Thursday 7th August 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Guidelines for Approaching Your School: This flyer has been sent home with each student today to support families in seeking information and expressing concerns regards school.

Bus Safety: Students who travel on a bus to and from school have a Code of Conduct that expects each child to ensure the safety and comfort of other bus travellers. Every child is expected to behave safely at all times and to follow instructions about safety. The attention of the driver of the bus should only be attracted in the case of emergency. It would be appreciated if this message could be used as a reminder for your child regards bus safety.

School Hats: It’s that time of year again where students need to wear their school hats during the day. The UV rating is slowly rising again and primary school students are the age where they are most vulnerable to skin damage that causes problems later in life. Please ensure your child is bringing their hat to school each day. New hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop which is open each Tuesday from 8:30 in the morning for about an hour.

Thank you to all the kind people who have been leaving jars for the Year 4/5/6. They are greatly appreciated.

Michelle Simkin
Principal

CALENDAR
AUGUST
Student Banking every Monday

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Well done to all our students who participated in the Zone Athletics Carnival in Bega recently. The day was sunny which helped to make it an enjoyable day for the parents who were supporting the children. Cobargo athletes showed great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour.

Rhonda Ayliffe has very kindly forwarded some results and her observations:
Ashley Evans - 1st in 11yr girls long jump
Nicole Davey - 2nd in junior girls discuss
Matilda Grebert - 3rd in 10 yr girls 100m & 3rd in junior girls 200m
Eliza-Jane Norris - 1st in junior girls 800m, 2nd in junior girls 200m, 3rd in 9yr girls 100m, runner-up junior girls age champion.

I’m sure you will all be pleased to hear - this is the strongest result for Cobargo School at the Zone Athletics Carnival for many years. It was also obvious to all parents that the Cobargo children displayed wonderful sportsmanship with much cheering on for fellow students throughout the day. Marcy Evans wins my prize for biggest smile when crossing the finish line (in the senior girls 800m) narrowly squeezing out Luke Evans (also grinning like a banshee after crossing the line of the 800m). Cobargo students were amongst the best behaved children in attendance and they left their area beautifully clean at the end of the day.

Big thanks and kudos to Mr Grant for setting up the marquee prior to everyone arriving and packing it all away afterwards (including fixing the wonky Bega Valley school’s tent - goodonya Mr Grant!)

Rhonda Ayliffe

AFL Girls Championship, Sydney
On Monday, fourteen girls from our school took the opportunity of a lifetime to travel to Sydney and play AFL on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The team played three highly competitive matches against very tough opposition from Henschke Public School (Wagga Wagga), Holy Family (Kelso) and Kings Langley Public School (Sydney).

After learning a great deal during their first game, the team performed exceptionally well in their final two games to make it difficult for the increasingly skilled opposition to defeat them. Bearing in mind the huge gap in the size of our school, comparative with the other schools represented at the carnival, the girls should be very proud of their performance.

The team had the unique experience to gain some insight into the game from Sydney Swans superstars Reece Shaw, Sam Reid and Kurt Tippet. All three gave the girls some tips and encouragement which was wonderful.

Thanks to the parents who made such a big effort to plan the long, return trip for the students. Especially to Tina Rixon for helping out with organising travel and accommodation. Thanks also to Jody for taking photos on the day. Well done girls, what an experience!! We have no photos of the day yet, hopefully will have some for next weeks newsletter.

Ben Grant

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**Paul Kelly Cup Finals**  
On Monday the girl AFL team went to Sydney to compete against other schools. The first team we played was Kings Langley Public School. They were the raining premiers of the Paul Kelly Cup; we got beaten 57-0. We had a short break and got a photo with Kurt Tippet, he is 202cm tall! Mr Grant was very excited! A few girls also got to meet the Giants mascot, G-man. The second team we played was Holy Family Kelso. We played better than we did in the first game but we still got beaten 51-0. Our spirits were down but in the next game we were on Fire! We were much better than in the past two other games. Even though we played awesomely, we still lost, by a very small margin 36-0. At the end of the day the team nominated Marcy to go in the long bomb completion. She didn't win but she didn't come last. A girl from Kings Langley did a fantastic kick and took out the prize. Our heads were still up and not down, we had a wonderful time.

By Mia

**SCIENCE DAY AT BOURNDA**

First Blake, Jayden, Sarah and I drove to Bournda. We got there at 10:00am. The first thing we did was learn all the safety stuff and had morning tea. Then we made slime out of water, borax, food colouring and PVA glue, it was fun. Then we got our bags and walked down to Scott’s lake. When we got there we put Mentos in coke. Then we had lunch and played in the fig tree. Then we looked at Scott’s lake for a while. Then we ate some Mentos and walked up to the Bournda EEC. Then we made carbon dioxide and poured it on a candle to put it out it was a fun day!!!

By Luke

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen helpers for Monday 11th Aug are Anne Jessop, Carmel Dufty and Jody Collins. Thanks Ladies.

**HEALTH RISKS – FOOD ALLERGIES**

Just a friendly reminder that we do have children at our school with food allergies which can be life threatening. We ask that parents/carers try to reframe from sending egg and nut products in school lunches.

**Glass Jars:** Year 4/5/6 need the following sized jars for Science:
- 120mL, eg. baby food jars
- 250mL, eg. tartare sauce jars
- 330mL, eg. salsa jars, and
- 500mL, eg. pasta sauce jars

Please leave the jars at the main front office in the next few weeks if you can help. Thank you for your support.

**P@C NEWS**

The P@C Committee would like to say a **VERY BIG THANKYOU** to Roger Park for all his hard work installing the new BBQ Area and putting in a Pizza Oven for the classes to use. Many hours have been spent putting this together for our School.

**Teacher Training Day**

On Saturday August 16th 2014, Cobargo Primary School Teachers are planning to attend a day of training at the school. The training will be about teaching and assessing mathematics. All staff will be involved as well as some local casual teachers.

As this training is occurring on a Saturday, teachers will not attend school on the last day in Term 4, December 19th 2014. The school will be open and office staff will be in attendance. Students are not required to attend on December 18th or 19th December as these days have always been scheduled as Staff Development Days.

If you would like to discuss this decision please contact the school and make an appointment to speak with me.

Thankyou,
G. Park

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Cancer Council**

Relay for Life: Join the thousands of Australians who take part in Cancer Council’s Relay For Life each year, Bega Valley Relay For Life will be held on 11th & 12th October 2014 at Pambula Sports Ground, Beach Road, Pambula. Register. Participate. Donate.

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