Dear Parents & Carers,

**Hook In2 Hockey**
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Hockey day in Bega last week. I heard very positive reports of good sportsmanship, fair play and gracious defeat. I was told by one source that “You would have been proud of them Jan.” That really made my day! I am proud of our students anyway but that made me even prouder.

**Young Leaders Conference**
This Sunday, Mrs Fraser (School Counsellor) and I will be travelling to Sydney with our school leaders to attend the Young Leader’s Conference at the Entertainment Centre at Darling Harbour. We will be joining about forty students from the Monaro schools for this excursion. It is a great opportunity for our school leaders to listen to high achieving individuals sharing their experiences and hopefully inspiring our students to understand that with commitment and persistence most things are possible.

**Nitbusters Day**
A big thank you to the parents and students who participated in last week nit buster day. We had a great response from most families. A follow up day is planned for this Friday. We would appreciate it if hair could be treated and manual removal of lice and eggs could be done before this day to help control this persistent problem.

**Cooking Classes**
Our cooking classes have commenced with the Stage Two (Year 3/4) class for the rest of this term and I want to thank Emma Barnett for her commitment to this learning area for our children. Special thanks to the P&C who agreed last meeting to support the cooking classes with the profits from the canteen. This is another very generous support from you all.

**Long Service Leave**
Finally I would like to let you know well in advance, that I will be taking five weeks Long Service Leave from 20th August this year. It is forty years this year since I began my teaching career and I have never taken a long break like this before. However I feel it is time to recharge the battery and come back and continue teaching with renewed enthusiasm and energy for sometime to come! Keith Law will be relieving Principal while I am away and teacher of my class. I am delighted Keith has agreed to do this as he knows and cares about our school as much as we all do. I can go away knowing the school is in good hands.

**Easter Break**
Have a good Easter break with your families and remember to try to make someone’s day every day. Yours in education,

Jan
Principal

Happy Birthday to…..
Jessica. D & Ben.C
The Nit Busters Follow Up Day will be held this Friday 22nd March. The day will commence at 9:15am. All students would have received a green note stating whether they had nits/eggs in their hair and we would appreciate it if these students could have their hair treated and followed up with manual removal with conditioner and lice combs/fingers before this day to help with eradication.

Any parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to those parents who helped out last week. Thank you.

As part of our school curriculum the following educational tours will be visiting our school next term.

- Taronga Zoo—23rd May
- Questacon—30th May

Each show requires payment of $5 per student. We are sending home payment envelopes today for each show. Payment for the Taronga Zoo needs to be returned by the end of term 1.

Merit Assembly...

The next merit assembly is next Thursday 28th March at 2:40pm.... Everyone welcome.

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 9th April. Order envelopes will be sent home on 2nd April. Cost will range from $15 to $50. Students to wear full SUMMER uniform on the day.

Family package envelopes will available from the office if required.
P&C News
Next P & C Meeting Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm.

COMMUNITY NOTICES....

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

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.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE
A reminder that students need to donate eggs, bunnies etc towards our raffle which is being drawn next Thursday. Donations can be left at the school office and will need to be in by Wednesday 27th March. Also, all students were issued with a book of tickets to sell. Each book the student sells they get a free ticket in the ‘Ticket Sellers Draw’. Tickets need to be in by Thursday morning at the latest. Thank you.

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 459 046 with your Medicare Card ready.

The service is orientated to prevent decay by providing early intervention with high priority going to preschoolers. Usually fissure seal 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

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Snippets For Parents…….

Facts about fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Sounding out aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

**EXCURSIONS FOR 2013**

Just letting you know of upcoming major excursions for our school

**Stage 3 (Years 5/6)—**Canberra (3 days). 4th, 5th & 6th September.

**Stage 2 (Years 3/4)—**Destination to be advised. Term 4 week 2 or 3.

Payment will be required for these excursions and will be able to be paid off in instalments. Payment amount will be advised as soon as we know.

**Coming Events**

- 22 March Nit Busters Follow Up Day
- 25 March Yr 6 Leadership Course, Sydney
- 29 March GOOD FRIDAY
- 1 April EASTERTHER MONDAY
- 9 Apr School Photos
- 12 Apr School Cross Country
  Last Day of Term 1

**School Canteen Roster Term 1, 2013**

- 25 Mar Jayne Henry Anna-Marie Northcott
- 1 Apr EASTERTHER MONDAY—PUBLIC HOL
- 8 Apr Jayne Henry Marieke Miller

**The finished product— ‘Apple Turnovers’ by Years 3 and 4.**

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.