Thursday 12th March 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

A warm welcome to our new members of staff, Mrs Bronwyn Taylor the Year 3/4 classroom teacher and Mr John Perry, the General Assistant.

A sincere Thank you to Mr Rob Whymark who has worked with the Year 3/4 students for almost the last two weeks.

The school farewells Simmone Harriden as its General Assistant and thank her for all that she has done to support the school in this role. The school is thrilled she will be continuing as the fantastic school cleaner.

Tell Them From Me Survey:
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students.

If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 20 March.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Emma-Kate Hanson
Emma has very kindly donated her time to the school to work with students from Years 3 to 6 in two separate groups and in two separate 90 minute workshops that includes a range of engaging and interactive activities such as role-plays, music, movement, team building games, art campaigns, memorable learning points and engaging group discussions.

The program addresses a range of topics such as wanting to fit in, embracing diversity, effective communication and body language, cyber safety, resilience, coping strategies and support networks. This program aims to tackle the issue of bullying head on with engaging, relevant and interactive workshops which educate, equip and empower younger students to re think the culture of their school, take a stand together and reconsider the way they interact with one another.

Michelle Simkin
Principal

CALENDAR
MARCH
13 – Auskick AFL Yr 3/4 Gala Day
17 – Book Club Issue 2 closes
20 – Assembly conducted by K/1
24 - Visit to Class 3/4 and Class 5/6 by Youth Liaison Officer, Donna Clarke
25 - School Fun Run
27 – School Parliament

APRIL
1 – P&C Meeting, 6.30pm
1 – Cross Country Run
2 – End of term one – Easter Raffle drawn

TERM 2
20 - Staff Development Day
21 – Students return

MAY
6 – P&C Annual General Meeting

Student Banking every Monday

Copies of most notes are now available from the school’s website.

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen helpers next Monday are Jody Collins, Kerri Ballantyne and Di Hunter. Thanks Ladies.
Do the triple ripple: be respectful, be safe, be responsible!

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**P&C NEWS**

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY**
The P&C will once again be conducting their annual Easter Egg Raffle which will be drawn on the last day of term. Donations of Easter Eggs and other suitable items are sought. These goodies can be dropped off at the office. Tickets will be sent home with today’s newsletter, tickets are $1 each.

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**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION / FEES**

Thank you to the families who have paid the contribution fee. It would be appreciated if others could please endeavour to make a contribution before the end of term one.

Our voluntary fees for 2015 will be the same as 2013 and 2014; $35 for one student, $60 for two children and $75 for three or more children. This money helps with the cost of work/text books and general classroom materials which the Department of Education does not contribute to.

Your contribution will be gratefully received.

**Cobargo School History**
The Bunyan Pine tree, growing next to the original weatherboard school building, is a beautiful specimen but is transitioning to old maturity. This means that sometime in the near future it will no longer be. Does anyone know the history behind the planting of this tree? Please contact the school office if you can assist with this query. Thank you.

**Canteen Manager**
The current Canteen Manager is soon to go on leave. We are therefore looking for someone to continue with the ordering of food items and organising the roster for the remainder of the year. If you can help out please contact us. Thank you to Kerri Ballantyne who has been doing a fantastic job.

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**HIGH FLYER STUDENTS**

Congratulations to this month’s High Flyers!

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**Anzac Day Service at Cobargo**
**Saturday 25th April, 2015.**
The school is preparing for this significant (100 years) event and are learning the songs to be sung on this day in a combined Cobargo PS/Quaama PS choir. The organisers and the school are encouraging as many students as possible to attend.

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