Dear Parents,
We have started the term with great enthusiasm, energy and success!

**New Students**
We welcome three new students to our school and thank their families for choosing to send their children to their local school. A school which offers every opportunity to all, through an extensive curriculum in a rich educational setting.

**Student Teacher**
We also welcome Mrs. Marlene Greenless who is continuing her teaching studies with Mrs Collins in her class for the next two weeks.

**South Coast Hockey Selection**
Our congratulations to Carla Alcock and Jasmyn Smith who have been selected in the South Coast girls hockey team who will play in Narellan in June.

**Girls Hockey Team**
A big thank you to Stuart Alcock and Sarah Henry for the coaching of our girls school knockout hockey team. The team were successful against Tathra PS last week and will play Bega Valley PS next.

**Professional Learning**
Tomorrow the teachers will be attending further professional learning for our Numeracy partnership with Viv Chelin who is the Head teacher for Mathematics at Monaro HS. This will take place in the Library at our school.

**NAPLAN**
All Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is really important that students attend on these days because the results are used for diagnostic purposes and as an indicator of our ongoing funding needs.

**School Reports**
School reports will also be sent out at the end of this term with interviews being held early next term.

**Spelling Program**
This week we commenced our new spelling program which will occur on a daily basis for four days a week. Every staff member is involved in the delivery of this program. Students have all been tested and placed in groups across the school according to their results. Spelling has been an issue for quite awhile and we are implementing the Spelling Mastery program as a new strategy to address the issues. I am very proud of the whole staff commitment to this program and our student learning. Bemboka PS is a learning community and the support of significant people i.e. family and school personnel is invaluable in increasing achievement, so once again I thank you all.

**Principal’s Meeting**
Today I am in Moruya at a Principal's Network meeting where the Deputy Director General of Education Mr. Greg Prior will be addressing us. I shall report on this meeting at the P&C meeting next Tuesday night and in the next newsletter. There are many changes occurring in the structure and the funding of schools that are already impacting on us so it is really important that we remain well informed.

I wish you all a great fortnight and don't forget to "Be There" for each other.

Yours in education
Jan
Divyatma has been selected to attend the Sapphire Coast Learning Community Music Camp which is being held at Kianniny Cabins, Tathra from Sunday 18th to Wednesday 21st May. Congratulations Divyatma and have a great time!

**MERIT ASSEMBLY**

Merit assembly next Monday 12th May 2014 at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

**SCHOOL AND ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

The school cross country will be held at school this afternoon. Successful runners will then compete at the Zone Carnival at Wolumla on Friday 16th May 2014.

**STEWART HOUSE DAY**

Friday 9th May 2014

A reminder that Friday is Stewart House Day. All donation envelopes need to be sent in by Friday to be eligible to go in the family holiday draw of $4000 for those that donate a minimum of $2.00. Thank you.

**MR TIM’S MUSICAL EXPERIENCE**

Also on Friday 9th May there will be a musical experience with Mr Tim for all students. At the end of the day, parents are invited to attend a short concert to celebrate the musical learning. The concert will commence at 2.30pm and all parents and community members are welcome to attend.

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday for year 3 & 5 students. Contact the school office if you require any further information.

**BUGWATCH**

Bournda Education Environmental Centre will be coming to our school next Monday 12th May and taking our years K, 1, 2, 5 & 6 students down to Colombo Creek where they will test the health of the creek.

**COOKING**

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will commence cooking lessons next Wednesday. These classes will again be conducted by Elyce Crawford and we thank her for her continued interest in this class after the birth of her little girl.

Years 3 & 4 are starting work in the new vegie garden this term.

Jyve with his coaster set made from recycled timber that he made in woodwork last term.

Years 5 & 6 are doing woodwork this term.
**P & C NEWS**

**P & C Meeting**
The next P & C Meeting will be held next Tuesday night 13th May at 7.00pm at the school. All welcome.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES....**

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

**Tennis coaching at Candelo**
If your child/children are interested in learning to play tennis, here is a great way to get them started
Term 2: Commencing Tuesday 13th May 2014 (7 weeks)
Cost $35.00 per child (Beginners and Intermediate)
$70.00 per child (Advanced)
Session times available
Tuesday Beginner: 3.30 - 4.00pm / 4.00 - 4.30pm
Intermediate: 4.30 - 5.00pm
Advanced: 5.00 - 6.00pm
To Book: I can be contacted by ph: 0422426663 or by email sandralbunce@gmail.com
Please leave your name, session time and contact details and I will get back to you.

**ANZAC Day**
2014

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**
A Mother’s Day Stall will be held at the school on Friday 9th May 2014.
Each student is asked to donate a gift to the stall by the Friday morning (value $5 and under). Please try to avoid breakable items.
Gifts will be wrapped and will be made available for students to purchase a gift for their mother at lunchtime. Prices will range from $1 to $5.
Volunteers for gift wrapping and manning of stall would be appreciated.

**ANZAC Day**
2014

**Philippines Appeal—Taclobon**
Ludi Gerrey is collecting items to send to Taclobon which was hit badly by a cyclone last year. This village is struggling for supplies. If you have surplus sheets, towels, kitchenware etc please bring them to the school as a collection point and Ludi will organise shipment of these items to those in need.
Thank you for your support.

**Hockey in Bega last week**

**P & C NEWS**

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**AND NOW FOR THE SPORTS REPORT..**

## FAR SOUTH COAST TOUCH FOOTBALL
Congratulations to Jasymn Smith who has been selected in the Far South Coast Girls Touch Football Team. She is playing today at Fairy Meadow. Congratulations!

## SOUTH COAST GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM
Congratulations to Jasymn Smith & Carla Alcock for being selected into the South Coast Girls Hockey Team. They will play at Narellan in June. Well done girls!

*Well done Erin, Georgia, Carla & Jasymn pictured with the Far South Girls Hockey Team at Unanderra yesterday.*

## PSSA SCHOOL KNOCKOUT GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM
Training for the girls hockey team will continue on a Wednesday lunchtime. Congratulations girls on a fantastic team effort against Tathra PS last week.

## PSSA SMALL SCHOOLS KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL TEAM
Small schools football knockout try outs and training starts tomorrow and will be on lunch times each Thursday. Our first game will be against Central Tilba on a date to yet be advised.

## THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING.....

### School Canteen Roster Term 2, 2014

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### Coming Events

- **7 May**: School Cross Country FSC Touch Football
- **9 May**: Mr Tim Mothers Day Stall Stewart House Day
- **12 May**: Bugwatch Merit Assembly
- **13-15 May**: NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- **16 May**: Zone Cross Country
- **18-21 May**: SCLC Music Camp
- **26 May**: Merit Assembly
- **28 May**: Field Events Athletics Carnival
- **9 June**: Queen’s Birthday (Public Holiday)
- **17-19 June**: South Coast Girls Hockey play in state carnival at Narellan