Thursday 3rd April 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Another wonderful week at Cobargo Public School. Yesterday we all enjoyed the fun run. It was great to see the Year 5 and 6 students demonstrating excellent leadership skills, well done!

Next week is our last week for this term. We have the Hat Parade on Monday and the Cross Country on Friday! The interviews for the Principal position will be held later next week so the position will not be finalised until early in Term 2.

Hope to see many of you at the working bee on Saturday at 9am!

Have a great week,

Gillian Park
Acting Principal

CALENDAR
APRIL
5 – P&C Working Bee, 9am at school
7 – Easter Hat Parade, 10:15am Raffle drawn
11 - Cross Country run
11 - Last day of term 1
25 – ANZAC Day
TERM 2
28 – Term 2 begins for teachers
29 – Term 2 beings for students
Student Banking every Monday

Congratulations to our fantastic High Flyers!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Shipton family for supplying some cow manure for our vegie garden. We are still in need of some more manure for our flower garden.

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WANTED FOR SCIENCE CLASSES
To help with our next science experiment we require 2L and 4L ice cream containers. Hope you can help out.
Mrs Wilson.

WANTED
If you have any chess pieces or lego that are no longer used 2/3/4 would really appreciate them.
Thank you...Mrs R

CHICKENPOX
The school has been informed of a student with chickenpox. Following is information provided by the Department of Education & Communities regarding this illness.

What is chickenpox?
☐ Chickenpox is a viral illness caused by the herpes zoster virus (also known as the Varicella-Zoster virus).
☐ In children it usually causes a relatively mild illness.
☐ Chickenpox in adults and immunosuppressed people can be severe.
☐ Infection in pregnancy can cause foetal malformations, skin scarring, and other problems in the baby.
☐ Before routine vaccination began in November 2005, chickenpox was a very common illness. The rash usually begins incidence of chickenpox appears to have decreased as more people receive the vaccine.

What are the symptoms?
☐ Chickenpox (varicella) begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
☐ The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
☐ Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.
☐ Most people recover without complications, but sometimes the infection can lead to serious complications, such as pneumonia and inflammation of the brain. Rarely, the infection can be fatal.

How is it spread?
☐ Early in the illness, the virus is spread by coughing.
☐ Later in the illness, the virus is spread by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters.
☐ The infection is highly contagious to people who have never had chickenpox or who have not been vaccinated.
☐ People are infectious from one or two days before the rash appears (that is, during the runny nose phase) and up to five days after (when the blisters have formed crusts or scabs).

☐ Chickenpox infection triggers an immune response and people rarely get chickenpox twice.
Your general practitioner can advise on ways to minimise the discomfort associated with the symptoms of infection.

YEAR 6 AT WORK
Mia created an Australian outback scene
Marcy did a great job with her Australian animals

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION / FEES
To date only 15 families from a total number of 55 from our school have helped out by contributing with these fees. This money helps with the cost of work/text books and general classroom materials which the Department of Education does not contribute to. Thank you very much to the 15 families.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION / FEES
Please find attached school contribution/fees for my child/children..................................................

Family name:........................................

Single $35   Family (2 chn) $60 Family (3 or more $75)
Amount enclosed:.............................

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**“KIDS Wii JUST DANCE PARTY”**

At Cobargo Hotel Motel, Saturday 12th April starting at 3pm. Bring the kids along for an afternoon of fun and lollies! You may like to stay for a delicious Thai/Chinese/Aussie meal after. Kids Meal Deal available for $7 (under 12’s) eg, Dinosaur Nuggets, Fries, Lolly, Drink and a Toy. A great afternoon out for all the family.

**BEGA VALLEY SHIRE LIBRARY NEWS.** School holidays are fast approaching to find out what is happening at your library ring Bega 64992217, Bermagui 64992411, Eden 64992451 or Merimbula 64992482. Are you a Lego fan, then check out when the Lego bricks will be at your library during the holidays.

Thanks,

Anne Moore
Childrens/Young Adult Librarian
Bega Valley Shire Library
Ph: 02 64992242

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**EMBRACE CREATIVITY!!**

- **WANTED** Young women 12-24 years
- Discover art, design, drawing, graphics and painting
- Learn new skills, be creative, uncover your story through art
- Work with professional artist and trainer Annie Franklin
- Network with the Women's Resource Centre.
- **This is a FREE course event but donations are appreciated!**

**Thursdays 17th & 24th April 10am - 2pm**

Please bring your own lunch (school holidays)

Get more info or book phone 6492 1367

To be held at 14 Peden St Bega

*This course is supported by the Bega Valley Shire Council and National Youth Week grants.

Women’s Resource Centre is a non-profit organisation that provides information, referral, support and drop-in service for women of all ages.

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Welcome to the Cobargo School Column

Hello readers, yes you, right there. This is the first of our weekly column. We are Stella and Mia, two students from Cobargo Public School. Each week we will be keeping you up to date about all the exciting events in our school (there are lots!). Although nearly a term has passed, we promise to share every little detail. So sit back and grab a coffee... Enjoy

The first few days, the Kinders were not present and sadly our amazing teaching Principal, Ms Downes got a promotion and left during the holidays. We knew that things could only get better, and they did.

We’re getting a new principal next term, not knowing if they are a man or a woman. This is really exciting for all of the school but especially for our infants, who have never had a principal before!

Talking about excitement, we interviewed two Kinders, Alexis and Xen, to see what they thought of the school when they first arrived.

**What was your favourite bit of your first day?**

Alexis: I liked the new kids.
Xen: When I first came, I liked making new friends.

**Did you feel like the big kids helped you?**

Alexis: Yes!
Xen: They helped me out when I hurt my knee.

**What’s your favourite thing in the school?**

Alexis: I like the playground on the oval.
Xen: I like the learning.

**What’s your favourite learning subject at school?**

Alexis: I love the reading groups.
Xen: Learning to read.

**Do you like the uniforms?**

Alexis: Yes! Now we have new ones.
Xen: Yep. I like how they're different colours.

**What do you think we could improve at Cobargo Public School?**

Alexis: The entertainment.
Xen: I would like a flying fox on the oval.

Hope you enjoyed it! Next week is last week of term. Guess what we’re going to write about?!!

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