Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents and community members who visited our school last Friday for our Open Day and Whole School Assembly. Congratulations to all the Merit Award winners and to our Primary Class musicians who played so well.

This week we welcome to Central Tilba Public School, the Hingston family. Welcome to Chantelle in Year 5, Joseph in Year 3 and Asenath in Year 1. I hope that the children settle into their classes quickly and they enjoy their time here at our school.

Our Small School Soccer Team is in Nowra today taking on Otford Public School (from near Wollongong). I am sure our team will play a great game and represent their school fairly and with pride.

On Friday of this week, the District Athletics Carnival will be held at the Moruya Showground, starting at 9.00am. A large number of Primary Class students will be competing. I wish them good luck and thank you to the parents who are helping with transport.

Regards,
John Carter, Principal

The Life Education Van will be making its annual visit to our School NEXT Monday, August 15th. The cost of this activity is $7 per student. Please complete the permission note in this newsletter and return to the school NO later than this FRIDAY, AUGUST 12th.
Hello to everyone!
What a wonderful performance we had at the Assembly, with the music and singing, and story books read out, awards received - Well Done!

There is much happening for our school children, and we thank our teachers and parents who make these opportunities and experiences happen. This week we also have sporting adventures in Nowra and Moruya, and various Year 6 events are coming up.

I’d like to mention a planned BUSH DANCE later in September - as noted in the P&C Minutes. This should be a fantastic Spring event, just before the school term ends!

I look forward to the planning of what should be a great night of dancing and feasting!

Wishes for good days, with energy for all to be done!

from Nadine

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BOYS

| 5 YRS AGE RACE | 1. Elias, 2. Archie | 1. Annabel |
| 8 YRS AGE RACE | 1. Coupar, 2. Billy | |
| 12 YRS AGE RACE | 1. Nick | 1. Tayla, 2. Meg |
| 800M 11 YRS    | 1. Jai, 2. Aidan | |
| 800M 12 YRS    | 1. Nick | 1. Tayla, 2. Meg |
| DISCUS 11 YRS  | 1. Jai, | 1. Rhonda |
| DISCUS 12 YRS  | 1. Nick | 1. Meg, 2. Tayla |
| SHOT PUT 12 YRS| 1. Nick | 1. Tayla, 2. Meg |
| LONG JUMP 12 YRS| 1. Nick | 1. Tayla, 2. Meg |
| HIGH JUMP 11 YRS| 1. Jai, 2. Aidan | 1 Rhonda |
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GIRLS

| SUB JUNIOR 100M | |
| JUNIOR 100M    | |
| 5 YRS AGE RACE | |
| 6 YRS AGE RACE | |
| 7 YRS AGE RACE | |
| 8 YRS AGE RACE | |
| 9 YRS AGE RACE | |
| 10 YRS AGE RACE | |
| 11 YRS AGE RACE | |
| 12 YRS AGE RACE | |
| 200M JUNIOR    | |
| 200M 11 YRS    | |
| 200M 12 YRS    | |
| 800M JUNIOR    | |
| 800M 11 YRS    | |
| 800M 12 YRS    | |
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**MOVIE NIGHT** - Narooma Bluewater Dragons Fundraiser. Out boat club invites everyone to join us on Friday, August 12th. Come along, meet our members and enjoy the move ‘Red Dog’, the true story of a charismatic kelpie who united a mining community in north-west Australia in the 1970’s and 80’s. 6.30pm for 7.00pm start at Narooma Cinema. Tickets $16.00 (includes movie and nibbles).

**THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL NETWORKING - WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW!** - Community members are invited to a meeting to learn more about the dangers that our children encounter each day whilst social networking and the things that they can do to protect their children.

Who is presenting: Constable Gina Hamilton.
Where: Cobargo Public School Library.
When: Tuesday, August 16th, 6-7pm.

**LITTLE ATHLETICS IN NAROOMA**
If you are interested in your child participating, please phone Kylie McLaren on 0427 764 940. Little Athletics will run from September to March.

**OUR GENERATION** - The ground breaking new documentary on Aboriginal rights. Screening at Narooma Cinema on Monday, August 15th at 7.30pm. Entry $15 with half of the proceeds going to the Wagonga Aboriginal Lands Council. For more information phone 4476 2352 or email naroomacinemas@bigpond.com. Watch the trailer at www.ourgeneration.org.au.

**PLAY ON SHAKESPEARE (FOR KIDS)** - Prepare to return to the magical world of Shakespeare when actors from the highly acclaimed Australian Shakespeare Company perform a selection of scenes from Shakespeare’s most celebrated plays. This is a special event for the whole community! The performance is aimed at primary school aged children and the whole family is welcome. ROMEO & JULIET, HAMLET, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM, MACBETH.

**September 2011, St Mary’s Performing Arts Centre Moruya. 6pm arrival for seats and Candy Bar Treats. 6.30pm Curtains Open (1hr duration). Supper available after the show. TICKETS: $35 FAMILY TICKET (2 adults & 3 kids). $12 SINGLE TICKET. Purchase from St Mary’s School Office.**

**NOTES FROM P&M MEETING – AUGUST 5TH, 2011**

**Present:** John Carter, Nadine Hills, Cindy Cunningham, Zoe Cooper, Kylea Haslope, Bronwen Kamer, Denise Williamson, Tisha, Fran Ballard.

**Apologies:** Jo Lane, Linda Lonergan, Gail England, Christina Potts.

**Principal’s Report:**

John provided a summary of events since the last meeting:

Parent teacher interviews / Small Schools soccer team defeated Bemboka PS / Knitting afternoon organised by Jo Lane to support “Wreat with Love” / Professional learning day attended by John and Laura: ‘Stop Think Do’ social skills program / Implementation of ‘Fast ForWord’ program to improve literacy skills and brain capacity / Principals’ Meeting at Sussex Inlet in which they were informed of David Ashford’s retirement; the position will be held by Ms Jenne Gardner, principal of Bega HS for the immediate future / Quaama Sports Day was a success/ this week is Education Week - ‘creating the future’.

**John noted what is ahead in the coming weeks:**

Small Schools Soccer against Otford PS in Nowra, August 10th;
District Athletics, August 12th;
David Ashford’s Retirement Dinner, August 13th;
Year 6 Orientation afternoon with Narooma High Yr 7 Coordinator at Tilba - August 17th;
EBLC Academic Challenge, Broulee PS for Year 6, August 26th;
EBLC Leadership Awards Dinner, Batemans Bay Soldiers Club 6pm - Year 6 performing - August 19th;
Regional Athletics in Canberra - September 2nd;
EBLC Enviro Day at Botanic Gardens - Year 6 - September 7th;
Final of Premier’s Spelling Bee Merimbula PS - Digger, Tom, Meg & Nick - September 19th.

Writer’s Roadshow at Bodalla PS – Years 5-8 –September 21st and 22nd;
Last day of Term 3 – September 23rd.

**General Discussion:**

An amendment to the last minutes was pointed out by John in that the Cobargo Scouts Bus is partially fitted with seatbelts.

**BUSH DANCE!** – being planned for mid-September, date & venue to be advised. Formation of committee to organise dance - Fran, Christina, Tisha, Nadine, Cindy, Bronwen - meeting date to be decided. Other parents interested to join are welcome.

“Special lunch day” idea - menu will focus on healthy foods with the hope to include veggie garden produce. The menu choices will fit in with DET policies. Zoe is willing to bring her van in for use as a cooking facility. Bronwen will follow up with note in newsletter.

Buses - Nadine followed up with Secretary of Cobargo Scouts group and was informed about grant application to support fitting of school buses with seatbelts.

Knitting of squares - enough squares have been knitted to make up one full blanket. If there are further squares returned, a second blanket may be possible.

Cyber bullying information night with Narooma HS being planned; Performing Arts Festival;

Treasurer’s Report: unavailable at this meeting. Denise advised that Linda said that there had not been much change since previous meeting.

Watering cans and manure for the gardens - Bronwen offered that the Missionaries would be able to assist to go to the Dibden’s farm to collect manure; Land Care grant has been put in.

Next meeting planned for Friday, September 9th.