Dear Parents,

Well Done Bemboka School!

The exciting news this week comes from ACARA who are responsible for the My School website. The My School site has released the latest information on schools today. I am very proud to announce that we have been identified by ACARA. I quote from an email received last week...

"Based on My School data, your school is achieving gain over time that exceeds what would otherwise be predicted. That is, you are demonstrating above average improvement in performance on NAPLAN.

It is not the role of ACARA to explain how this performance gain has been achieved, although we think that it is worth highlighting.

As a part of My School communications planning, ACARA has held a media briefing at 10 am on Thursday 27 February 2014. The media briefing was small and confined to approximately seven journalists from the major, metropolitan papers and the electronic media.

Your school’s name will be provided to the media located in your state/territory. It is possible you will receive calls from the media wanting information about changes that have occurred at your school, which may have contributed to this gain."

This recognition of the learning improvement between Year Three and Year Five is to be celebrated and built upon. My thanks go to all staff who have worked very hard to achieve this result. Bemboka Public School has a great team of teachers and support staff and I am so proud to be a part of that team!

Garden Meeting

Looking forward to seeing all gardeners or prospective gardeners at our meeting next week.

Have a great fortnight,
Jan

Merit assembly next Monday 10th March 2014 at 2.30pm.

Everyone welcome to come along.....

Happy Birthday.....
Makaila
Class Roundup…..

K/1/2

English

Phonics/Spelling: Kinder – Prelit lessons in the last 6 weeks have focused on syllable counting, listening to & recognising initial sounds of words. The sound s & m have been introduced.

Year 1: Minilit lessons are well underway. Year 1 have consolidated the following sounds -a m s t i f d r o g h l as well as blending vc (vowel/ consonant) & cvc words, Sight words I, the, The, is, on, and have been introduced.

Year 2: Oa & ow & Difficult Words. Grammar – Common & Proper Nouns

Shared Reading: Edward the Emu, The Rainbow Fish & Guided Reading has commenced & a big thank you to the parent helpers.

Maths Groups Weeks 5 & 6

Focus -Addition & Subtraction: Kinder- focusing on recognising numbers on Tens Frame, writing numbers 1-10 and learning Friends of 10.

Year 1: Recognising teen numbers on Double Tens Frame and counting on from the biggest number.

Year 2: Adding numbers that end in 9 or 11 by rounding up to a powerful number e.g one that ends in 0…10 or 20

HSIE- School Days Unit. Socials Skills - Listening, following directions.

MS Rogers’ learning group have been doing patterns and algebra in Maths and learning about number adjectives and indefinite adjectives for Grammar. We have been completing our artworks for the Bemboka Show and continuing to enjoy woodwork classes with Stuart. Our measuring is really improving and we are learning to work more independently.

Year 5/6 have been busy working on their Living Land unit, with a focus on our very own Mount Kosciuszko. The students have been busy putting together a 2 day travel itinerary. So if you are looking at visiting the mountain anytime soon be sure to speak with one of the travel experts in 5/6 and I’m sure they have your next trip already planned!

For English the students have been focussing on persuasive texts, now is not the time to argue a point of difference with year 5/6, chances are they will be sure to point forward a strong point of view!

Finally, we are all very excited about our Leaders trip to Sydney at the end of the month. Only a little over 3 weeks until we go.

Hockey Gala Day

Two teams from years 3/4 and 5/6 have been selected to attend the Far South Coast School’s Hockey Gala Day at Bega Hockey Fields next Wednesday. Students will travel in by bus on the day. A permission note is being sent home today for selected students and need to be returned by this Friday please. Students MUST have a mouthguard on the day to play. Students also need to bring their recess, lunch and drinks, sunscreen and wear full school sports uniform (if available).

CHOIR TO PERFORM AT SCPA MARKETS AND SAPPHIRE MARKET PLACE

Bemboka School’s choir will be performing next Friday at the SCPA Markets in Lyttleton Gardens at 10.30am and also at Sapphire Market Place at 11.30am Bega next Friday 14th March. Come along and watch our students perform…. A permission note will be sent home for choir.

Year 6 Young Leaders Day—Sydney

Year 6 are travelling to Sydney by coach and train on Sunday 30th March to attend a Young Leaders Day on Monday 31st March. They will return home on Monday 1st April. A reminder to parents that full payment of $145 needs to be into the school office by next Friday 14th March.

Emergency Information Update Form

Please find attached an emergency information update to complete for your children.

Please return them to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you.
**P & C NEWS**

**P & C Committee 2014**

Last night was the AGM for Bemboka Public School’s AGM. All current positions were declared vacant and the following members were elected unopposed;

- **President:** Mark Henry
- **Vice-President:** Dirk Fiedler
- **Secretary:** Heidi Collett  **Assistant Secretary:** Sarah Henry
- **Treasurer:** Jenny Alcock  **Assistant Treasurer:** Gaye Alexander
- **Canteen Co-Ordinators:** Jayne Henry & Jenny Alcock

Thank you to last year’s position holders for all your hard work.

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**Bemboka Show Catering**

Please check the attached roster for your time to help out with running our P & C stand at Bemboka Show this Sunday 9th March 2014.

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**Also, we need donations of cooking (slices, biscuits, cake, scones etc). We will need cooking to be dropped off at the school on Saturday between 12pm and 2pm.**

Please advise Jenny Alcock at your earliest convenience if you are unable to do your duty ph 64930313 so that the roster can be amended. If you cannot do the duty, a donation of cooking would be appreciated.

Thank you

Bemboka Public School P & C Association

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES....**

**PIANO & GUITAR TUITION 2014**

Lessons are offered after-school at Bemboka PS. Timetables are being adjusted now, so please contact the teachers soon if you are interested.

- **Piano:** Thursdays with Kathy Tyson  0427 713 177
- **Guitar:** Tuesdays with Jason Coman  0428 395 139

**School Banking**

Every Wednesday at the school. For more information please contact Service One Members Banking on 64930422.

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**Tai Chi**

**Tai Chi for Health Classes 2014 - Term 1**

- **Wednesdays:** 6-7pm
- **Thursdays:** 10-11am
- **Venue:** Bemboka Community Hall
- **Contact:** 6493 0425

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**CANTEEN MENU**

A reminder that there was a price increase on some items from last week. Please ensure that you are using the new 2014 Menu. If you need another copy, please contact the school.

Thank you.
### Snip its for parents....

#### Maths A to Z


#### Great books for tweens to read

Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!


#### Science assignment starters

Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters.


#### Coming Events

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#### School Canteen Roster Term 1, 2014

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