NEWSLETTER - Term 1 Week 3

What’s coming up...

**Tuesday 19th February**
Meet the teacher afternoon tea
3:30pm

**Friday 22nd February**
Zone Swimming Carnival

**Friday 1st March**
Whole School Assembly - Captain’s Induction 9.15am

**Saturday 2nd March**
Vegetable Garden working bee 10am—2pm

**Tuesday 5th March**
School Photos

**Thursday 21st March**
Easter Egg Hunt

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**Fantastic Start to the year**

Dear Parents and Community Members,

After changing the classes on Tuesday it is very pleasing that the children have very quickly settled in.

When I have been visiting the classrooms I have been particularly impressed by the level of student engagement with children working busily on their learning tasks.

It has also been evident that our Quality Start Program is taking effect in all classrooms. This program is designed for students to identify quality learning environments and quality work. Children have identified that trying their best, being respectful to their peers and listening to instructions are all crucial to having a great day at school.

Another highlight for the week was the school swimming carnival which was held on Thursday. It was great to hear the cheering and see so many of our children happily participating in swimming races as well as novelties. Thanks to Mr Jones for his excellent organisation for the day.

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**SCHOOL GARDEN—WORKING BEE—CHANGE OF DATE 2nd March 10am-2.00pm**

All invited

The school is completing a joint project with Bournda EEC and the Bega local community to make a Vegie garden. Mr Lane is completing lessons with the classes on Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s. One of the aims of the project is for community involvement and we will be holding a working bee on 2nd March from 10- am-2pm to get the garden beds ready for the planting the following weeks by the children.

This date has changed due to a clash with another community event on the previous week.

So please come along and get those hands dirty in what is a very exciting project for our students. A free sausage sizzle will be available during the day for those helping.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Lane on Tuesday’s or Wednesday’s.

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Meet the teacher Afternoon

The Staff of Bega Valley Public School would like to invite you to an afternoon tea on Tuesday February 19 from 3.30pm - 4.30pm under the Infants Tree.

Vital information about the school year will be given. Topics discussed will help everyone to know what is happening at school.
Severe Nut Allergies Present at our School

Thank you to all families for their support in ensuring that they don’t bring nut products to school. These allergies can be fatal and can be brought on by contact with nut products. With this in mind, we are asking that you think twice before sending your child with products that have peanuts in them, for example, Peanut Butter and Nutella. Although this can be an inconvenience, we are committed to protecting these children from a potentially fatal reaction. If you would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to call Mr Mott on 64921280.

Swimming Carnival

It was a fantastic day on Thursday at our swimming carnival. It was a great day with most children participating in a variety of events. The overall winning house was Landy who took out the win by having the most participation on the day. Congratulations to everyone for their sportsmanship and their general behaviour. It was also great to hear from community members that they could hear our cheering all over the town!

Parent Information Session

On Tuesday 19th February we will be holding our Parent Information Sessions at the following times.
Kindergarten and Year 1/2- 3:30pm in Mrs Franks room
Year 3/4: 4:00pm in Ms Cross’ Room
Year 5/6: 4:30pm in Ms Harris’ Room

The purpose of these meetings will be to provide an opportunity to share with you some of the school, stage and class programs. Importantly it is also designed for you to meet your child’s teacher. An afternoon tea will be provided from 3:30pm-4:30pm under the infants tree.

It would be great to see as many people as possible attending on this day.

Scripture

As part of the Department of Education policy we have volunteer scripture teachers who provide religious instruction for 30 minutes each week.

Each year some parents decide that they do not want their child to be involved. For parents wishing to choose this option a note saying they do not want their children to participate is required. If the school does not have this note then the children are required to go to scripture teachers. Children not attending scripture are supervised and complete unfinished class work.

Communication

Communication is the key to developing positive relationships between the school and home.

We want to know both positive experiences and also about concerns or questions you may have.

If you need to speak to the school regarding any aspect of your child’s education could you please keep the following process in mind;

- It is best to discuss your concerns with your child’s teacher first. Make an appropriate time to meet with them or phone the school and ask for an appointment with the teacher.
- If you are not happy with the result, or if you do not feel it is appropriate to talk to them, phone and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the principal.

Our overwhelming experience is that when this process is followed then positive educational experiences follow. Should you still have concerns regarding any matter after this process has been followed you are able to contact Batemans Bay District office on 131536.

School Photo day

Our school photos are on 5th March 2013. Envelopes will be handed out shortly with the money being required at school only on that day as this year the photo company will be handling this process. Attached to this newsletter are the possible packages and their cost.

Newsletter via Email

As emails become more and more part of daily lives it may be more convenient for you to receive our weekly newsletter via email. At the conclusion of this newsletter there is a slip where you can indicate if you wish to take up this option.
**LIBRARY BORROWING**

Children can borrow books from the library during their library lessons each week which are as follows:
- Monday: KB, KC, 4/5K, 5/6M
- Tuesday: 1/2O, 2/3F, 5/6H, 5/6L
- Wednesday: 1/2E, 1/2M

We encourage children to bring a library bag or plastic bag for borrowing and returning books.

Students can also visit the library Monday to Thursday during the second half of lunch to borrow books.

Jan Midena, Teacher-Librarian

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

If you can help out regularly with shelving books in the library or covering books, please see me in the library before or after school.

Thanks.
Jan Midena, Teacher-Librarian

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Orders for Issue 1 are due back at school on Tuesday February 19.

**P & C NEWS**

**Uniform Orders** At the beginning of each term there will be an advertisement in the newsletter advising the date by which uniform orders need to be made for that term. After that closing date any orders will need to be arranged by parents directly through the supplier Coast Road Clothing at Pambula.

Anyone wishing to **order uniforms this term** needs to lodge their **order** along with payment at the school office by **Friday 22nd February**. Please bring the correct money with order, as we do not have change available at the Office. Thanks.

**P & C Uniform Coordinator**

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the Canteen Roster.

Here is the roster for the remainder of February:

- **Friday 15th February**  
  Melissa Russell  
  Paul Russell

- **Monday 18th February**  
  Sharon Troy  
  Betty Lockerbie

- **Friday 22nd February**  
  Gemma Russell  
  Kristie Sale

- **Monday 25th February**  
  Kate Stevens

Thanks for your support.

**Trish Warby**

**IMPORTANT CANTEEN NOTE:**

The Canteen is only open on **Mondays and Fridays.**
**Bega Netball Registrations**

**Fun, Fitness, Friends - Play netball! All ages, all levels of play catered for. All games at Bega netball courts.**

First day of play - Saturday 2nd March. The popular **Net Set Go** program will be held for members turning 9 and under on Saturday mornings (from 2nd March) at the courts.

**Registration days** will be held at the clubhouse on:
- Wednesday 6th Feb – 4pm – 6pm
- Saturday 9th Feb - 10am – 12.30pm
- Saturday 16th Feb - 10am – 12.30pm

Registration fees:
- 5 – 7 yr olds (as at 31/12/13) **$50.00** 
  *includes Net Set Go goodie bag*
- 8 – 9 yr olds (as at 31/12/13) **$70.00**
  *includes Net Set Go goodie bag*
- 10 yr olds (as at 31/12/13) **$70.00**
- 11-17 yr olds (as at 31/12/13) **$80.00**
- 18 yrs and over (as at 31/12/13) **$95.00**

Phone Cathy on 64923987 or email rjandcj@tpg.com.au for more info.

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**Bega Minor Rugby League**

Bega Minor Rugby League are holding Registration Days at the Clubhouse, Bega Rec Ground on
- Thursday 14 February 4pm-5pm
- Thursday 21 February 4pm-5pm
- Thursday 28 February 4pm-5pm

Cost
- $65 1 child
- $110 2 children
- $130 3 plus families

All new players need to bring a passport size photo of themselves and a copy of their birth certificate

Any enquires you can ring Connie 0448925354

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**Bega Girl Guides**

Bega Girl Guides have started back for another action, fun year. Anyone wishing to find out more about Guides please ring Anne after 5.30pm on 64921302.

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**Bega Tathra Junior Soccer**

Bega Tathra Junior Soccer is a friendly and non competitive organization for 5 - 12 year old girls and boys that are in infants/primary school. The games are held on Saturday mornings, starting at 9am for the U6's.

The games are 2 twelve minute halves. Family members are encouraged to help coach on the field and referee.

The games alternate between Sapphire Coast Anglican College (SCAC), Bega and Tathra Country Club and there are no games during school holidays or on long weekends.

Costs are kept to a minimum, usually $40 per player or $80 per family. Registration will be in March and the season will kick off in term 2 and end in term 3. For more information phone Jenny Weber. 64922485.
Dear Parents/Carers,

**SCRIPTURE 2013**

Scripture is available for groups on Tuesdays. These are conducted as Combined Scripture Groups.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate in Scripture, there must be a written note to your child’s teacher excusing them from Scripture.

Please fill in the below slip and return to school as soon as possible.

Regards

T Mott
Principal

I **DO NOT WISH** my child _____________________________ of class ______ to attend Scripture.

Signed___________________________________ date_________________________

The Principal
Bega Valley Public School
WHAT THE FAMILIES RECEIVE
Packages 2013

**Standard Package A**
One - A4 Class Photo
Two - 13 X 18cm Individual Portraits
Two - 9 X 13cm Individual Portraits
Four - 6 X 9cm Individual Portraits
@ $28.00 per package

**Standard Package B**
One - A4 Class Photo
Three - 15 X 20cm Individual Portraits
@ $28.00 per package

**Group**
One - A4 Class Photograph
@ $18.00 per package

**Portrait A**
Two - 13 X 18cm Individual Portraits
Two - 9 X 13cm Individual Portraits
Four - 6 X 9cm Individual Portraits
@ $18.00 per package

**Portrait B**
Three - 15 X 20cm Individual Portraits
@ $18.00 per package

Coastcolour your local School Photographers
Ph: 64953625

WHAT THE FAMILIES RECEIVE

**FAMILY PACKAGE**
Three 18x13cm (5x7in) Photos @ $10 Per Package
Family Photos are ordered via a separate pre-paid envelope that is supplied by Coastcolour distributed to the eldest in each family.

**CALENDAR**
5 X 7 Calendar
(with complete package)
with your childs photo
or family photo.
$3.00
GREAT FOR PRESENTS
Getting Your Newsletter By Email

Name: _____________________________________________

Email Address: _______________________________________

Please return to the school office.

Absentee Note Bega Valley Public School:

My child/ren ________________________________ of Class/es ___________________
were absent on:
________________________________________________________________________________________

Please tick box where appropriate.

☐ Sick  ☐ Family Leave  ☐ Appointment

Details: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Signed: _________________________________  Date: ______________

Change of address or phone numbers

Student Name/s: ________________________________________________
Residential Address: ____________________________________________
Mailing Address: ______________________________________________
Contact Name: ________________________________________________
Relationship to student: _________________________________________
Phone (Home): ________________________________________________
(Work): _______________________________________________________
(Mobile): _____________________________________________________
Emergency Contact Name: ______________________________________
Emergency Contact Phone Number: ________________________________