Thursday 28th August 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Congratulations to the four students from Cobargo who represented the District at regional level last Friday. Our best wishes go with Nicole Davey who will be representing at State level early next term.

All classes have held their in-class public speaking contest and the finalists from each class will have presented their speeches to the whole school this afternoon.

Positive Behaviours for Success (PBS) is currently focussing on staying in-bounds and taking pride in the playground by keeping it tidy.

Michelle Simkin
Principal

CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER
3 – P&C meeting, 6.30pm
10 – Tag League Gala Day Bega Yrs 3/4
Student Banking every Monday

HIGH FLYERS

Congratulations to our High Flyers
In recent weeks Sonny and Riley D. were awarded High Flyer Badges and Spike and Nicole received medallions; Great effort!

CANTEN NEWS
As we are approaching the end of term there will be no more spaghetti bolognaise. Meat pies are running low, so if you order one please have a second preference.

To help with ordering it would be appreciated if orders are written on paper bags or attached to plastic bags. The bags need to be big enough to fit the lunch items. Please use separate bags for each child.

Canteen helpers for Monday are: Tina Rixon, Kerri Ballantyne and Liane Sewell; thank you ladies.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CANBERRA
Last Friday, Matilda, Nicole, Ashley and Eliza-Jane represented the school and Far South Coast PSSA at the South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival at the AIS in Canberra. All girls performed very well with Eliza-Jane contesting all running races, Ashley the long jump, Matilda the 100m and Nicole the discus.

Nicole’s performance was outstanding, finishing the Junior Girl’s Discus in third place. This also means she will attend the State Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park in week two next term. We all congratulate her and wish her all the best at the State Carnival!!

GOOD LUCK NICOLE!!!
LIBRARY NEWS
We are in the process of completing a stocktake of all our fiction books. Could you please help by returning any overdue library books. It would be much appreciated. Thank you.

FATHER’S DAY MUGS
The School P&C has mugs for the children to paint and decorate as a Father’s Day Gift. Total cost is $4.00 each. The Mug decorating will take place next week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the middle of the school day. For multiple child families there is an option to purchase a gift leftover from last year’s Fathers Day Stall. Volunteers to assist is requested. Thanks Tom Hausfeld. Please return note and money Monday morning 1st September Thanks.

FATHER’S DAY MUG ORDERS
I wish to order QTY _____ mugs for my child/children

Please find enclosed $4.00 per mug.

Signed:_________________________

Mr. Francis Thomas Waddell
Francis, who was also known as Frank, is my Great Grandfather. He was born on the 7th of October 1922 in Sydney and passed away on the 26th of September 1984. He had 2 brothers, George and Charles (Chicka), and 4 sisters, Colleen, Claire, Peggy and Eileen.

When Frank was 17 he went off to serve our country in WWII. He fought at the Kokoda Trail and the Owen Stanley Ranges where he was very badly injured during battle. He was a Bren Gunner and as he peeped over, the Japanese shot and the bullet hit his hip. A good friend of his was calling out to him all day to keep him conscious until he finally got the chance at night to drag him down into the trench he was calling from. They wanted to take off his leg but he didn’t let them. They didn’t have the technology they have today so he had to learn to walk again with a wired hip. At the same time there was also another man with a similar injury. Sadly he never got to walk again and spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair. However, my Great Grandfather was the first man to walk with a wired hip!

My Great Nanny Waddell, Mai, and Frank met after the war at a dance at the local showground hall when Mai was 18. They got married on the 29th of March 1952.

Before the war Frank played tennis. He had always been very good at sport all his life. He couldn’t play tennis after the war so he took up golf and become an A grade golfer.

Before he went off to war he worked in the coal mines and after that he worked at timber cutting. He would take all of the fresh fruit and vegetables to the markets every Saturday.

He also drove trucks. His first truck was a Mack and it had a bulldog on the front which is still around today. His second was a Deutz and is the truck that I have been told about in most of the stories from my grandmother. His third was the first ever Kenworth and he loved that truck. He stayed with it at the Sydney showground in the scorching hot weather until it was confirmed that he owned that Kenworth. Francis loved his trucks. He would do anything to make sure nothing happened to them.

He had quite a few bruises and stitches over his time but he got right back up again and got on with his life. One of his truck accidents was when he was coming around a blind corner in the fog and there was a whole load of cars stopped in the middle of the road. He tried to stop but trucks can’t stop a fast as cars can, so he swerved and as he did he hit a car and that one bumped into the one in front of it and so on. The truck stopped by hitting a telegraph pole and the entire front wind screen smashed and his head went straight through the glass and his ear was close to fully coming off. His hands were also very badly injured. When my grandma got there the ambulance guy was running around after Frank with a big pad trying to patch up his ear, as Frank was giving out orders. The ambulance was going to take him to Hampton hospital but he wouldn’t let them, he had to stay with his truck and make sure no one stole his tools. When he knew everything was safe he finally went back home. There were plenty more truck accidents.

He also saved my Aunty Fran from the vicious dog next door. Aunty Fran was over playing next door and the dog went for her. Frank jumped over the fence straight into the dog’s path and it went straight for his calf muscle. The only way he could get the dog off was to put his hand in the dog’s mouth which made punctures all down his arm.

Over all my Great Grandfather was an amazing man and he did his very best to fight for our country. He had a very interesting life time and made history along the way.

‘Lest we forget’
By Marnie Arentz as part of an English assessment task “Writing an Historical Account” of a place, person or event.