Thursday 29th May 2014
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Gentle reminders:

**Personal Property**: Precious items are best kept at home. The school takes every care it can in ensuring property is respected.

Items such as ipods, phones and ipads are to be handed into the office at the beginning of the school day for safekeeping and collected at the end of the day. It is the responsibility of students to ensure these items are kept safe at all other times and to follow the school's expectations of not leaving these items in their bags.

All students are being reminded to keep their school bags closed and to care respectfully for their own and others' property.

**Appropriate use of Technology**: All students are being reminded of their responsibility to inform their classroom teacher if they inadvertently find something they think is inappropriate whilst researching on the Internet.

**Making Appointments**: If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, welfare or actions, please contact the school office directly.

If you think it will be a brief conversation, then request the appropriate teacher return your call.

If you think it will be more than a quick conversation with the teacher, then it is requested you ask for an appointment with the appropriate teacher.

**Visitors**: If you are visiting the school during school hours then please report to the School Office to sign-in and collect a ‘Visitor’ Badge before proceeding to other areas of the school.

For Work, Health and Safety reasons you are required to sign-out when leaving the school grounds.

At no time should a parent approach another child to address an issue at school.

Thank you to all the terrific volunteers who come each week to assist our students in their learning. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Home Reading**: The more you read, the more you can read, and the more you can read, the more you read. This wise saying is every child's goal. Your reminder to your child to return home readers is greatly appreciated. Read everywhere, every day!

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.


Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: [http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/)

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

Michelle Simkin
Principal

**CALENDAR**

**JUNE**

4 – Paul Kelly AFL Cup, Narooma
4 – P&C Meeting; Library; 6:30pm
9 – Queen’s Birthday holiday
10 – Book Club Issue 4 orders close
17 – Yr3/4 NRL Gala Day, Bega
20 – Athletics Carnival

**Student Banking every Monday**

Cobargo Cooperative Society Proudly sponsors this newsletter.
HIGH FLYERS

Congratulations to all our wonderful High Flyers. Pictured in the centre of the photo is Cody with her HF Medallion; great achievement Cody!

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen helpers for Monday are Jo Freebody, Bec Miller and Liane Sewell. Thanks Ladies.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
We have some discontinued stock for sale at great prices:–
Navy Stretch Boot-Leg Pants
size 4 x 1, size 6 x 3, size 10 x1 – only $10 each
Navy Fleecy Straight Leg Track Pants
Multiple sizes available – only $5 each
Old Style School Polo Shirts - $5 each
Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday before school. Thanks to Danielle for organising the Clothing Pool and giving up her Tuesday mornings.

STEWART HOUSE
Thank you to the families who donated to Stewart House and purchased items. We raised $49.

READING WITH YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN
Reading with your child everyday will help to make your child more successful with learning and writing. It is important to read and return home readers daily. Please!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 4 book club order forms are now available at the library. Please do not feel obligated to purchase items from these catalogues should your children bring them home. Some items are very good value and make ideal presents.
For every purchase made the school benefits with bonus points to obtain books for the school's library.

MUSICA VIVA – JACANA PERFORMANCE
The children thoroughly enjoyed the musical performance yesterday. Several children were selected to joining in during the session and our recorder players performed beautifully with the professional musicians. Thank you to Mrs Summers for organising the visit and teaching the children various tunes, timing etc. prior to the performance. Thank you to Cobargo P&C for funding this incursion and in making it available to every student in the school. It was an extremely worthwhile educational event.
Do the triple ripple: be respectful, be safe, be responsible!

P@C WORKING BEE
The P@C will be holding a Working Bee this Saturday, starting at 9am at School, help is needed with Garden Beds, Shade Sails and the BBQ Area, if you can help please come along, the more the merrier.

Keeping the beat with our bodies.

Are you sure you want me to swing this around in the air?

If you **do not** want your child to be counted in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data, please complete the below form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014

I/we __________________________________________________________

Name of parent/carer

**do not** wish my child ______________________________________ to be counted

Name of child

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: ____________________________     Date:   __________