What a fantastic start to the year we have had! Our classes are all settled in with so many exciting activities and learning opportunities happening every day. It is such a pleasure to walk around our school and see, hear and feel the buzz of learning and enthusiasm in every classroom. Thank you to our families who have made sure children are at school on time and with wonderful, positive attitudes every day!

We will be starting a school Facebook page in the next week to share and celebrate the great things happening at our school. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view school Facebook pages. A parent information session will be held about Facebook and online safety on our ‘Meet the Teacher’ night on Tuesday February 23, 2016. Details about our ‘Meet the Teacher’ night & Facebook session will be sent home next week and I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

The safety and privacy of our students and families is our priority and we are guided by very comprehensive policies and guidelines from the NSW Department of Education around our use of social media and publishing of images and details of students. You will notice from this newsletter onwards that we will only be using the first names of students when they are named. We have recently sought updated ‘permission to publish’ information from families and in following the preferences of each family, some students’ names will not appear in any publications, including the newsletter. This has been explained to all of our students and you may wish to discuss the importance of respecting the preferences and views of others with your own child. Remember that you can check on or change your ‘permission to publish’ preferences at any time by contacting the school office.

We are very pleased to welcome the Bermagui Pre School kids and staff to our school for Term 1. The pre school will be using our hall and playground while their building project is completed over the next 9 weeks and we are so pleased to have the opportunity to meet some future Bermagui PS students and their families ahead of time!

Leah Martin

SWIMMING CARNIVAL YEARS 3-6
THIS Friday, 12 February
Students come to school prepared for the carnival on Friday.
All Years 3-6 students attend as participants and/or spectators. Please pack your child’s lunch as there is limited hot food available at the pool.
Parents—bring your swimmers!!!

Our first ‘Angel’ of the Week is Danika from Year 5. Danika is kind and considerate, always thinking of others. Danika’s goal for this year is to work on her maths and to keep swimming every day. She loves reading and hopes to become an author and a teacher when she finishes school. What a great ambition! Congratulations Danika and family.

Welcome back to the Library for 2016. We are looking forward to another busy year. The Premiers Reading challenge will be operating again this year. It will open on 8 March and will run until the 19 August. This challenge aims to encourage a love of reading. It is not a competition but rather a Challenge for each student to read more and to read more widely. All children can participate from Kindergarten to Year 6. A huge thank you again to Norma Reid who has made us beautiful new Library bags. They are very much appreciated. If your child needs a bag please see Mrs Gorman. Borrowing has begun for this year. Your child can borrow during Library time and also at recess on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We have a great selection of new books which were purchased from the Book Fair held last year. Most of these are ready for borrowing.

Mrs Gorman

Library News

Calendar

- 12 Feb Swimming Carnival
- 23 Feb Meet the Teacher
- 2-4 Mar Kianinny Excursion

School hats available at the office
$7

* Price Change
**COLLECTING CHILDREN AT SCHOOL**

- Parents are reminded to always call at the office before collecting children during the day or when needing to speak to your child.
- If you are coming into the school to collect children at bell time, we request that you do not enter the school until 3:10pm and wait under or near the covered area, not near the classrooms.
- When collecting children from the flat, please park on the southern fence line, adjacent to the basketball court, and not near the bus area.
- Any changes to children’s routines should be notified in writing. This eases confusion and stress for staff and students.

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**CANTINEE ROSTER**

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**CANTINEE**

Please be advised that Cheesy Potato Bake in the menu is NOT GF (gluten free) sorry.

Beth

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**SLOW THE DATE**

**Pancake Breakfast at School**

Friday, 19 Feb

Homemade by renowned local chef

Cooked and available from 8.30am

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bermagui Netball**

Registration 9/2 6.30-7.30 at Sports Stadium. Senior $86 Junior $64. For more info contact Norma 64933208 or Jo 64933108

**Cobargo Folk Festival**

at the Cobargo Show ground from 26-28/2, is a great music festival for all members of the family. Stalls, food vendors & workshops. For more info www.cobargofolkfestival.com.au

**Narooma Netball Registration**

27/2 at Club Narooma 10:30am - 12:30pm. Net Set Go 5-7yrs $70, Netta 8-10yrs $80, Jnr U12/ Intermediate $110, Srnr $140. Call Kristy for more info - 0417 015 745 and get the link for Registration Forms online (or on the day). Email k.smith78@bigpond.com

**FLING Physical Theatre**

Enrol for classes in Contemporary Dance, Ballet, Gym & Performance. Enrolment dates - 2/2 4-6pm @ Tathra Hall and 4/2 4-6pm at Bega Indoor Stadium. Call 64920222 or www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au for more info

**Narooma Redbacks Soccer**

registrations for the 2016 season are now open! Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or come along to our club registration morning Sat 20/2 10-12pm under the dome at Narooma Plaza. For more info contact Nicky on 4476 4180 from 9-4.30 Mon-Wed or email nicky@naroomaplaza.com.au

**Cobargo Show**

13-14/2 Community members are welcome to enter some classes in the pavilion. Please label any entries with name, age and school. For more info www.cobargoshow.org.au

**Hunter and the Bunga Boys go wild Sri Lanka DVD**

Copies of the DVD are still available from the office. $20 each

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**Volunteer to work in the canteen**

Volunteers are asked to join our roster **once or twice** a month. It depends how many volunteers we can get. The more volunteers the less time on the roster. Start at 10am – 12noon.

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**BERMAGUI PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN**

**YES I can volunteer for the TERM 1 canteen roster.**

My preferred day is:  **MON** **WED** **FRI**

Parent Name: _______________________________  Contact Number:_______________________

Child Name: _________________________________  Class:________________________________

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION