Live the Fish Philosophy and see what's possible!

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We hope everyone enjoyed a great holiday break and have successfully recharged the batteries for another busy yet exciting term. This term is already looking jam packed with a great range of activities and events. (Be sure to continually check the 'Important Dates' on the newsletter)

Already students have had their heads down studying their units of work. Students in Years 1-6 are studying ‘Natural Disasters’ in Science and HSIE and this is being integrated across all other learning areas.

NAPLAN 2013
This week we received the results of NAPLAN 2013. These are being sent home today. As with all standardised testing they only provide a small snapshot of student achievement. It is always important to remember that testing must be multifocal and be an accurate diagnosis of student performance.

MULTILIT
On Tuesday 29th October, staff from Bredbo and Dalgety Primary Schools will join Numeralla Staff and parents to undertake training in the MultiLit Reading Tutor Program. We are very fortunate to have Sue Nicholson from Multilit to conduct this training course at our school. The program will be fully implemented during 2014 after a trial this term. More news later.

FEAST of POETRY
Once again this year our students have produced outstanding work in this national/international poetry competition. Congratulations to Liam and Rachel who received Highly Commended Awards; to Holly, Tallis and Luca who received Commended Awards; and to Angus and Olivia who, along with the other winners, have had their poems selected by the judges to be included in a wonderful Anthology which is published each year. We are very proud of all the students who entered their written work in this competition. Well done! The Feast of Poetry will be holding its annual prize giving ceremony at the Raglan Gallery on Saturday 2nd November commencing at 10.00am. The poetry anthology will be on sale for $12.00. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Visit from Gilbert the Garbage Truck
On Wednesday we were very fortunate to have Herb and Lindsey Nichols visit our school with ‘Gilbert the Garbage Truck’. The focus of the visit was on recycling and getting people, especially children, to make good choices when recycling and putting out the rubbish. The students were able to see Gilbert - the Garbage Truck and Ronnie - the recycling truck. It was a very interesting and informative afternoon.
Active After School Sports (AASS)
It was exciting to finally see the implementation of the AASS in our school. After twelve months of negotiation it is wonderful to offer our students free out of school activities to further develop fitness levels and sporting skills. During the next six weeks the students will participate in a mix of karate and gymnastics activities under the expert guidance of Jim McDonald from the Cooma Martial Arts Centre. Thank you to Bev for taking on the supervision of the activity afternoons.

LOW SES Online Evaluations
Thank you to everyone who returned their completed online evaluations regarding the Low SES National Partnerships survey on Literacy and Numeracy. This information has been used to provide feedback in our compulsory evaluation of the National Partnerships Program. This will also be used in formulating the Annual School report which will be available in March 2014.

Swimming program
Once again we are participating in a two week learn to swim/swimming program conducted by Michelle's Swim School. At this stage we need all registration forms returned to school in order to form groups. (This form was sent out last term - if you have lost it please get another from the Office). They need to be returned by Wednesday 23rd October.

'Boundless All Day'
Next Tuesday we have been asked to trial a new program/initiative called 'Boundless All Day'. This program is arts/drama and literacy based. It will be led by two experienced art/drama/literacy people from Cooma and our staff and students will provide feedback on their performance, the quality of presentation and activities and the quality of the processes and products. Tuesday will be a mufti (non-uniform) day and students should wear old, loose clothing as they will be doing gross motor in drama and lots of messy painting

COOBA Camp
The Year 6 students will be participating in a transition camp at Cooba - just outside of Berridale on 31st October - 1st November. They will join with other students from the Monaro Small Schools for a range of wonderful activities. During the two day camp they will also meet the Year 7 Monaro High School Advisors as well as some of the proposed peer buddies.

P&C BUNNINGS FUNDRAISER
Congratulations to everyone on another very successful fundraising venture for the P&C. What a great day was had by all!

MONDAY MUNCHIES:
Please be aware that this term we have changed the roster for Monday Munchies. There will only be one parent/family rostered on for each week.

Removal of Weeds
The boys from Corrective Services did a great job and removed thousands of African Lovegrass plants and sowed cocksfoot in its place. There was only one hitch - they completed the oval rather than the heavy infestation near the Kitchen Garden and surrounds. Hopefully we can get them back during the Christmas holidays and complete the works.

Parent Guide to the New Syllabus
Today each family will receive a booklet - ‘Parent's Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses’. These booklets are designed to help you understand your child's progress through primary school.

Until next fortnight
Regards
Jo

NUMERALLA KITCHEN GARDEN MENU
Weeks 1, 2 & 3
- Apple rhubarb tarts
- Garden salad
- Bacon & vegetable quiche
UPCOMING EVENTS

October
21st – P&C Meeting
22nd – Boundless All Day
24th – AASS
29th – Multilit training
31-1 – Cooba Year 6

November
6-8 – Coast Excursion

NOTES HOME

• Yr 3 & 5 Parents – NAPLAN letters
• School Evaluations
• Parent Guide to new Syllabuses

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Luca and Alec in the Senior Class.
Congratulations to: Madison and Julia in the Junior Class.

LIBRARY NEWS

New Books in the Library

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. Scholastic has donated some fantastic new books for the Library from the proceeds and some of these are ready to borrow now as well as some from other sources.

SENIOR FICTION
Belle the Birthday Fairy - Daisy Meadows
Eric Vale Off the Rails - Michael Gerard Bauer
Eric Vale Super Male - Michael Gerard Bauer
Extra Time - Morris Gleitzman
Ned Kelly's Secret - Sophie Masson
Riding with Thunderbolt - Allan Baillie
The Girl from Snowy River - Jackie French
The Great Dog Disaster – Kathy Davies
The Last Thirteen – James Phelan
EJ Girl Hero, Time to Shine – Susannah McFarlane

JUNIOR FICTION
King Pig - Nick Bland
The Big Green Tractor - Susie Sarah
Wombat Went A’Racing – Lachlan Creagh

NON-FICTION
Bad Pets – Allan Zullo
Holding on to Home - Liz Thompson
Horribly Hilarious Joke Book – Terry Deary
Just Messing About – Nicolas Brasch
On the Trail of Old Tom - Michael Wagner
Rainforest – Penelope Arlon and Tory Gordon-Harris
The Story of the Tasmanian Tiger – Jim Howes

BOOK CLUB orders are due on Tuesday 29th October

Have a look at the display of books on Dragons and other Mythical Animals. You might find a good book to borrow.

The poster changes every week. Which one is your favourite?

Fiona Wharton

MONDAY MUNCHIES

21/10 - Anderson
28/10 - Barron
4/11 - Boucher

FRIDAY WASHING ROSTER
18/10 - Barnes
25/10 Barron
1/11 - Boucher

Thought for the Fortnight

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the ark, but professionals built the Titanic.
Community News

Swim and Survive Classes
These are available from NSW Sport & Recreation again in the summer holidays. For more information take a brochure from the Office.

Cooma’s Feast of Festivals Weekend.
There are 4 exciting events taking place on 1-3 November in Cooma. They are:

Australian National Busking Championships
This event has buskers performing all over the CBD. For more information see the poster in the case outside the 4-6 Classroom, ask at Cooma School of Music or go to www.coomamusic.com.au

A Feast of Poetry
This is a superb day of poetry writing, readings, music performances and presentations, wrapping up this year’s competition. This is the 10th year of the competition.

Cooma Motorfest
This is a bi-annual event that shows off hundreds of cars - old, new, hot rods, tractors, motorbikes, trucks and military vehicles. Fun for all ages. For more information go to www.coomacarclub.com.au

Snowy Ride
The 3 day annual ride brings thousands of motorbikes and their riders to Cooma. It raises money for Childhood Cancer research. More information on www.snowyride.org.au

Information on all these events can also be found on www.visitcooma.com.au