th, 2pm;
- Far South Coast Principals’ Meeting in Merimbula - February 24th & 25th;
- Drumming Workshop - Tuesday, March 1st;
- Clean Up Australia program - Friday, March 4th;
- Regional Swimming Carnival in Dapto - Tuesday, March 8th;
- Wheelchair Roadshow Visit - Thursday, March 10th;
- Years 3/4 Auskick Day in Narooma - Friday, March 11th;
- Next Whole School Assembly/P&C AGM & Meeting - Tuesday, March 15th.

2016 School Plan (as part of the 2015-2017 Plan)

Teaching and Assessment

By the end of 2017, 50% of students in Literacy and 60% of students in Numeracy (2015-17 average) will be recognised in the proficient cohort as measured by NAPLAN, while maintaining 100% minimum standards.

⇒ Focus on the Measurement and Geometry Strands in Numeracy.

⇒ Focus on Vocabulary and Speaking Strands in Literacy.

21st Century Learning

By the end of 2017, all students will have demonstrated increased proficiency in keyboarding skills, be innovative and competent in the use of Microsoft programs and all staff will be using technology on a daily basis to enhance and engage students in their learning.

⇒ Improve keyboarding and emailing skills

⇒ Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Power Point and Publisher programs.

⇒ Animations and Robotics.

⇒ Cyber bullying policy.

⇒ Introduce Edmodo and Google Classroom (Primary).

Wellbeing and Community

Student attendance will increase to an average of 95% over the 2015-17 period.

Kids Matter and PBL programs implemented.

Between 2015-17, maintain or lower the number of suspensions for the 2012-14 period (4).

⇒ Implement Kids Matter program.

⇒ Implement PBL program (Positive Behaviour for Learning).

⇒ School Environment Management Plan.

GENERAL BUSINESS

SLD this term Megan and Adele to work out a suitable day. Anyone else available this term?

Working Bee will be organised for next term as want to focus on Easter festival March 26th. Next working bee will focus on the vegie garden. Request for volunteers for roster to get Little Green Thumbs up again.

Bags - time to re-order bags. Was suggested to trial slightly longer handles, so bags can go over shoulder. There is no additional cost for this. Linda will re-order and we will trial black this time as an additional colour (order 400 green, 400 blue and 200 black).

Canberra Excursion was slightly less expensive than originally thought. P&C donated just over $2,300.

End of year raffle raised $591.

School Fees to remain at last years rate $40/child, $70/family. P&C Membership $5 per member (changed from $5 per family last year). Note: Only members can vote.

Tilba Festival Easter Saturday, March 26th. We will do the same as last year - egg & bacon rolls and hamburgers with onion relish. Sub-committee to form to organise this. Roster to go in newsletter. Jeff offered to make a small bench to go in between BBQs to give extra prep space.

Mobile BBQ - Jeff to get a quote together for a mobile BBQ set up similar to the one at Bunnings with sink, bench space and gazebo. He needs dimensions, etc.

Outside Learning Area Tables - Jeff has wood seasoned and ready to go through thicknesser. There could be enough timber for two tables.

Uniform Badges - there have been comments that the badges are too big. Megan to order more and they will be a slightly smaller size and also a slightly darker shade of navy and a lighter shade of sky blue.

P&C Federation President sent a letter re being proactive about the Gonski report. Parents can go to www.igiveagonski.com and sign a petition to the government to adopt the report focusing on needs based education.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 15th.
In Mathematics the focus this term is on extending each child’s understanding of numbers, and their ability to write, read and model specific numbers of objects. Kinder will focus on numbers up to 10; Year 1 to 100; and Year 2 to 1,000.

In Literacy:
Years 1 and 2 are focusing on improving their fluency and comprehension in reading, improving spelling and improving self-expression, through writing clearly and descriptively.
Kindergarten are currently learning the sounds made by individual letters of the alphabet. They will also focus on nursery rhymes to develop their phonemic awareness.
To become strong readers and writers, children need to be able to hear and differentiate words and sounds accurately. Identifying rhyming words, reciting nursery rhymes and playing listening games are of great benefit to early readers and pre-readers, and so we will be doing lots of these. You are encouraged to do these at home too, and to encourage your child to be an attentive and discerning listener.
Years 1 and 2 are developing their oral reading skills. This includes reading with expression and meaning in their voices, and pausing at full stops, commas and other punctuation marks to assist fluency and meaning.

Kindergarten are learning to hold their pencils correctly. Some Year 1 and 2 children still need reminders to do this. Kindergarten are learning to write their first names correctly and Year 1 are focusing on their surnames. Years 1 and 2 are concentrating on correct size and formation of letters in handwriting.

Year 1 and 2 are given weekly spelling words each Monday and are tested on Fridays. If your child brings home a copy of their spelling words, could you please assist him/her to practise them.

In HSIE children will be learning about different types of places in the environment; the activities that occur in these places; and how natural things can be cared for in their immediate environment.

In Science children are observing and learning about the various materials that things around us are made of.
Children will also be introduced to, or working with, Power Point and emailing each other.

In Art children will have the opportunity to experiment with various materials to develop their understanding of how artworks are created.

Library - this year the Infants Class is having library and music with Louise Hankinson every Wednesday afternoon.

News - each child has a news day on which they are encouraged to give news.

Laura McHarg, Infants Class Teacher

Calling All Creative Spirits!
The Tilba Easter Festival is on Easter Saturday (March 26th) and our children have again been invited to participate in the parade. We are seeking someone who would love to take on the job of co-coordinating this.
The theme is very simple - “bright & Colourful - we already have costumes in the school that can be used or we can use the giant rainbow birds if we want impact!
Please consider helping our kids shine in this year’s parade. contact Parade Organiser, Bev Long, on 4473 7253 if you need any more details.
Thanks ... Christina
To the following students who received Awards at last Friday’s Whole School Assembly

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Special Lunch Day Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to do/help with a Special Lunch Day in this term or next, 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.

Name(s) ..............................................................................................................................................

Possible Date(s) for Special Lunch Day ...............................................................................................

Possible Menu Item(s) ..........................................................................................................................
At last Friday’s P&C Meeting, it was decided to again have two barbecues on the Easter Stall this year. One will be for our usual (and very yummy and popular) egg and bacon rolls and the second will again be for hamburgers with caramalised onion and salad.

Many members of the P&C have already volunteered for jobs around planning quantities and obtaining all the supplies required, and now we need helpers on the stall. It’s not a lot of effort and can be very enjoyable and rewarding.

So if you can see your way into helping for just an hour or maybe more, please complete the form below and RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL ASAP AS WE NEED TO GET A ROSTER ORGANISED and we need to know that we will have enough help to actually run the stall.

P&C ~ EASTER FESTIVAL STALL
Saturday, March 26th
(TWO weeks BEFORE the school holidays)
Please don’t leave the work to those mysterious ‘others’.

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| 3pm-5pm Pack Up (or part of) | Please fill in this form with your name(s) and available/preferable time(s). If your available/preferable times are different to the above time slots, please just mark down when you are available. Please help as much as you possibly can, and remember ~

Many Hands Make Light Work !!!
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 PERSON, 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

Name .............................................................................. Date ..............
**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.

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**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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