What’s coming up...  

**Thursday 20th August**  
K-2 Play Matinee  
12 o’clock & Night Performance 6.15pm  

NIGHT SHOW SOLD OUT...NO TICKETS AVAILABLE  

**Friday 21st August**  
Whole School Assembly  
2.15pm  
Class Performance 4SN  

**Friday 21st August**  
PSSA Regional Athletics Carnival - Canberra ACT  

**Monday 24th August**  
Smooth Start commences  

24th –28th August  
BOOKWEEK  

31st August - 4th September  
National Literacy & Numeracy Week  

**Monday 31st August**  
IM & IF Bournda Excursion  

**Friday 4th September**  
Whole School Assembly  
2.15pm  
Class Performance 6B  
Shared Class Work 34C  

**Monday 14th September**  
P & C Meeting 3.15pm in School Library  

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**PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:**  
It was my absolute pleasure to experience the Kinder—Year 2 Matinee Performance “The Magic Carpet Ride” today. Dancing, drama and theatrics blended together in this creative and very cute performance, engaging all of our students in Kinder, Year One and Year Two. Congratulations to all of our teachers and students involved and many thanks go to the parents and grandparents who assisted with costumes.  

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**This week Year 6 began their transition to high school program with an introduction to STEM—Science Technology Engineering and Maths. This is the beginning stage of an ongoing program over the next 12 months. Students have begun work on a unit about designing rockets and will later be investigating robotics. This is an exciting initiative between the two schools which will certainly benefit students and teachers in the transition to Year 7.**  

Five staff at our school attended the ‘Building Digital Schools’ conference at Broulee PS last week which provided them with the opportunity to engage in high level discussions and interact with students, teachers and the technologies they use, via seminars, panels, workshops and classroom visits. The conference provided us with some terrific ideas for planning for the future for our students which will see them develop as 21st Century citizens.  

Two staff members also attended the Far South Coast Aboriginal Languages Yarn Up in Bega. The Yarn enabled Department of Education, community and school members to begin sharing ideas around the possible introduction of Aboriginal Language and Culture programs in schools. Another meeting is planned for Term 4 to continue the discussions.  

Kerrie Vogele  
Deputy Principal  

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Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Effective Teaching Strategies in NSW

During the last two weeks of this term, Bega Valley Public School will be participating in ‘Tell Them From Me’ – an online survey system that helps schools capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

The Tell Them From Me surveys provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement and wellbeing, and the impact of teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students (Years 4 – 6), teachers and parents. Data collected from the survey responses are compiled into reports for school leaders. The reports provide information that can help schools in their annual planning and reporting activities, by helping to identify emerging issues and plan for improvement.

Further information about the surveys, including how parents and carers can participate, will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Next week is Book Week! In celebration of this BVPS is holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 26th August. Candelo books will donate 10% of the day’s sales to our Library!

Children will browse books and create a wish list on Tuesday, and come in their class groups to purchase on Wednesday. Teachers and students are also encouraged to come dressed as one of their favourite book characters for the day to celebrate the wonderful world of literature as...

DATA COLLECTION

Bega Valley Public School, along with every other school in Australia has been participating in mandatory data collection on students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs.

Learning adjustments are provided by staff so that students who have additional needs are able to participate in their learning on the same basis as other students. Learning adjustments may be short term (up to 10 weeks) or long term and may include strategies such as modifying programs and adapting curriculum delivery and assessment, addressing physical barriers, consultancy support, professional learning for staff, specialised technology or equipment, provision of materials in different formats, services such as sign language interpreters or specialist support staff and additional support provided by personnel such as tutors or support officers.

The collection of this data informs the implementation of a range of programs by our school to better cater for the learning and support needs of all our students. The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

If you have any further questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Carolyn Nugent
PRINCIPAL
HOCKEY GIRLS

On Monday 17th August, a keen group of girls played in round 5 of the PSSA hockey knockout competition. For some this was their first ever game of hockey! Although the team were beaten 11-nil by a skilful team from Wollondilly Public School, the Bega Valley PS girls showed great teamwork and determination throughout the whole game, with the Wollondilly coach praising the girls for their commitment to a putting in a top effort the whole time. The score truly does not reflect the game these girls played. I am extremely proud of how the girls came together and encouraged one another in an extremely tough game and never gave up.

Michelle Bartlett

GIRL'S AFL REPORT

On the 16th and 17th of August Bega Valley Public Schools girls AFL team went to the SCG to play AFL against other schools. We left on the bus at 2pm Sunday afternoon and arrived at 9pm at night, making a few stops in between. When we finished unpacking our luggage we grabbed our swimmers and headed to the top floor to have a night swim and for a look of the view over Sydney.

On Monday we travelled by the bus to the SCG. We headed to the grass and got some photos and started warming up for our big day. The gates opened, we walked over and the stadium was massive. Then we went to find our seats and went for a look around the place. When we looked around we saw our team photos on the big screen. We played against Hay Public School, Holy Family School Kelso and Radford College. We played hard but fair and had a great time.

We would like to thank the parents that came along, all the people that donated money to help us, Travis and Mr L for coaching us and Josie for keeping us entertained on the bus. Rob Lenon

KEY WORD SIGNS

Words of the Week

Quick
Also: rapid, sudden
With both pointer fingers extended and horizontal, start with main hand behind and slightly higher than other hand. Quickly bounce main hand pointer finger off other pointer finger and up into air.

Slow
Also: slowly
Slowly slide flat hand up your other arm, starting at wrist.
Canteen News - The Snack Shack

Weekly Specials
Jatz & Cheese
Apple Sultanas & Cheese

The School Garden
Keep an eye on this spot, as we will be listing the produce that we are using each month from our School Garden.

ROSTER
Canteen roster for next week - please call Sheryl on 64924729 if you can help fill a vacant spot.

Friday 21st August
9.00am - 11.30 am  Katie Mitchell-Davis
11.30am - 2.00pm  Katie Mitchell-Davis

Wednesday 26th August
9.00am - 11.30am  Shiralee Gray-Balcomb
11.30am - 2.00pm  Shiralee Gray-Balcomb

Friday 28th August
9.00am - 11.30 am  Melanie Bonney & Victoria Gauci
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The canteen can only run with the help of our great volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday or Friday please contact Sheryl.

Bega High School & Bega Valley Public School Uniform Shop
Open each Thursday of the school term shop located at Bega High School

Winter Opening Hours
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

For enquiries phone: 0417 028 864

LOST PROPERTY
We currently have a large amount of lost property at the school Office, if you recognise any items from this photo or your child has lost clothing, please come to the Office to check.

Please ensure that all jumpers, jackets etc are clearly labelled with your child’s name. Thanks for your assistance and support.

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Key Word Sign
Thanks to all the parents and teachers that attended the Key Word Sign night last week. Congratulations to Peggy for organising the event. We will look at doing similar events in the future and continue to support the school in their use of Key Word Sign within the school.

Thanks to Elizabeth for running such an informative night.

Canteen
We still need more volunteers in the canteen on Wednesday and Fridays, please see Sheryl in the Canteen to see where and when you can help.

Toy/Clothes Drive
The P&C is looking at holding a toy/clothes sale in Term 4. Please start thinking about any toys/clothes in good condition that you would be able to donate. If you are doing a Spring Clean over the next month or so please keep us in mind when culling items!

More information will be available in the next few weeks.

P&C Meeting
Next meeting at 3.15pm on 14 September 2015 in Library – this will be a very important meeting as we will be discussing an item of significant expenditure, please make the effort to attend.

Facebook
Please join the schools Facebook page, it is a great source of information about what is happening in the school.
The Smooth Start Transition to School Program is designed for children who will be attending Kindergarten at Bega Valley Public School in 2016. The aim is to familiarize children with the school environment and teachers as well as establishing new friendships. The program will run every Monday for 8 weeks beginning 24th August with the final session being the school ‘Orientation Day’.

To request your child’s session time phone BVPS on 6492 1280 by Friday 21st August and we will endeavour to allocate your preferred time. You will receive confirmation of your session via mail.

Spaces still available in all sessions, get in early to secure your place.

SESSION TIMES
Please select one of these times for the duration of the program
Session 1 : 9.15am - 10.45am
Session 2 : 11.15 am – 12.45pm
Session 3 : 1.15pm - 2.45pm.

DATES
*Term 3: Monday 24th August, Monday 31st August, Monday 7th September
*Term 4: Monday 12th October, Monday 19th October, Monday 26th October, Monday 2nd November
*Orientation Day - Monday 9th November

We look forward to seeing you,
Kathy MacFetters, Gina Barnes, Annastasia Norris and Michelle Carter
10 Good Reasons to Shop at SCPA Markets

The food is grown near you, so it really is fresh, tasty & nutritious.
Products are made by hand, so you know it's quality.
Talk to the producers. They're people we know & like. Your people.
Every $ spent goes towards a local person's livelihood.
Very low food miles.
Conveniently located in the centre of town.
It's outdoors. No bright lights or cheap imports.
Chemical-free and Organic produce, bread, eggs & meat.
Learn more about sustainable living.

Your consumer dollars have power. You can choose where your money goes & what you support. Every 2nd Friday Littleton Gardens, Bega 8am - 1pm

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RSVP to Sue O'Connor
Mobile: 0439 476 234 or Email: southern@connectingcarersnsw.com.au
You must Register for Catering

We would like to invite you to a fun day out with your family.
Are You a Kinship Relative or Foster Care?
Then come and join us to celebrate Foster care Week.

BBQ lunch
Mini Golf.
Boat Rides.
Archery
Giant Pillow.
Saturday 22nd August
11.00am to 2.00pm

Free for yourself, the kids that you care, for and your own children.
Doesn’t matter what Agency you are with or whether you do it alone.
Help us celebrate the difference that you make in a child’s life.
There is no cost but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sapphire Coast Drive, Merimbula NSW 2548,
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: ____________________________________________

Relationship to Student: _____________________________________________________

Signed: _________________________________    Date: ________________________