Principal’s Message

Dear All

Thank you to the P and C for organising yet another fundraiser last weekend. Al’s auction went very well with a full report on profit made coming soon. Well done everyone.

ANZAC Day

Our school will be attending the town ANZAC service at Quaama at 9.00 am on the 25th of April. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in. The children usually get a bag of lollies or an ice block from the shop from the RSL after the service. I will not be attending the Cobargo service this year due to family commitments. If people would like to still attend the Cobargo service as well you would be most welcome, but it will not be a school organised event.

Young Leaders Forum

Congratulations to Taran and Lachlan who represented our school at the Young Leaders Forum in Sydney on Monday. Also thank you Ms McGrath for providing transport.

Walkathon

We are all ready for our walkathon on Friday. Don’t forget to finalise sponsors.

School Discipline Policy

I have included several documents over the term regarding school discipline. This week I have attached our flow chart which documents consequences for behaviour incidences that occur in the playground or in the classroom. Our aim is duty of care to every student and we endeavour to teach our children resilience and problem solving skills. Part of this process is to give children the opportunity to fix problems or to rectify behaviour before we have to contact parents. By children talking through solutions, being assertive but fair and going to teachers when they need to, teaches them self reliance and resilience. Our policy is not to ring parents after every incident for these reasons. (We ring parents after a child has had three detentions in the detention book). We also teach students in class during PD H PE all about bullying, managing anger, how to make friends and goal setting among other skills.

If you would like to discuss our discipline policy or our PD H PE programs please make an appointment with your child’s class teacher.

Electronic Devices

Our staff have held several meetings to discuss the use of privately owned electronic devices. The advantage of students using school computers is they are safe and all unsafe sites are blocked. Children should not be bringing tablets to school and sharing unfiltered programs or violent games with friends on the school site. They should also not be taking photos or videos of anyone with their mobile phones. We understand some children need their phones to contact their parents. We also understand some children need to occasionally have time out to use a device. We expect all children to use their devices responsibly thank you.

Gonski

On Monday I attended a Federation Principal’s Conference where we were addressed by Ken Boston and Randy Weingarten. They made it quite clear that communities like ours need the reforms addressed by the Gonski review. Low socio economic and rurally isolated schools need extra funding to address these disadvantages. We need to keep advocating for Gonski.

Roz Bannon
Principal
5/6 Class News

Another fantastic week in our class. Last week we welcomed Cody who is fitting right in and making great friends quickly, we are very excited to have her join our class. We enjoyed our final swimming lesson, making way for cross country training in preparation for next term's cross country carnival.

Lachlan, Taran and myself had the opportunity to go to Sydney for the Halogen Young Leaders Day. We listened to five speakers, including author Andy Griffiths, politician The Hon. Bob Carr and 2013 Australian of the Year Ita Buttrose. It was very exciting to listen to such influential people about what it means to be a leader and we all got a lot out of it.

Everybody entered a narrative or a poem into the write4fun competition, they were submitted this week. Entries close this Sunday, so we will eagerly wait to hear who are the winners and finalists. We look forward to reading more great stories.

We started a new novel in class, Gregor of the Overland, written by Suzanne Collins who wrote the Hunger Games trilogy.

It is a wonderfully written book with great vocabulary which we will continue to focus on.

Last weeks awards were given to:

- Maddie - confidence & creativity for her growing confidence in writing, being less dependent on the teacher and trusting more in her own creative writing skills.
- Willow - successful learner for the completion of all tasks and producing high quality work.
- T.J - active and informed citizen for caring for others with acts of kindness to make somebody's day.

We keep striving to do the best we can in our class, congratulations to everyone for all your efforts.

Danielle McGrath and Roz Bannon

2/3/4 Class News

What a great – but very hot day– Stage 2 students had in Bega on Wednesday. Our small but highly skilled team played four competitive games, kicking, marking and defending with the best of them. Thanks very much to Kath and Kareena who helped with transport to Bega. As always, our students were a pleasure to take out for the day and the AFL organisers commented on their great sportsmanship and cooperation.

A reminder that Year 2 students will be attending the AFL Skills Day next term – keep a lookout for permission notes early in the term.

All students have also done a fantastic job making their videos and preparing posters and animations to show their understanding of bullying and how to combat it. We look forward to sharing these with the school community next week.

This will be our last class news for the term so I wish all families a safe and relaxing holiday break and look forward to returning to school refreshed and ready to tackle the learning challenges for Term Two.

Keep up the great work everyone!

Leonie Buteux & Julie Moore

Fish Award Winners:

Congratulations to Isis from year 6, Maddie, Stephany, Willow and Reily from year 5, Amber from year 2, Remmy from year 1 and Barney from kinder, who have each collected seven fish awards for their practice of the Fish Philosophy and will receive a prize for their fabulous efforts at our next whole school assembly. Well done to all of our fabulous award winners!
Kinder/Year 1 Class News

Hello from the kindergarten and year 1 and 2 classroom, where every day we try our hardest to do our best and learn or try something new.

Well done to this week’s great home readers: Jordan for 170, Faith for 110, Natalie for 80, Lacey, Simeon and Aiden for 70, Bella and Heather for 60, James and Montannah for 50, Max for 40 and Barney and Remmy for 20 fabulous home readers. Great work, everyone!

Our three children to receive special awards for week 8 were:

Charlie – Successful Learner (for completing tasks and persevering, particularly with Mathletics);
Faith – Confident and Creative Student (for being responsible and showing respect), and
Sophie – Active and Informed Citizen (for accepting others and participating happily in all school activities).

Our three children to receive special awards for week 9 were:

Chloe – Successful Learner (for actively listening);
Heather – Confident and Creative Student (for showing respect and empathy), and
Jordan – Active and Informed Citizen (for being a responsible user of technology).

Some of our class members have been busy creating wonderful patterns with the pattern blocks. Look how great they look!

Despite all beginning to get very tired, we have another great week to look forward to next week, including technology with Natalie, music with Deb, library with Mrs Summers, a Better Buddies session to celebrate National Anti-Bullying Day and a whole school assembly on Friday, our last day for term 1.

Have a great week everyone and a safe and happy holiday. Stay safe on the roads and enjoy some special times with your wonderful children!

From Mrs Hobbis, kinder and year 1.
**Canteen**

Thank you to Emma Douglass for helping Julie and Kath in the canteen for pizza day. We are excited to welcome Emma to the canteen team—also thankyou Jody and Mel Britten for helping out. We are still looking for volunteers to do either morning or afternoon shifts. This makes it easier for all of us. Next term baking roster starts if you cannot help in the canteen maybe you would like to go on our baking roster. We announce our baker in the newsletter for the next 2 weeks. It all helps as the girls in the canteen are baking every week.

**P&C BBQ Fundraiser**

Thanks to Rebecca, Maddy, Remmy, Xantia, Kataya, Deb’s mum, Michelle Sutherland, Frenzy and all those who baked cakes: Andrea Holbrook, Helen Shaeffer and Jody.

**Walk-a-thon Update**

Parents will be notified by 9:30 am if the walk-a-thon is postponed due to wet weather. The P&C will still hold a lunchtime sausage BBQ at school.

**Community news**

**Wishing all Quaama families a HAPPY EASTER and a safe holidays**

**Bandara Vacation Care Program**

Let’s have fun, arts and crafts, excursions and more.

Bega Valley Public School

Commencing: Monday 14th – Thursday 24th April 2014.

8:00 am – 5:30 pm (CLOSES at 5.00 on Thursday 24th April 2014)

Please phone Bandara 6492 4360 for information about bookings and programs

**Music Stars**

Registrations Close Soon!

Please register online via www.musicstars.com.au

Fortnightly and monthly payment options are available. If minimum numbers are not met the program will not be able to run.

More Information

If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below.

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**Kids Wii Just Dance Party**

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Cobargo Hotel Motel

Saturday 12th April 2014 3pm

Bring the kids along for an afternoon of fun and lollies! You may like to stay for a delicious Thai/Chinese/Aussie meal and cocktail after. Kids Meal Deal available for $7 (under 12’s) eg. Dinosaur Nuggets, Fries, Lolly, Drink and a