Dear Parents,
As our school year draws to a close I would like to thank every one of you for your support of our school in 2014. Everyone contributes in their own way, some in a more public ways by supporting the school programs and the canteen at school, and others more quietly through donations of gifts for stalls or donations for our programs.
We have achieved so much this year in academic endeavours, sport, creative and practical arts and the additional programs we offer. We truly have “Achieved with Pride”.

**Cooma Visitors**
Our visitors from Cooma last week were absolutely amazed and impressed with the talent and the hospitality of our school. They have been singing our praises all over the Monaro. Perhaps the next coachload should come from Bega! Thanks to those of you who contributed food for the morning tea. They loved it.

**Choir**
Tomorrow the choir will be singing in Bega and we hope this will be another opportunity to showcase our school.

**Thank you**
I also want to thank our wonderful staff for their hard work this year. Research has shown that the most significant influence on increasing a child’s learning at school is their teacher. Our students have very experienced and enthusiastic teachers who know them very well. The greatest advantage of a small school is that relationship between teachers and students. All students are understood and nurtured by a team of adults who know them well. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Julie Collins, Ian Robertson, Mark Moses, Nel Twyford-Reeve and Jane Richmond who have truly provided a quality education to the students at Bemboka Public School.

We farewell Mark Moses this year, Jane Richmond and Nel Twyford-Reeve. I welcome Chris Reeve who will commence the year in 2015 four days a week on the upper stage group. Mr. Robertson will have them on day five.

We will commence the year in 2015 with two classes but as soon as we reach the magic number of fifty two students, another class will be formed. We currently have forty-eight students to commence next year. Finally a huge thank you to Ellen and Jenny who actually make sure we are all looked after. They are crucial to the efficient running of our school and they do it with style!

I wish all families a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to another great year in 2015.

Yours in Education
Jan

**Happy Birthday to……**
Anandarupa and also to Candice, Mora, Jaimee, Premdharma, Premshishya, Jana, Zack & Alexis who celebrate their holidays during the holidays.
Year 6 Peer Support Camp at Bournda—cancelled

PRESENTATION NIGHT
The school presentation night is on Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 7pm at the Bemboka Memorial Hall.
Students are to wear full school uniform. Supper will follow for everyone. Please bring a plate to share. Tea & coffee will be provided by the school.

CHOIR PERFORMANCE—BE(;A
The choir is performing tomorrow afternoon (Thursday) at Bega’s Christmas Wonderland at Littleton Gardens in Bega.
Parents are to transport their children to Bega. Students need to be in Bega by 3.30pm so parents will need to pick up students straight away at the end of school. Their performance will be from 3.40 to 4.00pm. Students are to wear full school uniform.

School Disco
The P & C will be running a school disco this Friday night 12th December 2014 at the school from 6pm—8pm. Refreshments will be available on the night. Parents will need to drop off and pick up children from the classroom. A menu pricelist was sent home last week.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Week 8: Tristan, Jessica, Carla, Georgia, Alexis, Anandarupa, Jake, Michael, Tarka, Cooper O & Alexis.


LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—POOL DAY
In celebration of a great year, the school will spend from 10am to 2pm at Bemboka Pool on the last day of term, Wednesday 17th December. Pool entry will be $3 for those students who do not have a season pass. The students will celebrate the last day of primary education of our 15 wonderful year 6 students before they head off to high school next year. A special farewell cake will be shared by everyone to celebrate their last day.
**P & C News**

The P & C would like to thank all those families who contributed one way or another in our fundraising efforts throughout the year. We thank you for your valued donations and willingness to support our great school.

Have a very happy and safe holidays. See you next year.

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**2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The P & C calendar for 2015 is now for sale. Pick up your copy from the school office, Bemboka Pie Shop, Drovers Café, Service One Members Banking and Bemboka Post Office. The calendars are only $10 each. Every student features in our great calendar. Get yours today! They will also be available on presentation night.

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**Time trials at Bemboka pool**

Time trials will be run at Bemboka swimming pool on the following Fridays:
- 21st Nov 2014
- 19th Dec 2014
- 27th Feb 2015
- 27th Mar 2015

**Swimming Lessons**

Want to get the most out of the summer swimming season? Then why not take up the opportunity and start your child on learning a skill for life. Summer intensive swimming lessons will be held at Bemboka pool from Monday January 19th – Friday January 23rd (5 days inclusive). These lessons would be suitable for children 4 years and up; from complete beginners to children who can do all 4 strokes but require stroke correction. The cost of the program is $70 for the 1st child and $65 each for additional siblings in the family. For all enquiries or enrolments please call Kat on 0428 658 416, or @sapphire aquatic for program details.

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**Christmas Wonderland**

Bega Cheese First Place Cash $5000 Draw

Thursday 11 December 2014 3 – 9 pm

Family fun evening in Littleton Gardens

Santa Claus is coming to town!
**JANUARY 2015 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**WEEK ONE**

**Bermagui Library** – Tuesday 13th January – Story time for 7 yrs and under. 10.30am till 11.30am Book by ringing 64992411

**Merimbula Library** – Wednesday 14th January – Story time for 7 yrs and under. 10.30am till 11.30am Book by ringing 64992481

**Bega Library** – Thursday 15th January – Story time for 7 years and under. 10.30am till 11.30am Book by ringing 64992127

**Eden Library** – Friday 16th January – Story time for 7 yrs and under. 10.30am till 11.30am Book by ringing 64992451

**WEEK TWO**

**Bega Library** – Tuesday 20th January – Simple crafts for 7 years and over 10.30am till 11.30am Book by ringing 64992127 Cost $2.00

**Merimbula Library** – Wednesday 21st January – Simple crafts for 7 yrs+ Cost $2.00 10.30am till 11.30am Book by ringing 64992481

**Bermagui Library** – Thursday 22nd January – Homemade bath bombs for 7 yrs+ Cost $2.00 10.30am till 11.30am Book by ringing 64992411

**Eden Library** – Friday 23rd January – Paddle pop craft for 7 yrs+ Cost $2. 10.30am till 11.30am Book by ringing 64992451

Wii games are also available during school holidays at any of our branches and Lego blocks will be travelling around the branches.

**School Canteen Roster Term 4, 2014**

15 Dec Sarah Henry & Gaye Alexander

**Coming Events**

12 Dec School Disco 6-8pm

16 Dec Presentation Night

17 Dec Last Day of School—Pool Day

18-19 Dec Staff Development Days

**THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING IN 2014**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday break. Last day of school Wednesday 17th December 2014. School resumes on Wednesday 28th January 2015 for Years 1 to 6 and on Thursday 29th January 2015 for Kindergarten. School swimming carnival is on Friday 30th January 2015.