Dear Parents,

**Zone Cross Country**
The students who participated in the Cross Country at Wolumla last Friday made a great effort on a very warm day to achieve success. I was on a checkpoint and was particularly proud of those who were really trying regardless of their position. Their persistence was inspiring.

**School Choir**
This week the choir will have their first session with the conductor of the Combined Choir for the South Coast Performing Arts Festival which will be held next term in Eden. I am very proud of our choir which has twenty nine students from Year 3-6 out of a total of thirty nine students.

**School Garden Meeting**
We will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6.30pm in the Library for the school garden planning. I would hope that we may be able to form a committee to oversee the commencement and development of the garden and be able to identify someone who may step up to run the garden class each Thursday. Having a key person to do this is fairly crucial to the success of this project.

**Spelling Groups**
The Spelling Groups are going well and there has been a whole school commitment to its implementation. I would like to thank the staff for their support. We truly are fortunate to have such a dedicated group at Bemboka School!

**Principal Meetings**
Next week I will be in Sydney for Thursday and Friday for the Teaching Principals group that I represent. I will also be in Merimbula this Friday for the Far South Coast Principals meeting.

**Our Community**
Our thoughts are also with Barbara, Roger and Dalton after Roger’s accident this week. We are all affected by any sadness that happens in our community and that is what makes Bemboka such a special place.

Have a great fortnight and remember you need three positive comments to negate one negative!

Yours in education
Jan

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**MERIT ASSEMBLY**
Merit assembly next Monday 26th May 2014 at 2.30pm.
Everyone welcome.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO……..**
Abbey & Denton
Class Round up……

K/1/2 English Phonics/Spelling
Prelit lessons are progressing very well. The children have been focusing on listening to the final sound of words as well as learning the new sound “l” and revising other learnt sounds a, m, s, t, i, f, c, d, r, o, g
Minilit lessons are also under way. Capital letters have been our focus as well as listening to all sounds when recording cvc words. All children can read the first 24 sight words confidently.

Shared Reading_Lucy Goosey
Year 2 Grammar - Adjectives and verbs
Guided Reading has commenced & a big thank you to the parent helpers.

Maths Groups Weeks 4 & 5
Addition & Subtraction
Kinder- focusing on recognising numbers on Single & double Tens Frames, writing numbers 1-20 and learning Friends of 10 and Friends of 20. When throwing 2 dice, Addition strategies include covering the biggest number ( putting it in our heads and counting on to find the total.)

Year 1
Recognising dot patterns on Double Tens to make Friends of 20. Also Friends of 100 introduced. Counting on from the biggest number to add 2 numbers & counting back when subtracting 2 numbers.

Year 2
When adding children are using the split strategy e.g 37 + 24= 37+ 20 + 4=

HSIE- WE started our Space Unit focusing on the facts about the Sun. Planet Earth is next.
Child Protection lessons have commenced and Lesson 1 focused on Protection.

5/6
It's been a busy start to Term 2 for Year 5/6, there has been plenty on both outside and inside the classroom. Just recently the students were fortunate enough to attend 'bug day' which involved a morning field trip to Colombo Creek.
NAPLAN has come and gone for another year and congratulations to our Year 5 students. The classroom is brimming with pride at the moment, four of our girls (Erin, Georgia, Carla & Jasmyn) were selected in the Far South Coast Hockey Team that competed in Wollongong and Jasymn and Carla made the next step and will be representing the NSW South Coast Hockey Team. Jasymn also made the Far South Coast Touch Football Team.

For maths there has been very positive feedback across all maths groups, with positive progression being made by many students. For English, this week will be our last week on Persuasive Text and I'm really looking forward to some exciting oral presentations to be delivered in class this Friday. Next week we will be commencing a unit of work on Relationships, this will involve a review of our classroom narrative 'Hating Alison Ashley'.
It's an exciting time in HSIE, we are learning all about Fiji and this week I hope to load the mailbox with our letters which are being sent to Quamsea District School, where our special 'pen pals' are eagerly waiting to hear from us. Each student in 5/6 has chosen a respective 'pen pal', who knows..... one day they may well get to meet their new friend!

COOKING
From this week, cooking classes will be held on Thursdays. This term K/1 is doing the cooking classes.

STEWART HOUSE DAY
Friday 9th May 2014
Thank you to everyone who donated money towards the Stewart House appeal. Our school was able to send a cheque for $47.50.

Garden Meeting
There will be a garden meeting held at the school tomorrow evening at 6.30pm to decide on what resources etc we need to start organising our garden at the working bee on Saturday 31st May.

Working Bee
There will be a working bee at the school on Saturday 31st May 2014 from 12pm to 4pm to establish our new vegetable garden. Please bring along wheelbarrows, shovels, forks, rakes, gloves and muscles! Everyone welcome. Tea and coffee will be available.

SCHOOL FIELD EVENTS CARNIVAL
We will be holding our fields events (high jump, discus, shot put and long jump) down at Colombo Park on Wednesday 28th May at 10.00am for all students in years 3-6. Everyone welcome to come and watch and help if they can. We need to use this carnival to nominate students to compete in these events at the Small Schools Carnival on Friday 13th June. We will hold our school running carnival at a later date.

“Love Our Lakes” art competition prize winners are Swaradharma & Mora. They were presented with their prizes at assembly last week by event organiser Brett Weingarth. Their artwork was portrayed on calendars. Former student Rhys Northcott was also a winner.
P & C NEWS
Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and helped out at our Mothers Day Stall—we raised $289. We hope all the mums had a great day and enjoyed their gifts!

COMMUNITY NOTICES....

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

Bemboka Pool Fundraiser and Salsa Night!
Bemboka is getting hot in the kitchen and hotter on the dance floor!
SATURDAY NIGHT 24TH MAY
BEMBOKA COMMUNITY HALL
DELICIOUS MEXICANA FOOD FROM 6PM

Bemboka Permaculture Meeting
Our next meeting is on Wednesday 28th May at 7.00pm. Steve Martin from The Lost Seed (a local business) will be our guest speaker and will be speaking about the importance of seed saving. There will be other permaculture related activities and announcements on the night. Contact David on 0400 845 841 for more details.

Philippines Appeal—Tacloben
Ludi Gerrey is collecting items to send to Tacloben 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.

Tai Chi for Health Classes 2014 - Term 2
Wednesdays 6-7pm
Thursdays 10-11am
Venue Bemboka Community Hall
Contact 0406 440 313

Years K,1,2 5 & 6 went to Colombo Creek last Monday to do the annual bug survey on the creek.

They made Lemonade Scones and Pizza Scrolls.
**AND NOW FOR THE SPORTS REPORT..**

**SMALL SCHOOLS FOOTBALL KNOCKOUT**

Our first game is against Central Tilba at Dalmeny on Wednesday 11th June at 11.30am. Notes will be sent home shortly to players who are selected in the team.

**REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to Ben Keys, Lela Eder, Jasmyn Smith & Jemma Harvey who qualified for the Regional Cross Country at Nowra on Friday 30th May. Congratulations and well done to everyone who completed the course.

*Ben, Jasmyn, Jemma & Lela will be competing in Nowra at the Regional Cross Country. Good luck!*

**TRAINING SESSIONS.....**

Wednesday Lunch—Girls Hockey
Thursday Lunch—School Football Team

**School Cross Country Action**

**THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING.....**

**School Canteen Roster Term 2, 2014**

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**Coming Events**

- 18-21 May SCLC Music Camp
- 22 May Garden Meeting 6.30pm
- 26 May Merit Assembly
- 28 May Field Events Athletics Carnival
- 29 & 30 May Movie Making Workshop
- 30 May Regional Cross Country
- 31 May Working Bee 12pm—4pm
- 9 June Queen’s Birthday (Public Holiday)
- 11 June Football Knockout V Central Tilba
- 13 June Small Schools Athletics Carnival
- 17-19 June South Coast Girls Hockey play in state carnival at Narellan
- 23 June Merit Assembly
- 25 June Reports Home
- 27 June Last Day Of Term 2