**What’s coming up…**

**Friday 28th March**
Swimming for sport years 3-6 LAST DAY!!

**Monday 31st March**
Yarn Up—Sausage Sizzle 3.30-4.30pm

**Tuesday 1st April**
School Photos.
Photo envelopes, return on photo day. Packages range from $33 - $29.00, with Portrait or Group only $20
Family $15-$20

**P&C meeting is Tuesday 7pm**

**Thursday 3rd April**
12M Assembly for K-2 at 9.15am

**Wednesday 9th April**
Hat Parade K-2
1.50pm
P & C Easter Egg Hunt 5.30pm-7.30pm

**Friday 11th April**
Anzac Assembly at School at 9.20am

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**Key Learning Areas**

From time to time, in the newsletters, I would like to share some information about what we do in some of the key learning areas at our school. Today I would like to share some key initiatives in Literacy in operation at Bega Valley Public. (BVPS).

**Literacy** is a school priority at BVPS. Equality of outcomes is our goal, using strategies and specific interventions for literacy learners at risk.

We have MULTILIT (Making Up for Lost Time in Literacy) parent tutors who are taking children, one on one for extra lessons on most mornings. We also have teachers trained in MINILIT which is an early intervention literacy program targeting children’s phonemic awareness, letter/sound relationships and spelling/sound patterns. This is well complimented by another early intervention program, Reading Recovery, which identifies and works with children experiencing early literacy problems.

Next term, we will have an additional staff allocation for an Instructional Leader in Literacy. This leader will work with teachers and children in the K-2 area, with their position funded through the Education Department’s Early Action for Success program.

Literacy at BVPS is taught explicitly and systematically through the use of modelled, guided and independent reading. It is taught every day K–6 with a focus on breaking the code, understanding meaning of texts, using texts functionally and analysing texts critically. Students’ needs are identified through continual assessment and tracking on Literacy continuums.

Literacy is also at the core of the school’s integrated units. Language specifically related to HSIE, Science and Technology, Arts, Health and Mathematics is heard, spoken, read and written in order that students can explain both processes and understandings.

Literacy is a priority at our school and is being taught by a team of highly trained, enthusiastic teachers, support staff and parent volunteers. If you require any further explanation of the Literacy programs operating at Bega Valley Public please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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to contact the school and we will endeavour to arrange a special information session that you can attend.

Mark Farrell  
Acting Principal  
Bega Valley Public

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 1st April, please make sure your child is in full school uniform on this day.

The School Photo envelopes are to be completed and returned with relevant payment ON PHOTO DAY, next Tuesday 1st April. If due to family circumstances you require an additional photo envelope, please contact the school office prior to photo day. Anyone wishing to have a family photo taken will also need to collect a family photo envelope from the School Office and return it on photo day along with relevant payment.

Daylight Sportswear Pty Ltd

We wish to advise that the new winter items for Bega Valley Public ie fleecy jacket and track pants will not be arriving in our shop until next term, due to manufacturing delays. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we will do our best to supply these items to you as soon as they arrive. Please note: Polo shirts and shorts are still in stock.

Bega SCPA local produce markets

Have you been to our local produce markets lately? There's so much fine shopping to be had - local fruit and vegetables, sourdough bread, vegetarian pies, fresh caught seafood, organic meat, sausages, plants, handmade soaps. seedlings, woollen products, olive oil, honey, homemade cakes and biscuits, Australian grown coffee, jewellery, pasture raised eggs, woodwork, massages, haircuts, jams, preserves.... At this week's market we'll be launching a new Australian permaculture magazine called PIP. It's a national magazine produced right here in the Bega valley. Come along and support this wonderful new initiative from 11am. The markets are on every second Friday in Littleton gardens from 8am - 1pm.
IMPORTANT CANTEEN NOTE:
The Canteen is only open on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Bandara Vacation Care Program
Let’s have fun, arts and crafts, excursions and more.

Venue: Bega Valley Public School
Commencing: Monday 14th – Thursday 24th April 2014.
8:00 am – 5:30 pm
(CLOSES at 5.00pm on Thursday 24th April 2014)
Please phone Bandara 6492 4360 for information about bookings and programs.

Go4Fun
Looking for something to do after school?
Go4Fun is a great way for children to socialise and increase their self-esteem.

FREE fun program for kids 7-13 to become fitter, healthier & happier

Enrol now for a Term 2 2014 program.

For more information or to register your family:
Call: (02) 6124 9972
www.go4fun.com.au
natania.copp@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

*This is a treatment program aimed at children above the healthy weight range. Parents join their children for each session of the 10 week program.
Hello all,

Please don't forget about the next P & C meeting on Tuesday 1 April from 7pm in the Library. All members of the school community are really welcome. The following meeting will be Tuesday 6 May.

Thanks to all those who've been in touch with great ideas for projects at our school and fundraising possibilities. We'll be discussing these at the next meeting with the intention of developing a fundraising plan and a list of key spending priorities. Have you got some ideas but are unable to attend the next meeting? No worries, feel free to get in touch prior to the meeting and we'll ensure your suggestions are added to the discussion.

Did you know that produce from the school's edible garden is now being used in our canteen? Pumpkins, cucumbers and corn grown by the students are now being incorporated into the canteen menu. Our school's edible garden was a project of last year's P&C and is a perfect example of what we can achieve when we all work together on a project. Do you want to get involved in it? Contact Richard Lane about becoming part of the parent's group.

Don't forget about the Easter Egg hunt on 9 April. It promises to be an evening of fun for everyone, as well as a great P&C fundraiser. To help ensure the success of the event we need donations of solid eggs. Chocolate egg donations are now being accepted at the front office.

Thanks for reading. Hopefully we'll see you at the next P&C meeting.

Genevieve

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Doug Stubbs Selected In South Coast Marlins PSSA AFL Team

On March 19th at Hanging Rock Oval, Batemans Bay students Isaac Willington, Jordan Gray-Balcomb and Doug played for the Imlay Bombers and were undefeated against 4 teams. Doug a team leader on the day, at centre half forward and ruck played with distinction and was selected in the South Coast Marlins AFL team to participate in the State Carnival in Sydney in May. Well done Doug.

BVPS PSSA TENNIS KNOCKOUT TEAM

Jade, Tom, Josie, Riley, Jcobie, Ben and Tarni competed in the PSSA Tennis knockout on Monday at the Bega Tennis Courts.
Hello we are back and this time Miss Upton's class have the spotlight. This week we've got heaps of art, a poem created by the whole class and, really important, is that we have a colouring competition coming soon! We will give you more information about this at assembly next week. We all hope you have a fantastic last two weeks of term!

**Expert Artists**

This week we have something special for you. These talented students have been creating Australian landscape collages from the story Rosy Dock. They used leaves, sand, bark, grass, paint, rocks and sticks.

Last week’s winners for the Newsletter are Ashtyn, Emily and Natalie.

**Random Acts of Kindness Award**

This week’s random act of kindness award goes to: Brianna for helping Brooklyn when she was sick. Exceptional example Brianna! Also Jonty for letting people join in his games. Well done to these students who are showing the important school value of FRIENDSHIP! You are awesome!

**Happy Birthday!**

This week Maddy, Jasmin, Jason and Christian are celebrating their birthdays. We hope you all have a very awesome birthday.

This Newsletter was brought to you by Junior Reporters Jason, Phoebe, Phoebe, Leah, Maddy and Matt.

**Quiz!**

3/4U worked together to create this wonderful acrostic poem and they wanted to share it with you.

Australia is a wonderful place
Unique country
Special and beautiful plants that cover the land
There are lots of things to be discovered
Ripping tides are around the coast
And beautiful beaches
Learning new things around the country
I love Australia
Australia is the best

Please complete the maze and return it to the box in the library.
A big thankyou from 1/20, for making us the best party ever!!!!!

I really liked....... the food and drink I liked the cupcakes the best and the games were fantastic the best bit of the party was I met new people

Thankyou from Felicity
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: __________________________________________

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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: ________________________________
FAMILY FUN NIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT

When: Wednesday 9th April 5.30pm – 8.00pm

There will be a range of fun activities and a raffle on the night. Donations of small solid Easter eggs prior to the 9th would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are invaluable to our school events so if you can donate any time on the night even the smallest amount of time is beneficial to running a successful event.

There will be sausage sandwiches($2.50), rissole sandwich($4) and drinks ($2) available to purchase on the night.

However, for catering purposes if you could please indicate how many adults and children will be attending from your family this will greatly assist us:

SAUSAGE SIZZLE CATERING - (payment on the night)

Number of Adults attending ___________________

No of Children attending ________________

Number of drinks______________

RSVP by 7th April 2014

EASTER EGG HUNT

The cost of the Easter Egg Hunt will be $4 per child or $10 per family (3 or more children). Pre payment for the Easter Egg hunt would be appreciated.

Enclosed is $4 per child/$10 per family:-

Child’s name ___________________________ Class _______