Dear Parents,

Working Bee
What an amazing working bee on Saturday! Thank you to who gave up their Saturday afternoon to create something very special for the children of our community. The garden has taken a very clear shape and will continue to grow under the guidance of Dan Bakker, interested parents, grandparents, teachers and the Bemboka Garden Club. Garden classes will commence this week for the next few weeks. We are yet to find a long term person to commit to this program but hopefully that will happen soon.

Primary Principals Association Meeting
I have been in Sydney for two days last week with the Teaching Principal reference group. The main topic was looking at the introduction of the Associate Principal role as part of the reclassification of Principals which commences in 2016. This role is still being defined so more information will be shared later.

Sport
There is still a great deal of sport happening with hockey and soccer games being played next week. Our trip to Wolumla is being generously subsidised by our P&C but your contribution of $5 per child is also essential to covering this cost. Please send your notes and money to the office as soon as possible.

School Reports
Reports are currently being written by teachers so your children are being assessed closely in all areas at present.

School Financial Management
Ellen Bevitt and I were at a meeting yesterday to learn about the ongoing changes to financial management of the school and the systems being put in place. We are in a state of great change at the moment as new ways of operating are being implemented across the system.

Have a great long weekend and play.
Yours in education
Jan

PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY
There will be no Merit Assembly this fortnight due to the long week-end.

Award Winners Week 5, Term 2.

Back: Swaradharma, Reece, Sam, Jemma, Chloe & Mora.
Front: Deakin, Denton, Emma & Anna
Congratulations to our great students!
Class Round up……

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our small schools athletics carnival is on next Friday 13th June at Wolumla. All students need to be at school by 8.25am to catch the coach to Wolumla. Permission notes and money ($5 per student) to be returned by TODAY. If they are not returned, please send them in tomorrow.

FOOTBALL KNOCKOUT v CENTRAL TILBA
Our school football team head off to Dalmeny next Wednesday 11th June 2014 to play against Central Tilba. Kick off is at 11.30. Students need to be at Dalmeny by 11am. Students need to wear sports uniform, soccer boots and shin pads (players will be given a school shirt and socks to play in on the day) Students to bring recess & lunch and plenty of water. Parents are to transport their own children to and from the venue. If there is an issue with this, please contact the school as soon as possible.

GIRLS STATE HOCKEY CARNIVAL
Good luck to Carla and Jasmyn who will be competing at the State Girls Hockey Carnival at Narellan on the 17th to 19th June 2014. They will be playing for the South Coast Team at the carnival. Have a great time girls……

SCHOOL GIRLS KNOCKOUT HOCKEY TEAM
The school girls hockey team will be playing Bega Valley Public School next Thursday 12th June at Bega Valley Fields. They will play at 12pm. Parents will need to pick up their children from school at 11am and transport them to the field. A permission note will be sent home soon with more details.

TRAINING SESSIONS....
Wednesday Lunch—Girls Hockey
Thursday Lunch—School Football Team
COMMUNITY NOTICES....

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

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

Bandara Vacation Care Program
Let's have fun, arts and crafts, excursions and more.
Venue: Bega Valley Public School
Commencing: Monday 30th June – Friday 11th July 2014. 8:00 am – 5:30 pm (Closes at 5.00 on Friday 11th July 2014)

Please phone Bandara 6492 4360 for information about bookings and programs

Bemboka Permaculture Group
We meet on Wednesday 25th June at 7.00pm. Our guest speaker will be Patrick Reubinson from Stroudover Cottage here in Bemboka. Please contact David for details: Ph.0400 845 841

WANTED
We need donations of old newspapers for our school vegetable garden. Please supply as many as you can. All donations gratefully accepted.
**Tips for parents........**

**Too sick for school?**
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytm2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytm2E)

**Mental maths strategies**
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

**Does speaking another language at home confuse children?**
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at [www.bit.ly/1m0agnk](http://www.bit.ly/1m0agnk)

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

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Premjyoti, Maddie, Erin & Eboni at Tanja School at the Movie Making Workshop Camp they attended last week.