Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome
A big welcome back to all our families for 2013! Welcome also to Jane Richmond who is teaching Year 3/4 and Nell Reeve who will take Julie Collins’ K/1/2 on Fridays.

I am happy to say we have made a very calm and focused start to the year with all students working well.

Parent Information Evening
We will be having a parent information evening for all parents next Tuesday at 7.00 pm in the school Library. Child minding will be provided if you need it. Please notify the office by next Monday if you require it.

Locking Of Doors
From now on the classrooms will be locked at recess and lunch as part of our duty of care. All children need to be in an area where they are visible to the supervising teacher. Also the doors on the Office side of the classroom block will be locked during the day. This is a safety precaution as we have no other way of monitoring who has direct access to classes. All visitors and parents need to sign in at the front office when they come so that in the event of an emergency we actually know who is here.

Climate Energy Workshop
All staff will be at a Climate Energy workshop day this Friday. I will be at school as usual and Nell will be in as usual. Years 3/4 and 5/6 will be taught by Catherine Coman and Colin Pilkington respectively.

Leave
Next week I will be away for two days as I have to have a carpal tunnel operation on my right hand.

I look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday night to share our plans for the year and for you to hear what is happening in your child’s class.

Remember the FISH philosophy and Be There for each other this fortnight,

Yours in Education
Jan Rogers
PRINCIPAL

Happy Birthday to…..

Reece and Ben.K.
Also to Premshishya, Premdharma, Jana, Zack, Eboni.H, Alexis, Taneil, Jazmin.C, Jyve & Anna who celebrated their birthdays during January and last week.
Class Round Up……

K/1/2
A big welcome to our new Kinders starting school. I am happy to report all 5 have settled in very well as they begin their learning journey.

Guided Reading—Groups have started this week on Mon, Tues, Wed mornings. Any interested parents willing to assist please contact the school.

Phonics—Spelling the sounds.
K—Introduced to a & s. Only the sound is taught at this stage.
Yr 1—an words
Yr 2—ang, ong, ung

Writing—K—daily writing
1/2—Recounts

Maths—K/1/2—Whole number and length.

Personal Development—The children have been introduced to the 4 elements of Fish Philosophy—“Choose Your Attitude, Play, Make Someone’s Day, Be There.”

Social Skills—Listening, waiting your turn have been our focus.

A class newsletter will be sent home next week.

3/4

Mathematics—Numeration: Ordering numbers to 10,000. Measurement: Measuring in cm and square cm.

HSIE—Australia—Map of Australia showing states and wildflowers.

English—Novel Focus: ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’. Character studies, reading groups, reading eggs, variety of activities eg cloze, word searches.

Art/Fish Philosophy—Decorating fish for display.

PD/PE/Health—Classroom focus—Developing positive relationships, fish philosophy, classroom organisational jobs.

5/6

Year 5/6 are studying Identity for HSIE and revising Place value with large numbers this fortnight. Year Six will be doing positive and negative numbers in Maths as well.

Revising the elements of the FISH Philosophy and class expectations.

Really focusing on Spelling which is an area that we really need to address across the school. This week doing –TION words. Learning to chunk words into smaller pieces for spelling.

Parent Information Evening

The school will be holding a parent information evening next Tuesday (12th February 2013) at 7pm in the school library.

Please come along to find out about the school direction for 2013, term overview, parent/school partnerships and a question and answer session. All class teachers will be present on the night.

Tea & Coffee provided. All welcome…….
P&C News

P&C First Aid Course

This weekend 9 & 10 February 2013 Malcolm Lucas has offered to run a First Aid course at the school and donate his profits to the P&C. There will be a limited number of positions available. This is a fantastic opportunity to obtain your first aid certificate and to also help raise much needed funds for the school.

Adults $120
Students over 14 years $90

Contact Mark on 0418477986 or Malcolm 02-64921699.

COMMUNITY NOTICES.....

School Banking
Every Wednesday. For more information contact Service One Members Banking, Bemboka. Ph 64930422.

Bega Little Athletics

Bega Little Athletics season will begin again tomorrow Thurs 7th Feb. 5pm at the Bega athletic track.

All children 7yrs and older welcome to come and join.

Bega Valley Children’s Choir
– currently for children aged 10 to 15 years*

Thursdays 4.15 -5.30 at Mumbulla School, Bega (with Kate Burke)

STARTS THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2013

About Bega Valley Children’s Choir Auditions – A short audition will be necessary to determine ability to pitch and the vocal range of each child. This will be conducted in a non-confrontational manner with the emotional wellbeing of the children at the forefront.

Cost – $60 per term.

To register or for more information contact: Kate Burke on 6493 2736 (or email katie-beeburke@gmail.com)

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA

We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to the families who attend your school.

We would be most obliged if you could advise the parents and carers about our free service in your school newsletter and include a link to our website on the links page of your website.

We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au to assess the suitability of including our website on your links page. If you are happy to include a link to our website we would be most grateful if you do so by arranging for your webmaster to post the following code: <a href="http://familylawmattersaustralia.com.au" title="Family Law Network Australia - Where you find information on separation and divorce, parenting arrangements, property settlement and child support">Family Law Network Australia</a> We thank you in anticipation of your assistance and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries I can be contacted on 044 814 8145.

Best regards
Julie Dye

SCHOOL CALENDAR

There are still a few school calendars available for purchase.
At the school office.

Only $10 each.

Emergency Information Update Card

Please find attached to the newsletter an emergency information update card. Can everyone please complete this and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Remember that there is 2 sides to this card and both sides need to be signed.

Thank you.

Scripture

Scripture commences next Tuesday (12th Feb) - see attached note. If you do not wish your child to attend scripture we need a note sent to the school stating this. If a student does not hand in a note, they will attend scripture.
Please note, that a new note needs to be sent to the school for 2013. All previous notes will be disregarded.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The smalls schools swimming carnival has been put back a week later than noted on the calendar. The carnival will now be next Friday 15th Feb at Candelo pool. A permission note will be sent home shortly.

Tuckshop News.....

Anyone able to volunteer their time for tuckshop on a Monday please contact the school office or Jenny Alcock 64930313.
A new menu will be sent home this week.
Snippets For Parents……

**2013 homework planner**

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**Primary school**

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