



Bega Valley PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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COMING UP

TERM 4

Mon 20 Nov to
Fri 1 Dec
Swimming Scheme

Mon 27 Nov to
Thurs 30 Nov
Stage 3 Camp to
Canberra

Monday 4 Dec
Koori Cultural
Garden Opening

Monday 11 Dec
Presentation Day

Tuesday 12 Dec
Year 6 Farewell

Wed 13 Dec
K-2 Bournda
Picnic Day

3-6 Magic Mountain

Friday 15th Dec
Last day of Term

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

The end of the year is fast approaching. There are many exciting things happening over the next few weeks that will ensure that the time will fly by.

Our Stage 3 students are away at camp in Canberra next week for 4 days. Their itinerary looks fantastic with many educational and fun experiences for the students to enjoy together. A huge thank you to the teachers and SLSOs that take time away from their own families to ensure these sorts of camps can take place. Also a big thank you to the P & C and the staff and students involved in fundraising throughout the year who were able to bring the cost of this excursion down from \$700 to \$400 per child! This makes the excursion far more affordable for our families.

Families may have noticed that the security fence around the school has been completed. We will soon start our new locking protocols which will mean that the gates are locked in the morning until a teacher comes on duty at 8:35am. We strongly advise that children are not to be dropped off at school before 8:30am. We now have a Before and After School care program run out of our school hall. If you require an early drop off for your child please look into this fantastic service that will ensure supervision of your child before school.

Please be aware the parking at the front of the school will be changing soon. The council will be extending the 'Kiss and Drop' no parking zone to the southern end of the crossing to allow more room for parents to drop their children off safely in the morning. please take note of the signs when stopping.

Staff are busy writing reports and planning for classes for 2024. Students will be informed of their class teacher at a morning assembly on the first day back-Thursday 1st of February

Finally I would like to acknowledge two brilliant staff members that will be taking leave at the end of the year pending retirement- Mr Charlie Jennings and our School Counsellor Ralph Cullen. Both of these staff members have made a lasting impact with countless children over the years. We want to wish them well and hope they enjoy their well earned retirement.

I want to thank the entire school community for their support this year. It has been a very productive year and I look forward to the opportunities that will come our way in 2024. I hope everyone has a safe and restful break over summer.

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: 8.30AM TO 3.30PM
Website: bega-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

HAPPY
Holidays



Principal: Melissa O'Meara

ATTENTION PLEASE

**Bega Valley Public School is moving to a
new Finance system via the
Sentral Parent Portal.**

Whilst we migrate to Sentral Finance our online payment system will be offline from Monday 4th until further notice. During this time all payment methods will be unavailable.

**ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE FINALISED BY
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER.**

Student School Return Dates 2024

Students Yr 1 - Yr 6:
return to school on Thursday
1st February 2024

Kindergartens:
first school day is Tuesday
6th February 2024

BVPS REMINDERS

MONDAY 11th December
Presentation Day

Years 3- 6 Session
9.15am - 10.15am

K-2 Session
10.30am - 11.15am

Tuesday 12th December
Year 6 Farewell
Starting at 5pm.
Year 6 parents welcome

Wednesday 13th December
K-2 Bournda Day
Years 3-6
Magic Mountain Day

P & C NEWS

2023 has been another successful year. We have raised over **\$10000** this year through fundraisers and over **\$20000** has been donated back into the school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, carers, grandparents, teachers and admin staff who have supported the P & C during 2023.

A big thank you to the P & C committee members for all their hard work, time, and effort in 2023.

We look forward to a strong P & C in 2024 and welcome new members to join the committee.

Thank You

DID YOU KNOW ????

How much our school P & C helps your child/children each year by fundraising. The P & C have financially assisted many activities this year including.

Student beanies for the Sydney recorder group **\$100**, **new playground equipment \$5000**, **sports equipment \$2000** and the **Stage 3 excursion to Canberra helping many families** to be able to afford their child to attend of **\$4500** which reduced their **cost from \$700 to \$400 per student**. Also, other **class excursions** have also been greatly supported by them throughout the year of **\$1500**. **JUST IN** a **massive \$4830** has been raised by the **Run 4 Fun Day** to go towards air conditioning for class rooms.

BVPS would like to thank the P & C for the contributions and support throughout the year with fundraising. Your child/children would may not have receive these above benefits if not for their generous donations.

Please think about putting your hands up to help our P & C team next year 2024 to help keep this fundraising going for our students.

Bega Valley Public School Kindergarten Enrolments 2024

Even though our Smooth Start program has finished, it's not too late to enrol your child at our school for Kindergarten 2024.

If you or anyone you know has a child ready to start school next year, please contact the front office to make an enquiry on 6492 1280.



SCHOOL HATS

The weather is warming up.

Please ensure your child/children have a wide brimmed hat and a water bottle each day labelled clearly with their name.

Hats can be purchased at the front office for \$12.





SENTRAL APP

Download the new communication App Sentral Parent Portal.

You will need a unique digital key to be able to access the portal.

Please contact the school to obtain a key if you have not received one yet.

Fantastic features such as booking interviews, recording an absence or checking the date of an event on our calendar that is updated daily.



Student School Return Dates for 2024

Students return to school on Thursday 1st February 2024

Kindergarten will start their first day on Tuesday 6th February 2024



Visit our Website

bega-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

School Hours

Regular school hours:

9:05am- 3.05pm

Lunch:

11.05—11.50am

Recess:

1.30pm—2.00pm

FACEBOOK

Please join the school's Facebook page, it is a great source of information about what is happening in the school. Information from the school and the P & C will go out on Facebook, so make sure you join.



Canberra Excursion PACER Rebate

PACER Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$90 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.





RUN 4 FUN 2023



Class News KJ

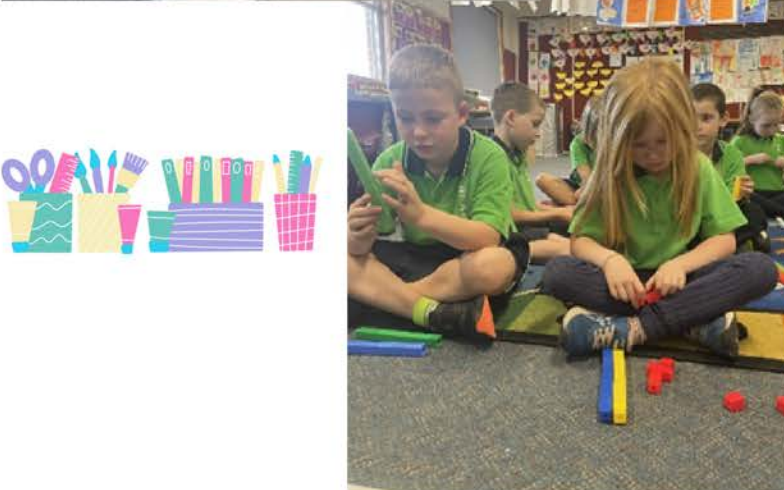
We have made it to Term 4!

KJ has had a wonderful year so far – jam-packed with new experiences, new friendships and plenty of learning opportunities! This term we have spent quite a lot of time revising some of the concepts we learned earlier in the year in preparation for the move to year one.

In Literacy, students have continued their exploration of letter sounds – including blends, digraphs and split digraphs. This practice has carried over to our writing time, during which many students are now using their knowledge of letter sounds to segment, sound and spell new words they encounter. We continue to develop our strategies and skills as independent and resilient writers, ensuring we 'have a go' at all tasks, push through challenges and make use of resources in our room such as the word wall and butterfly charts.

In Maths, we have enjoyed participating in number warmups which have allowed us time to explore number combinations in numbers up to and beyond ten. We have gained confidence in adding and subtracting – with the use of hands-on materials, visuals and number lines and have had some fun investigating grouping and sharing strategies through a variety of open-ended tasks.

KJ is looking forward to several events occurring in the coming weeks, including the Colour Fun Run, NRL Gala Day, Picnic Day at Bournda and Presentation Day. Plenty of excitement to end the term and year!



Class News KA

The students worked so hard last term on rehearsing for the K-2 play 'The Day the Crayon's Quit' and should be very proud of their efforts in performing their dance on the stage. It was great to see them all give it their best effort! Thank you to parents for organising their child's costume and bringing them to the night performance and helping them practice their lines at home.

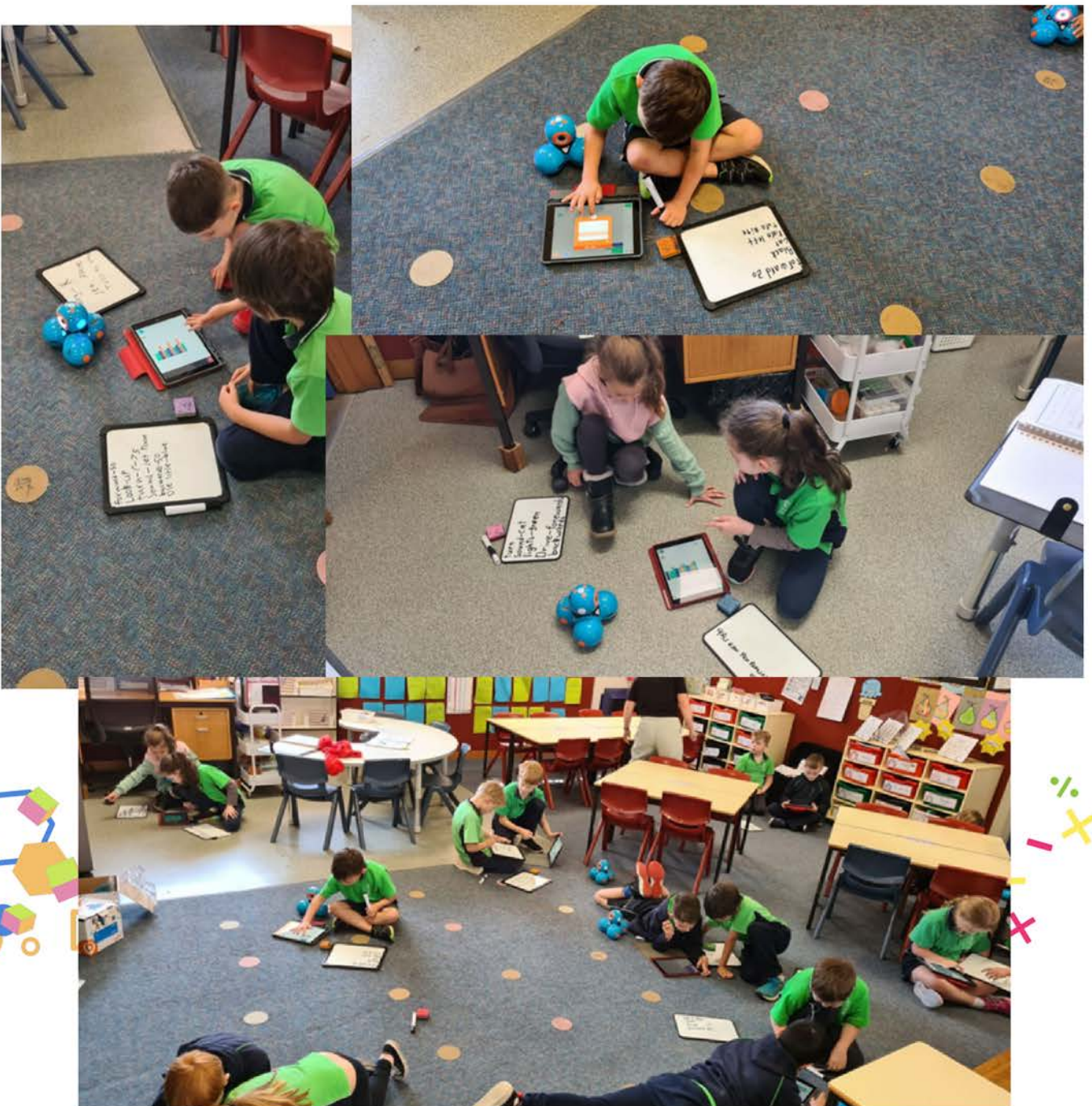
This term we are looking at living things in Science with Mrs Franks and exploring Dance and Drama. Mrs Shovelton is taking the students for gym during PE. In writing, KA have been getting sweaty brains getting all their ideas into their writing books. We have been introduced to the local Aboriginal language used in our cultural program within our school and explored using it in our writing. We have created QR codes so that you can hear students read their stories about the budjaan (bird) and also used the word Giiyong (welcome) in our stories to welcome you to our garden.

This term Kindy welcome the Zoomobile 6th November and our picnic day towards the end of the term. Please don't forget our library day is Tuesday.



Class News 1/2J

This semester 1/2J has loved participating in Digital Technology! Students have had the opportunity to use many different types of technology to support their learning in Science, Mathematics and Spelling. They have used PowerPoint to type and sort their spelling words and Scratch Junior, a coding program, to code a weekly weather report. They planned their report, created a background about different weather events and voiced over their coded backgrounds to create their weather report. Below are some photos of 1/2J collaborating with a partner to code a growing and shrinking pattern using the Dash robots.

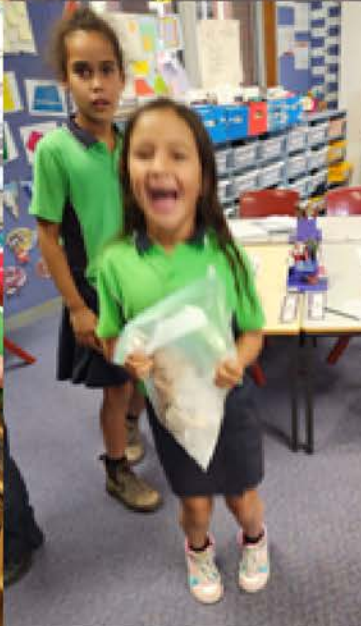


Class News 1/2M

12M are excited for our first ever Stage 1 NRL Gala Day this week. In preparation, we have been practicing throwing, catching, running with the ball in two hands and moving the ball down the line as a team. The Year 2's cannot wait to hit the water next week for their two weeks of swimming. The Year 1's will be participating in sports skills at school including hockey, T-ball and cricket.

In Geography, we are getting to know the States and Territories of Australia and the difference between a town, city, state and country. In Science, we are learning about what natural resources things come from and how to change them into something new. The kids enjoyed making cream from dairy cows into ice cream in class by following a procedure with a set of ingredients. 12M is learning touch typing to improve their typing skills and familiarity with the keyboard.

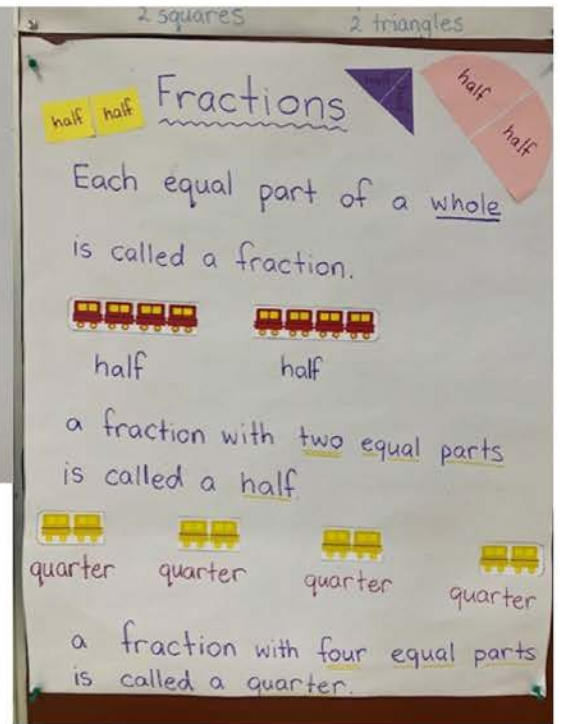
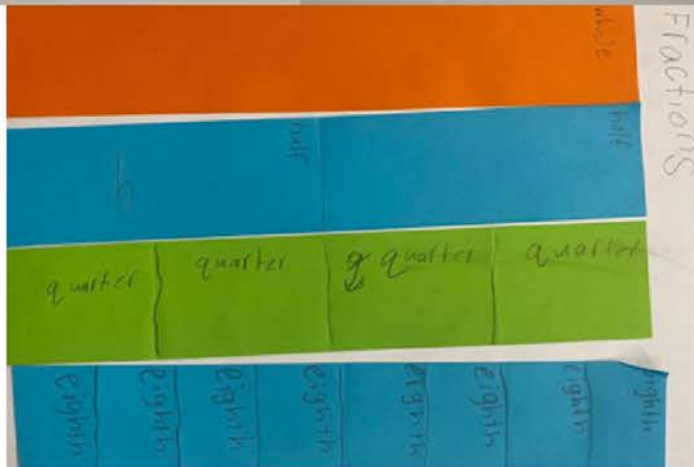
With a many exciting things still to come before the end of the year, we look forward to each week.



Class News 1/2N

Term 4 is going so quickly with lots of productive learning in 1/2N. In maths we are learning that fractions are equal parts of a whole. Students have been working with different models and symbols to represent halves, quarters and eighths. This would be a great time to get out the cup measures at home to connect learning at school with learning at home.

Students have carefully folded paper strips to make sure the parts are equal. They have also shared a collection of toys equally so that two children are given half of the toys each.



Creating with Zoobs.



We have finished reading the novel Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, and we loved watching the play. We can learn a lot about friendship from Charlotte's Web and also some lessons about fact checking what you read! We are now creating our own published narratives. Keep an eye out, these should be coming home soon!



The colour run was so much fun last Friday, the swimming program for year 2 (20 November – 1 December) and all the other fun events that come along at the end of the year!



Class News 3/4T

Term four has been very busy so far in 3/4T.

In class we have already managed to complete Check-In and PAT tests, which have allowed the teachers to see how all our hard work this year has led to academic improvements. We have also been learning how to write a persuasive letter in writing, and have been incorporating coding and digital technologies into our maths and science lessons.

Outside the classroom we have had our camping trip to Bournda, which was a lot of fun. The Bournda staff were extremely impressed with the behaviour and attitude of BVPS students, something we are very proud of. This week we had our Colour Fun Run, and 3/4T raised lots of money and had a very colourful and enjoyable day.

AWESOME



oh what
FUN



K-2 Gala Day

K-2 League Stars Gala Day

On Thursday 16th November, K-2 students participated in a league tag gala day. After a damp start, the students thoroughly enjoyed the day where we played non-competitive games focused on learning new skills and having fun. It was K-2's first experience of a gala day and the student's engagement, participation and encouragement of one another should be commended.

Thank you to Josh from the NRL and his team for a well organised and fun day.

Each team manager had the opportunity to nominate a 'Player of the Team' based on sportsmanship, fairness, and effort. These students are below:

Back row: Maniah, Lilly, Henry, Frankee, Cooper

Front row: Brody, Fusi, Aiden, Eleanora, Ben





Class News 4/5R

It has been a very busy time at school this term with the 3-6 Play, Charlotte's Web at the beginning of Term and our Stage 2 excursion to Bournda during Week 4 which was a wonderful learning experience! There have been numerous musical, cultural and sporting opportunities for class members to participate in. Students are working towards progressing on our school STAR wall through our PBL reward system in class and displaying our school values of respect, responsibility, co-operation and friendship.

In writing we have been constructing persuasive texts learning the correct structure, using high modality vocabulary and literary devices. During Maths lessons we are gaining confidence in using appropriate mathematical language to explain the strategies we are using when problem solving.

Mrs Franks has been teaching us for Science, Art and handwriting this semester and we are enjoying the lessons she has organised. In PE we are practising our skills with a variety of sport equipment, including the new basketballs. Our Health and Personal Development lessons are focusing on growing and changing, where we have had some interesting discussions.

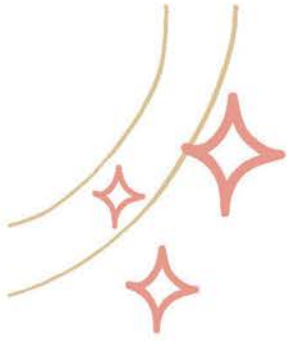
Mrs Roberts is looking forward to finishing the year observing students following our class code of cooperation and attempting learning tasks with their best efforts!



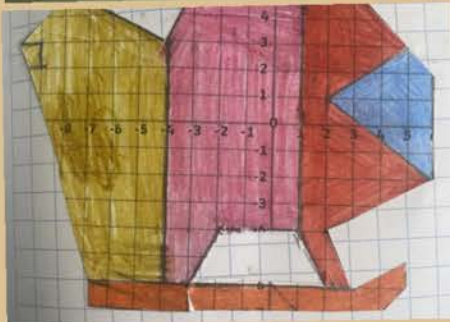


WOW!!!





5/6J



Term 4 in 5/6J

5/6J have been having a busy Term 4. In Science we have been learning about Earthquakes and other natural disasters. Did you know that earthquakes are caused when by the pressure when tectonic plates collide? Or that our hair grows faster than the tectonic plates shift in a year? In DigiTech we have been using Canva. We even designed this newsletter item using Canva!

In Maths we have been learning about Cartesian Planes. We have been doing various games and activities using Cartesian Planes. Meanwhile, in English we have been reading *Bridge to Terabithia* as a class. We enjoy hearing about how Jesse and Leslie are stood up for the victims of bullying at their school.

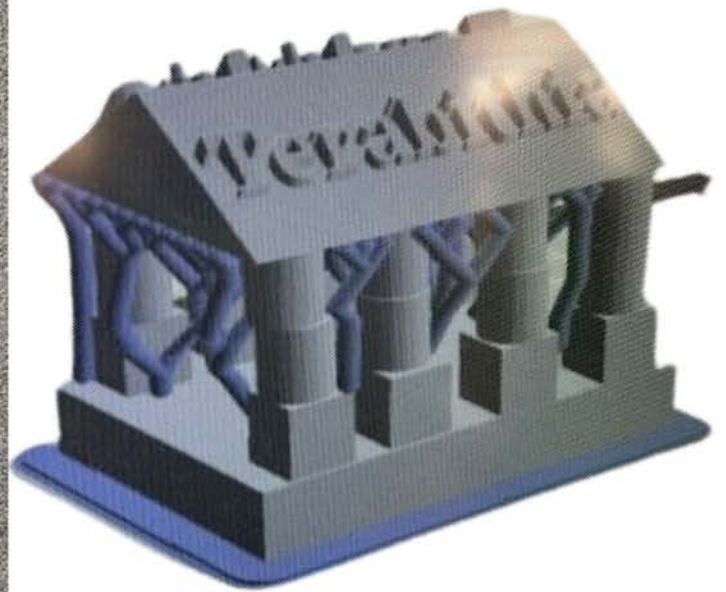
Finally, we are all super excited for our school camp and all the end of year fun!

Class News 5/6M

This term the students are learning about 3D printing and using software to create designs based around certain specifications and printing these constructions.

In history we are looking at Democracy and the levels of Government in Australia preparing us for our excursion at the end of this term.

We are focusing on our imaginative writing with our novel study unit. The students are learning about literary devices that create more engaging reads for their audiences.



3D



Bournda Excursion Stage 2

On the second and third of November, students from Stage 2 went to Bournda for an overnight camp. When we arrived at Bournda, we had an introduction with Doug from Bournda and then set up our tents. This proved to be a challenging experience which needed persistence and resilience! Over the two days we participated in lessons facilitated by Bournda Educational Environmental staff which included a nature walk and beach games, sporting activities, dip netting and team work challenges. It was a wonderful educational opportunity for our students!

Below are some of the highlights as told by our students:

Jordan: I liked catching the crabs in the nets and looking at them as they are cool!

Sefa: When I saw the big goanna up the tree near the beach I was a bit scared and surprised. I liked the ball game Jordan, Nate and I designed in the sand and the scream and run game. I loved custard town for dessert.

Isla: It was a fun experience, I loved learning about the native wildlife and native plants. I also liked it when we played the challenge games with the planks and tyres and had to get across the acid river to get to the other side

Judy: I loved dip netting, teamwork activities, walking on the beach and learning about the plants.

Addie: I liked decorating my tent and catching the crabs at the lake.

Lilly Ha: It was funny when there was a possum while we were brushing our teeth. I enjoyed it when we did the challenge games with the tyres and wood and also discovering the seahorses whilst dip netting.

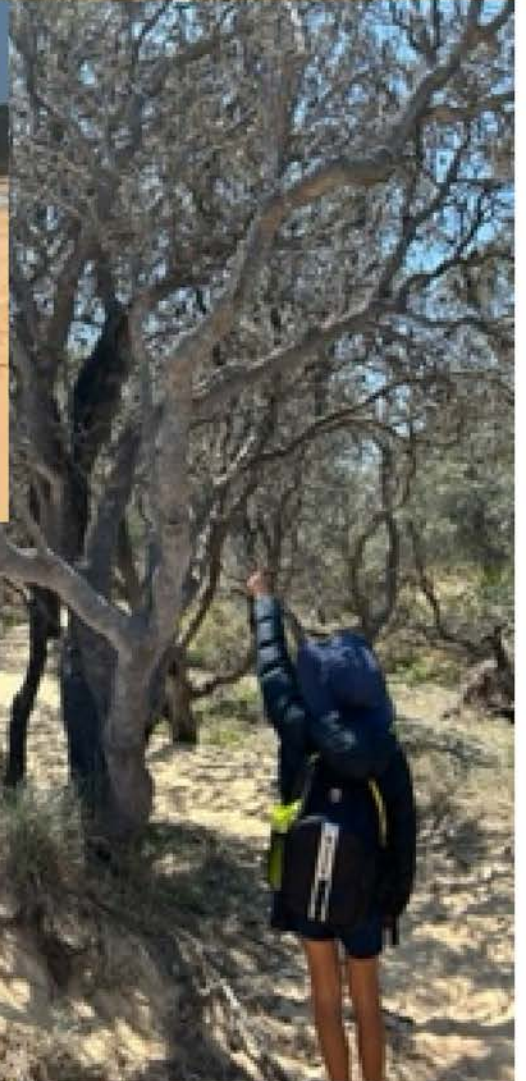
Lochlan S: the sport activities were fun.

Jade: I liked taking notes of the plants when we went for a walk with Doug on the trail to the beach.

Lilly Hi: The seahorses, the challenge games and setting up the tent was funny when it fell down!

Thank you to Ms Fathers for organising the excursion and the supporting teachers for taking us to camp, an experience we will remember this year.







Class News K6O

Wow what a year we have had in K6O. I can't believe we are already at the back end of 2023. During our English lessons this term, students have been working on showing initiative and being independent learners with our literacy tasks. Here are some shots of students demonstrated that we can be independent learners.



Last week we learnt all about 3D Objects. Students investigated, made and identified a variety of nets that were used to create a prisms and pyramids. Here is a pic of some of our finished products.



SPORTS NEWS

State Athletics

What a highlight to have 2 of our senior students Jasmine Young and Ewan Van Der Westhuysen compete at the NSW PSSA State Athletics Championships in Sydney this term! We are so proud of their achievements in athletics this year, with Ewan qualifying for the 100m and 200m sprints in the highly competitive 12 year old boys division.

Special congratulations to Jasmine on winning the silver medal in the 13 year girls 100m sprint!

Second place in the final was a wonderful result and very inspiring for other students at our school.

Sporting School Program

We are grateful to have secured another Sporting Schools grant for Term 4 for basketball. This has allowed us to purchase new basketball equipment, to teach the skills of basketball in PE and Sport lessons, along with adding to our lunchtime and recess games.

Thank you

Thank you to all the teachers that have given up extra time to coach sporting teams this year. Also, to the parents and community members who have helped with transport and encouragement of our teams. We have had a very successful year in sport and look forward to continuing these wonderful opportunities for our students in 2024!



LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

BOOK CLUB catalogues were handed out this week and are due back to the office by Tuesday 28th November.

Please clearly mark your order with the student's name, class and correct amount of money in a sealed envelope/bag or order online.

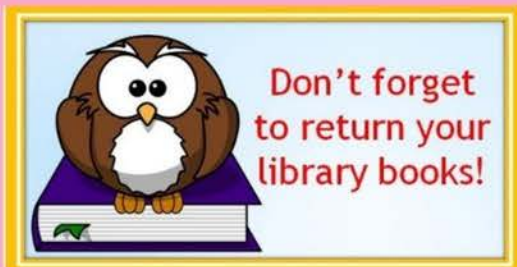
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To pay by credit card—
Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP OR
download the **LOOP** app. Your order will
be electronically linked to the rest of
your school's order. You do not need to
complete the order form.

Overdue Books

We currently have 375 books overdue.
Please check at home to see if you have
any library books
which need to be returned.



Stats for 2023

Number of books borrowed this year -
14327

Classes With The Most Loans

K-2 - 1/2N

3-6 - 5/6J

Top Teacher Borrowers

Miss Brodie

Top Student Borrowers

3-6

Sophie - 172

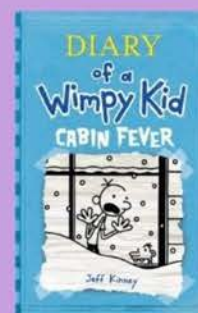
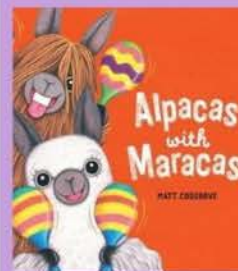
Tenderly - 153

K-2

Fusi - 77

Thea - 72

Top Borrowed Books



Music News

So much has been happening in the music department. In week 2, we had very successful performances of Charlotte's Web. All Stage 2 & 3 students participated. There was dancing, singing and we had a great band accompanying the performers.





SCLC Stage Band

Our students have been playing in a multi school ensemble called the SCLC Beginner Ensemble. It's a great program for our students to learn more about their chosen instrument, playing in an ensemble and making new friends.

Some selected students have have also been rehearsing with the SCLC Stage Band. This is an advanced band program, giving students the chance to learn with accomplished students musician and from year 4 to 10.



CULTURAL NEWS

Stage 2 Cultural Group Experiences:

Our Stage 2 students have been actively involved in various cultural experiences. Just last Friday (October 20th), they participated in a planting day with Mr. Teudt, our school gardening teacher, along with expertise from Cliodhna of the Royal Botanical Gardens and Chris from Black Duck Foods. The students created a map and worked in the garden, strengthening their bond with classmates. Friday, on the 27th of October, they visited to Potoroo Palace, where they took part in koala-friendly planting activities with Chris Harris and learnt about local wildlife from Gabe Bower-Scott. This adventure also include a special lunch that was provided by the Cowsnest Community Kitchen.

Fun Time





Planting day in our Koori Cultural garden



Bega High School P&C presents



A series of talks by experts for parents of teens
Thursday 23rd November

**Come join Lindy Morrison on a
robust discussion on the FUN and
Flaws in Parenting**

Lindy Morrison played drums with Zero, The Go Betweens and Cleopatra Wong from the late seventies until 1993. After the birth of her daughter, she moved into directing large scale drum pageants and community music projects around Australia including The Junction House Band, a group of musicians with intellectual disabilities that she directed for 25 years.

In 1998, Lindy Morrison assisted in the establishment and development of Support Act the music industry charity, working part time as their National Coordinator for 25 years. She was an elected PPCA Board Director by Australian recording artists for over 20 years representing their rights in the soundrecording copyright.

In the last five years, Lindy has performed and or recorded both in Australia and the UK with bands like Alex the Astronaut, Rob Lloyd from The Nightingales, The Girl with the Replaceable Head, Cassy Judy, Comrad Xero and on large scale performance pieces by Lauren Brincatt. Her main gig is now touring and recording in the SnarskiCircusLindyBand with Rob Snarski.

All parents welcome from Bega High and other schools.
5.30pm-6.30pm Bega High School Hall, Supper provided

FREE EVENT REGISTER FOR REMINDER AT bit.ly/ParentToolkit3 or QR





**GROW THE
FUTURE**

Spring Open Day

Come see the
Grow the Future
Farm, meet the
people involved,
and learn about
what we do



Farm fresh produce and seedlings for sale



Music from Minimum Wage and Bega Sound Collective



Local Aboriginal Land Council coffee cart



Crunchtime Australia Cakes



Community
event where
all are
welcome



**Thursday 23 November
3:30 - 6pm**



**20 Auckland Street
Bega**

BOOK LAUNCH



CHARLEY MEETS A NEW FRIEND

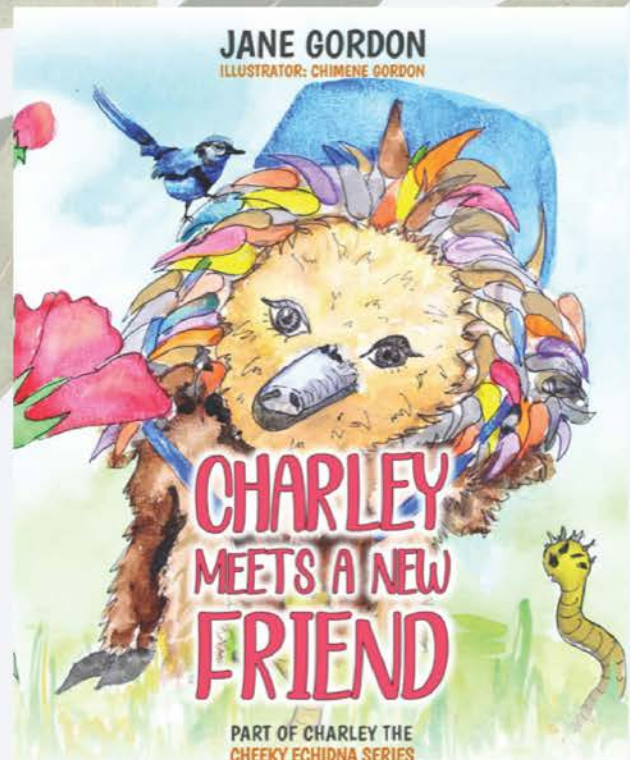
by Jane Gordon

**SATURDAY
9 DECEMBER
11:30AM**

**TANJA MARKETS
TANJA HALL
TANJA NSW**

Books for sale

\$18 each or buy BOTH 'Charley Goes Out' 2nd Ed and 'Charley Meets a New Friend' **plus** a signed copy of the first edition of 'Charley Goes Out,' as a package for just \$30



Plus: The 2nd edition of
Charley Goes Out



CHRISTMAS WRAPPING AVAILABLE

WWW.KURRAJONGPRODUCTIONS.COM.AU





BEGA CHRISTMAS FAMILY CARNIVAL

THURS 7TH DEC 4PM-8PM

LITTLETON GARDENS, BEGA

FREE RIDES!

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES FROM FELICITY DOWD,
MATTY PREO, LOCAL SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

SANTA ARRIVING AT 7PM

Presents in the Park with Santa 7:15pm-8pm

FREE KIDS CRAFT CORNER

FREE FACE PAINTING

VRA DEMONSTRATIONS

CHOCOLATE WHEEL WITH HEAPS OF PRIZES TO BE WON
INCLUDING GIFT VOUCHERS, TOYS, CHOCOLATES AND MORE!

FOOD

BBQ -SUPPORTING VINNIES BEGA

CHIP ON A STICK

FAIRY FLOSS

SAPPHIRE COAST EATS

ONE STOP CANDY SHOP

Sapphire Coast Runners

After School Details for the SCR Junior Run Group

Sapphire Coast Runners Junior Run Group is held each Thursday at 4pm during school term (sessions are 1 hour in length).

Held at Roy Howard Oval Bega (AFL Oval).

Open to all children under 18.

All levels catered for.

For insurance purposes, all participants must be financial members of SCR. This costs only \$15 per year.

Athletics NSW qualified coaching, supervisors hold Working With Children Checks.

Participants are urged to bring a hat and water.

To join:



www.revolutionise.com.au/sapphirecoast/registration/





**BEGA VALLEY
PUBLIC SCHOOL
STAFF AND
STUDENTS**

**WOULD LIKE TO WISH
EVERYONE A
SAFE AND HAPPY
HOLIDAY**



**SEE YOU ALL
AGAIN IN 2024**

