Dear All
Our P and C meeting had a strong turnout on Tuesday night. We are preparing for our Walkathon which will be held near the end of term and also looking for other fundraising opportunities such as grants. Please ask at the office if you would like a copy of the minutes.

Bus Travel
Thank you everyone for informing the office when there is a change of routine. We have a system where we also let the bus drivers know of any changes.

Parent Contact
It is also important that we can contact parents and/or carers in case of emergencies or sickness. Please let the office know if your phone number or address has changed.

Staff Meetings
Our staff meeting this week focussed on our school plan. The purpose of this document is to outline for all school community members our directions for 2014. Much of our work this year will be the new National curriculum in English and Maths.

Interviews
We have had a terrific response to our three-way interviews. If you would still like an interview please contact the office.

Sport
Good luck to our Zone swimmers; Xantia, Kataya and Lachlan!
Our Award winners from last week.

Have a great week everyone
Roz Bannon Principal

Staff - Roz Bannon –Principal. Jenny Hobbis-Bussell - Teacher, Leonie Buteux - Teacher, Kathy Summers - Teacher, Julie Moore - Teacher, Danielle McGrath - Teacher, Penny Crowley - Admin Manager, Lynda Holland and Beth Bragg. - Admin Officers. Alan Holbrook - General Asst. Barbara Fenwick, Cheryl Pym, Jan Whyte, Annette Heyhorn, Letitia Carroll, Kendall Schuback, - SLSO’s, Rick Raymond - Cleaner
5/6 Class News

Great progress in the classroom this week as everyone is settling into our daily timetable. The completion of work in literacy contracts has meant a lot of dojo points and a lot of independent learning. Next week I hope to have some extension activities organised for diligent workers (my own homework for the weekend).

Writing this week has focused on writing persuasively. Should we learn about history at school? There have been good arguments for both ‘for’ and ‘against’. Now to construct a structured piece of writing to best convince others.

It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to sit down with parents and students to set goals and make plans to get the most out of our classroom time.

Student acknowledgement last week went to: Kataya - Successful Learner, for producing thorough quality work in science. Maddison - Confident and creative Student, for her creative and beautiful similes. Maddie - Active and Informed Citizen, for happily participating in all class and school activities. Congratulations those students and all. Everyone is making effort each week.

Classroom teachers,
Danielle McGrath & Roz Bannon

2/3/4 Class News

Well done to everyone who has worked so well this week at all our learning experiences in the classroom – the Year 2 students have certainly picked up the new classroom routines very quickly and are producing great work in all learning areas. It was pleasing that so many families made time to attend the goal setting interviews this week, it is an important skill for students to learn – not only to set realistic goals but also to think about the steps necessary to achieve those goals.

We have been doing some very challenging work in mental computation in mathematics, trying to improve the range of strategies we use to solve addition and subtraction problems quickly in our head.

In writing we have continued to work on using a range of adjectives to make our narrative and descriptive writing more interesting for the reader.

This week we have continued to revise our fundamental movement skills from last year before starting new skills next week - combined with our swimming program we are certainly improving our physical skills. The healthy lunchboxes have continued to improve this week – on just one day our class consumed 48 serves of fruit and vegetables at school and many students are choosing healthy sandwich options as well. This healthy food not only helps to improve learning and physical health but also helps to set up a lifetime of healthy eating habits. Keep up the great effort everyone – next we might tackle the amount of sleep we are all getting – there seems to be lots of yawns in the morning session and lots of students complaining of being very tired when they arrive at school ……

Congratulations to Amber, Lain and Elizabeth who achieved awards for following school and class rules, being involved in our school community and completing all class tasks last week.

Keep up the great work everyone!
Leonie Buteux & Julie Moore

Office

Student contributions are due. $35 for 1 child. $60 for 2 children and $70 for 3 or more children.
Hello from our busy classroom, where we are getting an amazing amount of work and play done! It was good to catch up with many parents at our interviews. It is always very beneficial for parents, students and teachers to set realistic goals for the semester and to further the partnership between school and home.

On Wednesday our gardening/cooking group worked with Letitia to make us yummy zucchini muffins. Chloe, Bella, Aiden and Barney are fantastic cooks! How delicious the muffins were! Today we went to Cobargo School to see a special performance as part of the Yuin Folk Festival. More about this in next week’s newsletter. What a lot of special things we do at our school!

As part of our COG’s unit, we will be looking at things that are special to us, including our favourite toys or possessions. It would be great if all children could bring something that is special to them to school next week, on either Tuesday or Wednesday. (We will take photos of these when arrive, so they can be taken home again on the same day). Thanks for your help with this.

Lots of children are bringing their home readers back each day to change and this week Aiden, Faith, Heather and Sophie received awards for 30, Lacey, Simeon, Natalie and Jordan for 20 and James and Barney for 10 terrific home readers! What a great lot of readers we are all becoming!

Our three children to receive special awards for week 3 were to:

- Aiden – Successful Learner (for producing quality work),
- Bella – Confident and Creative Student (for always being positive),
- Kya – Active and Informed Citizen (for always accepting others).

It is very hard to choose only three children each week, because of all the fabulous, well-behaved workers we have in our room.

Have a great week everyone. Remember, any questions or problems, please see me.

From Mrs Hobbis, kinder and year 1

Fish Award Winners:

Wow! Since last week’s newsletter, we have had three more children collect and bring in seven fish awards they have collected since the start of the year. Congratulations to Aiden and Nate from kinder, Sophie and Kya from year 1 and Stella from year 2. Each of these great students has received their awards for their practice of the Fish Philosophy and therefore receives a prize at our next whole school assembly for their fabulous efforts! Well done to each of you!
Wanted for the Kinder/Year 1 Classroom:

Any ice cream containers or take away food containers with lids.
Any small cardboard boxes suitable for construction work.
Clean meat trays.
Colourful left over balls of wool.
Thanks, in anticipation!

Canteen

Anyone interested in afternoon shift helping in the canteen and assisting students and clean up on Mondays from 1.15 - 3pm. Please let the office or Kath Unsworth know.

Community Events

Swimming Club

Cobargo amateur swimming club is holding its annual Business house relay on the 2nd March at 3 pm. Teams of 4 all ages). $20 per team.

This year we are pleased to announce our "SPLASH FOR CASH" $200 in prize money. You have to be a team member to enter
Contact Shelley Boyle for more info
0407185341

Free

2 lambs 4-6 weeks old, on the bottle please call 0409733474 Cobargo