Coming Events

Sunday 23 March  P&C working bee
Monday 24 March  International Food & Harmony Day
Wed 2 April  Marine Debris Workshop– Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Outreach Program
Wed 9 April  School Photographs
Thurs 10 April  Easter Hat Parade and end of term assembly (note: change of day)
Fri 11 April  Bioblitz at Panboola (Year 5 and 6)
Monday 28 April  Staff return Term 2
Tues 29 April  Students return
Fri 2 May  Bugwatch
13-15 May  NAPLAN Year 3 and 5

SCHOOL NEWS

More updates!
Apologies to our school families but there is another important update attached that requires your review and amendment/addition.

Information about parent occupation and education levels is used to determine our funding through the Equity Program. In reviewing our information there were a few gaps but we also decided that a full school review/update would be the best to catch all changes.

For each parent there is just three boxes that require checking:
1. Occupation group (more information enclosed in envelope)
2. School education
3. Other non school education

UNSW Assessments
The option to participate in the ICAS International Competitions and Assessments for Schools tests, run through the University of NSW, was included with the newsletter last week. This participation is entirely optional. Please ensure that all applications to participate are in by the end of the month.

Principal Diary

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Notes yet to come in for

Attached:
- FOEI Parent update
- Year 7 Expression of Interest
- Homework Survey
### International Food & Harmony Day  Monday 24 March
We are after expressions of interest from parents or community members who would like to come in and work with a small group of kids making an international dish to be shared by all for lunch.

Some of the menu inclusions so far include Home made Ravioli with Tomato Sauce, Moroccan Sweet Potato & Rice, Rice Paper Rolls, Tandoori chicken..and I am sure there are many more ideas out there. Parents are welcome to join us too for this banquet. Cooking group co-ordinators would need to purchase ingredients and submit receipts for reimbursement. If you would like to be involved in this fun day please use the EOI form on the back page. Additional helpers also welcome.

Student designed tickets for the banquet will be sold for $5 each—and everybody who wants to eat will need a ticket. Tickets will be available from March 10 from the front office.

### Parents of Year 6 students
Attached to the newsletter is some information on the move to high school and an initial Expression of Interest form—where you state which school you plan to send your child to next year.

Please return your EOI by Friday 14 March.

Eden Marine High School will have Information evenings at the high school, as well as Merimbula and Pambula Primary schools—dates yet to be confirmed.

### SCLC Music Camp
The fourth SCLC Music Camp is to be held from Sunday 18 May to Wednesday 21 May at Kianinny Resort, Tathra. Interested families can collect information packs from the school office. The overall camp cost is $250—with the school happy to subsidise students who would like to attend by $50. There is also a subsidised fee of $180 for siblings. It is best suited for older students in Years 5/6.

There are only 80 spots for students so Expressions of Interest should be returned as soon as possible, and definitely before the March 27 deadline.

### School Radio
Students in Year 5 and 6 will again be participating and running our School Radio program this year. The School Program will be on the first Tuesday of the month during term time, and will start on Tuesday 1 April. We are very appreciative of radio presenters offering their time to share their skills and supervise the students for the radio program, as well as providing transport to and from the school to the radio room up at the hall. We are so lucky to have this opportunity!

### Absences
We are trying to keep on top of all unexplained absences. If you find a report attached please return with information about why your child was absent for the dates listed so that we can amend our records.

### SCMDC Marine Debris Workshop Wednesday 2 April
Marine Debris – What’s the harm? A hands-on, scientific look at what marine debris is and the impacts that debris can have on our marine environment. Students will participate in discussion and activities surrounding this important environmental issue. All students K-6 will be involved in this workshop run at our school by the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre.

### Homework Survey
Attached please find a page all about the homework discussion. Included is a school survey so that teachers can plan and co-ordinate homework for the rest of the term and year. Please return your survey as soon as possible.

### School Photographs
More information and order envelopes soon for our photo day on Wednesday 9 April. Hopefully everyone will be here as the photos taken are used for many purposes. We are using Academy Photography again this year.
**Bioblitz at Panboola**

Students in Year 5 and 6 will be participating in this exciting educational event on Friday 11th April, along with many other students, scientists, naturalists and interested members of the public. Our school participated in the inaugural Bioblitz at Bermagui in 2012. The Bioblitz is a collaborative challenge to discover as many species of wildlife in the chosen locality as possible.

Students will engage in three sessions of field survey work in different habitats and one session of identification and learning how to log their sightings into the Atlas.

Ms Louise Hopson will be accompanying the students to this day at Pambula, and we would greatly appreciate parents providing transport to assist our 10 Stage 3 students to attend this day.

More information and permission notes will come out with the next newsletter.

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**End of Term Assembly and Easter Hat Parade**

New date: Thursday 10 April

More details closer to the time but this special day has been shifted to ensure that the older students attending the Bioblitz the next day don’t miss out on a Towamba tradition!

Mark your calendar and plan to come down and join us as we celebrate Term 1’s activities at the End of Term assembly, showcase some creative Easter Hats and other Easter activities. The P&C will be running a BBQ lunch, so that is always a special treat too.

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**P&C News**

**Student Injury Insurance**

The P&C has once again paid for student injury insurance for 2014. This covers students at school, on school excursions, and while at home or at a family event. 24hrs 7 days a week. The policy covers broken bones, dental work, non-Medicare medical expenses, ambulance trips, and more. Further information can be found at [http://www.pandc.org.au/insurance.seo](http://www.pandc.org.au/insurance.seo)

Keep this in mind if your child does have an accident or injury, the P&C can help with a claim form if needed.

**More working bee dates**

The working bee on the 23rd of February went well, with 6 or so showing up to help sand and oil the kids eating tables and waterblast the old coating from the MPR deck. Thanks to those that helped out. Another day will be set soon to oil the deck. If you would like to be involved when it happens, let the school or Steph know and we will make sure you get notified of the time and date.

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**Friday lunch orders**

- Friday 7 March: Sherrie B
- Friday 14 March: Karen
- Friday 21 March: Maryanne
- Friday 28 March: Steph
- Friday 4 April: Di
- Friday 11 April: Karen

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**Community News**

**Friday Tennis**

A reminder that the school provides Mark Edwards with a list of student names who have returned notes with parental permission to walk up unsupervised to tennis, and student commitment to tennis.

*No 2014 note—no tennis. Please see the office if you would like a new permission note. It will no longer be included in the newsletter.*
NEW TINY TOTS & KINDER CLASSES WITH fLiNG PHYSICAL THEATRE

- Tiny Tots Gym with Alison Czolij - Mon / Tue 10-10.45am Bega Indoor Stadium
- Kinder Gym with Alison Czolij- Mon 3.30-4pm Bega Indoor Stadium
- Creative Dance with Gabby Rose - Tue 3.30-4pm Bega Indoor Stadium / Thur 3.30-4pm Tathra Hall
- Tiny Tots Ballet - Wed 3-3.30pm / Pre Primary - Wed 3.30-4pm Tathra Hall

OTHER NEW CLASSES

- BOY MOVE - Tue 4-5pm Bega Indoor Stadium
- BALLET in BEGA with Lee Pemberton - Thursdays at Bega Indoor Stadium
- INTERMEDIATE GYM (10yrs +) - Tue 6-7pm Bega Indoor Stadium

For a timetable or to enrol email admin@flingphysicaltheatre.com.au or call 64920222
www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au or LIKE us on Facebook

Go4Fun Bega
A free 10 week healthy lifestyle program for overweight children aged 7-13 years and their families.
Children who participate in the Go4Fun program:
- Make new friends while increasing their confidence and self esteem
- Become more physically active, improving their skill and fitness levels through fun games
- Set goals and work towards maintaining a healthy weight
- Adopt lifelong healthy habits
Local group meets at the Community hall behind the Seventh Day Adventist Church
31 Upper Street, Bega from March 27 every Thursday from 4-6pm.
For more information call 1800 780 900 or www.go4fun.com.au

Free Legal Aid for Women
As part of our new South East NSW Women’s Legal Service a solicitor from our office will be attending Bega to provide free legal advice appointments on Thursday 20th March, 2014.
if you need any further information, please phone me on 4422 9529 or 1800 229 529.

Expression of Interest– International Food & Harmony Day

Parent/community member name:______________________________ Phone:______________________________
My suggested menu item__________________________________________ Equipment needed_________

☐ I will buy required ingredients & submit receipts for reimbursement

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:________________________