Term 4 already – how did that happen? It’s certainly going to be another busy one with LOTS of exciting and unique experiences for our students.

In my Term 3 Week 8 Principal’s Message I mentioned that 2015 will see the implementation of a new 3 Year Plan for every school in NSW. The new format it will be taking is designed to develop a partnership approach which supports community consultation for strategic decision making, ensuring the educational priorities of the school reflect the goals and learning needs of students, staff and parents.

Thank you to the parents who returned the School Vision Statement Consultation feedback form. It’s not too late to contribute your views so please take the time if you haven’t already. Below is a table showing the feedback so far.

The responses given in the Community Engagement Survey were very positive. When asked, “What are the (three) most successful things that the school and community do together to improve students’ learning outcomes?” you identified such things as: subsidised funding of school programs and excursions; integration of community into school activities e.g. craft, cooking, reading; support and interest of community e.g. Christmas show, working bees; Banquets/International Food Day; P&C; Radio; good communication; parent participation. There was also a suggestion for a school motto and shield which I will pursue further in the coming weeks. If you want to make further contributions or you haven’t yet but would like to, just put your ideas on paper and send them along over the next week.

It’s definitely survey season because now I’m seeking feedback from KindyStart parents. Attached to this newsletter is short survey and comment form. It’s important for us to know what has or hasn’t worked from your point of view so that we can build on strengths and review anything that hasn’t worked. Thank you to KindyStart parents for taking the time to complete and return the survey at your earliest convenience.

Finally, due to my increased commitments and deadlines for both Towamba and Nimmitabel PS, Louise Hopson will be teaching the 3-6 class this term. I will still be closely involved in class decisions and will continue to set Spelling and Home-work as well as will write student reports at the end of the term. Thank you Louise for taking on a full-time teaching role this term.

Kathryn Davis
Principal
**Bugwatch this Friday**

Students in Years 3-6 will be involved in the second Bugwatch of the year, surveying the Towamba River with Bob Harris from Bournda EEC. Students may wish to bring gum boots, old spare shoes or a towel to dry their feet afterwards.

**Jindabyne Stage 3 Excursion 5-7 November**

Attached is the long awaited paperwork for the upcoming camp with the Stage 3 students from Towamba, Wyndham, Wolumla, Candelo, Bemboka and Tanja. We need the medical consent form returned ASAP.

Don’t forget that the balance of your $180 camp fee is due by October 27.

**Cake Raffles**

Our raffles continue this term, with some changes on Oyster excursion days, then it is time for the staff cakes!

**Funds raised so far**

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**Final week of last term’s winners:**

Thursday cake: no raffle/Oyster excursion

Friday cake: Rhiannon

No cake raffles on Oyster Excursion days

**New roster dates:**

Thurs 6 Nov: James  
Thurs 13 Nov: Ty  
and then staff will be bringing in cakes for the raffle too!

**Sydney Excursion Friday 5 December**

Thanks to the families returning their paperwork for Sydney so promptly, and sending in your Medicare card to be copied and sent home. Return of all paperwork by the end of the month would be greatly appreciated.

Please note a minimum of 50% payment to be paid by then, with the total due by 1 December.

Please contact the school if you wish to discuss your payments.

We suggest that the red school swimming bag be used as a backpack for the excursion too. New swimmers this year will be getting their bags soon.

**Grow Your Own Oysters program Term 4**

What a great day was had learning more about oysters in the beautiful Pambula Lake.

Our next Oyster visit is Tuesday 28 October, followed by the second excursion to Pambula lake on Thursday 30th. Please ensure that students wear suitable shoes for the excursion for getting in and out of boats. Please bring packed lunch, recess and drink bottle. More photos on the school website.
Garden Spring Blitz  Thursday 23 October
Don’t forget to join us for our Garden Spring Blitz on Thursday next week.
Unfortunately Dan Bakker is now unavailable to attend but the Garden Spring Blitz will still go ahead!
Parents and other community members are encouraged to join us from 11am for a morning tea, enjoy a lovely session working in the garden and around the school in other garden areas, and then finish with a lunch supplied by the school.
Volunteers to help on a continuing basis would also be greatly appreciated. Come along and see what it’s all about on Thursday.

Primary Literacy – Fantasy texts
We look forward to receiving more consent forms back from families so that teachers can plan the start of this unit. Students in this unit will be studying a film – *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (for Years 5/6) and *How to Train your Dragon* (for Years 3/4). Both films are rated PG.
Teacher Ms Louise Hopson has viewed both movies and will be discussing the movies at length with the students as part of the fantasy study. As both movies are rated PG we seek your consent for your child to view these movies as part of their literacy studies. Please return the slip on page 4 ASAP.

School swimming lessons
Later this term (24-28 November) students in Years 2-6 will be participating in the School Swimming Scheme at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre at Pambula Beach. These days involve travelling to the pool each day by bus, leaving at approximately 11.00am for two swimming lessons running from 12.15 to 1.30. A subsidised payment which includes pool entry and bus travel is payable, and the permission note with more information is attached to this newsletter. Please return before mid November.

The red swimming bags provided by the school are to be used to bring your swimming gear to school. For the Year 2 students and any other students joining the swimming scheme for the first time– swimming bags are supplied on receipt of the swimming fee.

SCLC Visual Arts Challenge
Local primary and high school students artwork.
Opening Night and Presentation of Awards 6.00pm Friday.
Venue Centrepoint Arcade Merimbula (old Crazy Clarks premises).
Exhibition can be viewed over the weekend Saturday/Sunday October 25/26 from 10am to 4pm.

Supported by the Sapphire Coast Learning Community,Bendigo Bank, Bournda EEC, Merimbula Newsagency and Booktique Merimbula with around $700 in prizes to be awarded.

P&C News

Term 4 P&C Meeting
Tuesday 21 October– 9.30am—location yet to be determined (as Playgroup in the MPR)
Attached please find the minutes from last term’s meeting.
Please advise any additional items for the agenda to Rachel on 6496 7046/0424 223 956 or ziggy@skymesh.com.au

Friday 10 October– Karen
Friday 17 October– Sherrie
Friday 24 October– Paul
Friday 31 October– Di
Friday 7 November– Karen
Friday 14 November– Steph
Friday 21 November– Sherrie
Friday 28 November-Paul
Friday 5 December– Karen
Friday 12 December-Lisa

Lunch Orders Term 4
Thank you to all the volunteers– it is wonderful having a full roster!
Community News

Zumba Exercise
Mondays & Thursdays, 5-6.30pm in the MPR
For more information call Amber on 6496 7196 or Lisa on 6496 7292.

Playgroup
every Tuesday
9.30am in the MPR

Accreditation courses available
Baiting of Feral Animals
South East Local Land Services (LLS) is offering a course in Bega next Tuesday, 21 October from 10 am to 1pm to accredit landholders to undertake baiting of feral animals on their properties. Phil McGrath, Senior Biosecurity Officer with LLS will present the course. The three hour training course covers topics such as baiting techniques, toxicity, storage, transport, legislation and managing risk. Those completing the course will be issued a certification card and accreditation for the use of 1080 for the control of wild dogs, wild pigs and foxes and Pindone for rabbits, which is valid for 5 years. This does not replace the AQF chemical application course, run by TAFE, SmartTrain or ChemCert, which remains a requirement for the use of any other pesticide.
The course costs $33. To register your interest in attending, please contact Rebecca Kelf at rebecca.kelf@lls.nsw.gov.au or call 6491 8200.

Controlling Woody Weeds
A practical workshop on controlling woody weeds along waterways will be held in Quaama next Wednesday 22 October from 9am-12pm.
Leon Miners from Local Land Services in Cooma will deliver the workshop. Leon is a well regarded expert in the field of weed control, with years of experience in working safely along waterways. He will demonstrate best practice techniques for controlling willow, blackberry and other woody weeds.
The workshop will cover a range of techniques including cut and paint, stem injection and foliar spraying. It will also address safe use of tools, life cycle of weed species and ideal times for control.
The workshop is free and morning tea will be provided.
There are only 12 places available so for bookings and details, please contact Ali Rodway ASAP on 6491 8224/mob: 0417 246 896/alison.rodway@lls.nsw.gov.au

NEW HIP HOP CLASSES for BOYS & GIRLS at fLiNG Physical Theatre
Saturday @ Bega Indoor Stadium from Nov 1 - Nov 22
10-11am (8-12yrs)
11-12pm (13yrs+)
Wednesday @ Tathra Public School Hall Oct 29 - Nov 19
4.30-5.30pm (10-13yrs)
5.30-6.30pm (14yrs+)
To reserve your place email fLiNG on admin@flingphysicaltheatre.com.au or call 64920222

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive starting soon
Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe. Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.
The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.
Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.
Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.
Prices for nine lessons are $67 for school-aged children and $48 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).
For more information or to make a booking, visit www.der.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.

Eden Whale Festival
November 1-2
www.edenwhalefestival.com.au
Fantasy Unit in Primary Literacy

I understand that my child will be watching in class either
1. Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets (Years 5/6)
2. How to Train your Dragon (Years 3/4)

☐ I give my consent to watch the movie rated PG
☐ I would prefer my child did not watch the movie

Student name/s: ___________________ Parent signature __________________ Date __________

ABSENCE & Partial Absence NOTE

My child ____________________________________________

was absent from school on the date/s __________________________________________

OR will be arriving late/departing early at (time) ______________________________________

due to ____________________________________________

Signed ____________________________________ Parent/Carer. Date: ________________
Meeting opened: 9.35 am

Attendance: Lisa & Frank Bossink, Jo Richardson, Steph Skelton, John How, Kathryn Davis

Apologies: Rachel Seymour, Jolene McDonald, Paul Zalakos

Minutes from previous meeting accepted (m-Steph, s-Frank)

Business arising from previous meeting

- Follow up on expressions of interest for fundraising pavers – to be dealt with at next meeting
- Follow up on Fire and Wood carnival – going ahead.
- Deck oiling. 150 year sign oiling – follow up at next meeting

Correspondence

- out: None
- in: Various insurance letters,

Fundraising:

- in:

Business arising from correspondence:

- Renew P&C insurance and membership through P&C federation. Due date 1st August 2014.

Reports:

Principal’s report –

School under review. Projected numbers mean P5 abolished, and has become P6. New classification not until 2016. Position will be a transfer in. If not successful, then will go to interview. Paul Morris coming to next P&C meeting to explain further.

Excursion idea to Sydney by plane, years 3-6. Ferry to Taronga Zoo. Lesson there. Lunch at Darling Harbour/Opera House. Fly home that day. 20 students. $9,000.00 P&C requested for contribution. School can contribute $2,200. Students to be asked for $150 contribution. P&C will contribute the large amount of $3,800 due to short notice, but future trips may require families to contribute more and will be able to pay off the expense over time. Possible week 9, term 4. Potential fundraising list developed of local businesses, Kathy to follow up.

Treasurer report

Bank balance is $8,688.76

Fundraising report

- Term 4 School Play/Presentation Night

Kitchen-Garden Report –

General Business

- Elect new secretary

All positions declared vacant. Rachel Seymour nominated and carried, m: Lisa s: Jo

Year 6 farewell dvd. Steph has spoken to Rachel who is happy to prepare again.

It was agreed the canteen prices are too low. An increase in prices will help cover costs of excursions such as the Sydney trip. New prices will still be a lot cheaper than going market rate. John to come up with new price list, circulate to committee and then will go in newsletter once approved.

Meeting times for 2014: Tuesday 9.30 3rd week of Term (plus extra meeting prior to Christmas concert)

Next Meeting: 21st Oct 2014

Meeting Closed: 10.50 am

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Term 4 P&C Meeting

Tuesday 21 October 9.30 am