Dear Parents & Carers,

**Principal's Conference**
I am away from today for the rest of the week to attend the annual Regional Principal’s Conference in Wollongong. This is a great opportunity to listen to excellent educational speakers, network with other colleagues and keep up to date with the latest changes in the delivery of learning in our state.

There are significant changes ahead of us with the Local Schools Local Decisions implementation next year and the preparation for the introduction of the new National Curriculum. Please use your search engine to gain more information about both of these changes if you wish to know more. I will be having meetings next term to explain how that all impacts on us so that you are all well informed.

**Student Welfare**
I wish to thank you all for your commitment to keeping your children in uniform and for your support as parent partners in helping us to care for your children. School is not just about academic learning but is also preparation for your child to take their place successfully as a well adjusted and productive community members in the future. Your children are our future so we need to nurture them well and help them to be resilient learners.

**School Garden**
On Monday night I also attended the Bemboka Garden Club meeting to explain where we were up to with the commencement of the garden construction. They are very keen to be part of this project and five members will meet with Helen Litchfield from Sustainable Garden Design and myself next Friday 15th March to start planning for the design. Any parent who is interested to join us is most welcome.

**Video Conferences**
As you can see we are very busy setting up programs to engage your children in their learning. This week Year 3 and Year 5 participated in a video conference about persuasive text writing. This was part of their preparation for NAPLAN where they will be required to write a persuasive piece. Next Monday the K-2 students will be having a video conference entitled “The Easter Bilby” which will require them to complete a craft activity. Please see Mrs Collins if you would like to assist and attend.

Have a great fortnight and remember to PLAY. Take time for yourself and you will be rewarded with peace and the ability to deal with the challenges that our day sometimes delivers to us.

Yours in Education

Jan Rogers
PRINCIPAL

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**Attachments**
- Go 4 Fun Brochure

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**Happy Birthday to.....**

Hannah & Makaila

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Principal: Ms Jan Rogers
Class Round Up……
K/1/2
Reading— Literacy groups in our morning session are progressing well with the children going well. They rotate through 3 activities—Reading Eggs (computer), Guided Reading and Spelling/phonics/writing activity.
Spelling— K— sounds s,a,t,l,p,n
Yr 1 — difficult words
Yr 2 — difficult words
Writing— K — Diaries
1/2 — Procedures—How to make a hot dog.
Maths—K/1/2 — Multiplication & division—model equal groups or rows. Time—ordering events, 1/2 hour and hour times. 3D space—describing 3D objects—cones, cubes, cylinders, spheres and prisms.
HSIE— After our Climate Clever Day children have explored ‘types of energy’, what is using energy in our classroom?, how can we reduce our energy costs?
3/4
Mathematics- Time: o’clock, half-past, quarter hour, 5 minute intervals, time facts. Times Tables: number patterns, learning tables: focus on 5x 10x tables. Odd and even numbers: recognising odd and even numbers and counting from a given number up to 1000. Dividing groups evenly with remainders and recording.
English- Weekly spelling lists continue, alphabetical order, use of dictionaries and word meanings.
Handwriting: Year 3: Revision of Basic Foundation Style Print Year 4: Revision of basic joins NSW Cursive.
H.S.I.E- Map of NSW: Identify local towns on a map and record. Research the origins of the names of various local towns.
Visual Arts- Completing Posters for the Bemboka Show, focus on locally grown foods.
Fitness- Ball Games. Cross Country Running
Please remember: Daily reading 10 minutes minimum, Library Books changes each Wednesday, and Homework is due each Friday.

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Do you have any timber???
If anyone has timber offcuts (preferably soft wood), old palings, dowel or any other timber materials that could be useful for our woodwork classes and would like to donate it to the school—it would be greatly appreciated.

Nit Busters Day

The Nit Busters Day has been postponed until next Friday 15th March. The day will commence at 9:15am. We would love it if all students could be involved to help eliminate these nasty pests.
Please return your child’s permission note (bright orange) by next Friday morning.
Any parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

Congratulations to Jasymn Smith for winning the 11 Years Girls Championship at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Candelo. She came 2nd in backstroke, 3rd in Freestyle & 3rd in Butterfly. Jasymn competed yesterday in 50m Backstroke at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto and came 4th in her heat and took time off her Personal Best. Well done Jasymn!

Meet some famous Australians
P&C News
Orders Due this Friday....

P&C Meeting

Garden Express Fundraiser
A Garden Express catalogue was sent home with students as a P & C Fundraiser. Please show people at work, friends etc. Please note: Complete payment must accompany the order back to school. All orders need to be returned to the school by Friday 8th March 2013. Thank you.

Bemboka School is going to have two visiting shows in Term 2. They will be Taronga Zoo & Questacon. Each show will cost $5 per student. To make it easier financially on families, we will be requesting payment this term for Taronga Zoo and next term for Questacon. If you need help financially, please contact the school.

Also, this year our school will be supporting the following charities;
♦ Stewart House and CANTEEN

We currently have ‘hand balls’ for sale for $3 each to sell on behalf of Stewart House. These will be limited to one per student at this stage.

The Smith family had a famous moment yesterday when they met up with ‘Mrs Sprout’ from Harry Potter fame on their way home from the regional swimming carnival.

HOOK IN2 HOCKEY CLINIC

Students from Years 3 to 6 undertook a training clinic run by Hockey NSW the other week. 2 Teams will now go to Bega to represent our school in a Far South Coast Primary School’s Hockey Gala Day on Wednesday 13th March.

COMMUNITY NOTICES....

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

Candelmo Benefit Concert – Bundaberg Flood Victims
The Candelmo community is holding a Benefit Concert to raise monies for the Bundaberg flood victims. The event will take place on 16 March 2013 at the Candelmo Show Ground. Live entertainment showcasing young musicians from the Bega Valley and surrounds will commence at 5.00pm. Food, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available. There will be a monster raffle drawn on the night. The Candelmo Show Society support this event.

Tickets for the night will be sold at the Show Ground entry. Your donation to this event is greatly appreciated.

Guitar Lessons
Jason Coman is interested in giving guitar lessons at Bemboka School after school on Fridays commencing 15th March. Please phone Jason on 64930409 or 0428395139 for more information.

Donation of cooking....
If anyone is able to donate cooking for Allan Mitchell’s funeral on Friday it would be much appreciated. Cooking can be left at the Bemboka Memorial Hall from 9am. Our thoughts and sympathy are with the Mitchell family at this sad time.

Birthday Mufti Day
If a student is having a birthday on a school day, it has been decided that they can wear ‘Mufti’ for the day to celebrate their special day and so that everyone knows it is their birthday!!!!

Merit Assembly...
The next merit assembly is next Thursday at 2.40pm....Everyone welcome.

FREE DENTAL TREATMENT
The School Dental Service operates in the Bega Valley from the Pambula Community Health Centre. Appointments are available for all children from Preschoolers to 17 years of age.

You can access the service by ringing 1800 450 046 with your Medicare Card ready.

The service is orientated to prevent decay by providing early intervention with high priority going to preschoolers. Usually fissure seals and fluoride treatment feature in a child’s treatment plan, reducing the chances of tooth decay.

Children in pain are also treated as a high priority with emergency appointments put aside. Government Teen Dental Plan vouchers are accepted here, encouraging youth to remain in the service.

FOR ALL DENTAL APPOINTMENTS & ENQUIRIES
PLEASE TELEPHONE THE ORAL HEALTH INTAKE SERVICE
FREECALL 1800 450 046
**Snippets For Parents…….**

**Reading with your child at home**
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

**Removing head lice and nits**
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

**Good number sense**
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

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**Coming Events**

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**School Canteen Roster Term 1, 2013**

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**Check out the school website…….**
We have event information, newsletters, photo galleries and have also linked up details about what our solar power is producing under the ‘Clever Climate Information’ tab as well as some great photos. Website address is: [http://www.bemboka-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.bemboka-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)