CANDELO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 9 - Term 4, 10th – 14th December 2018

What's happening at our school:

Term 4 2018

Tonight
Charlotte's Web
Candelo Town Hall at 6:30pm

Friday 14 December
Scripture 12.15pm

Last day of swimming

Monday 17 December
Presentation Night

Tuesday 18 December
2.00 Talent Show

Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 19 December
Y3-6 Magic Mountain

K – Y2 Party Day
Last day of Term 4

Friday 21 December
Santa in the Park.

Sunday 6 January
Candelo Markets

Wednesday 30 January
First day Term 1
All children return to school.

Attachments:
Student Invoices where applicable

Everyone is ready for tonight's performance of Charlotte's Web!

Dear parents and carers,

As the 2018 school year draws to a close…
We are so proud of our Year 6 students who continue to work to meet all of the end of year activities and transition to High School to include the Small Schools Peer Support Camp at Bournda and the School Play. Next week we will celebrate their achievements, along with the whole school, at the **Presentation Night awards ceremony on Monday 17 December** followed by **Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday** evening.

A wonderful group of children, it has been such a privilege to work with Makayla, Colin, Sara, Zeke, Monique and Heidi and to support their growth and development. We wish the children every success in the future and thank them for their contribution to their primary school. It will indeed be very sad to see them go, and for some families it is farewell as their last child leaves Candelo PS. Thank you to Jo and Richard Cunningham and Joe and Kacey Weller. Joe, who as P&C president, contributed significantly to the school and P&C Market BBQ activities. His fundraising initiatives provided funding for extra curricula programs to ensure every child accessed every program as well as bringing the community together. Kacey, who serves as School Learning Support Officer and Canteen Coordinator, will continue her role in 2019.

I would also like to personally thank each of our **Year 6 parents** for their support as their child's classroom teacher and principal. The trust and respect that was required for this successful relationship was never taken for granted and was very much appreciated.

Thank you to our **staff** for their **dedication and high expectations** that they have of all students in our care and for the tremendous effort and generosity of spirit that they bring to Candelo PS. It is a very special school with a wonderful history and it is exciting to be planning for the **150 year celebration in 2019.**

It has been such a privilege to work with the wonderful **Ros Bexley**, School Administration Manager, what an amazing contribution she has made to her local school! We wish her the very best as she contemplates retirement in 2019 and look forward to a special farewell on Thursday from 2 – 4pm where past students, teachers and families are invited to join her farewell celebration.

At that time we can also celebrate the retirement of **Merryl Whitby**, our much loved music and librarian teacher. The children have been writing the most beautiful letters and memories that will indeed let both Ros and Merryl know just what an amazing contribution they have both made.

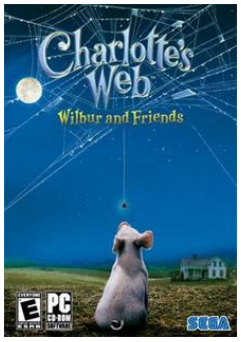
The students have enjoyed an amazing year with our **outstanding teachers and classroom helpers**. Rachel Watchirs in her first year and Naomi Moore with her first class, have both enjoyed the thrill of classroom responsibilities and the joy of working successfully with such beautiful children. They will both remember this year FOREVER! Thank you to Samantha Johnson for her brilliant K-6 Science program and introduction of Robotics. Thank you Wayne Dunning for ensuring the success of the Country Schools upgrade of Wifi access at Candelo and Learning Support Teacher Sue Campbell for her successful support of students and their individual learning programs.

We have the very best **administration team and learning support staff** with Jenny Sheedy, Kacey Weller and Wendy Luxford, they go way beyond what is expected and contribute so much to student wellbeing programs that value and support every child. Thank you to Alan Seaman for his work each Thursday to manage production of the newsletter and support in the library.

We welcome Megan Bellenger who will relieve as School Administration Manager in 2019. Megan has already demonstrated just how efficient and caring she can be and is looking forward to meeting all of our families. I know that you will make her feel welcome and help her to settle in.

In addition, we have the most **beautiful school grounds and terrific classrooms**, we are very grateful to Jerry Bexley and Sonia Westaway for their support to manage and maintain Candelo Public School.

Semester 2 reports will come home today. Thank you teachers, for your work to reflect and report on student outcomes. Thank you Ros and Megan for your support to print and prepare the reports.



Charlotte's Web **drama presentation K-6** evening performance with the full cast is tonight **Thursday 13 December** at the Candelo Town Hall at 6.30. *All children K-6 should meet teachers at 5.45pm at their classroom to dress for the play. After the play the children will return to school to change and then will meet parents under the COLA.* Children have asked if they can wear mufti to school tonight – that is fine!

Presentation Night will be held on Monday 17 December from 6.30 – 8.00pm in the Candelo Town Hall. All children will need to wear full school uniform for this formal occasion. It is a great opportunity for the community to celebrate the wonderful successes of each and every student, to highlight the achievements during the year and to farewell our Year 6 students and families. Please add this important date to your calendar, we look forward to seeing **every family**.

Thank you for returning notes for the excursion to **Magic Mountain on Wednesday 19 December (Years 3 to 6)**. The P&C have committed $10.00 per student which supports the entry to the park and the cost of transport is supported by Sunshine Bay funding.

K-2 will have their Jumping Castle and craft special day with Miss Watchirs and Mrs Moore and parents. If the weather is warm we will also include some water activities, please ensure children have swimmers, towel and a change of clothes.

Year 6 Farewell Christmas party will be held in the library on **Tuesday 18 December** from 5.00pm – 7.00pm. Parents are asked to bring a plate to share and to support the set up and pack up on the evening. Please return notes for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and their families.

Wednesday 19 December is the last day of term for students (teachers return for SDD on Thursday and Friday)

Friday 21 December Santa in the Park BBQ at 5.30 and Carols at 6.00pm. Children are invited to participate in the Choir for the Community Carols, they will be accompanied by Mrs Whitby and Mrs Bourke. Children should wear Christmas colour clothing and wear a red and white Santa hat and meet at the Fire Shed at 5.45pm.

<u>Uniforms</u>

New school sport t-shirts will be presented to each child in Term 1 2019. A new contract has been negotiated with LW Reid for sport shirts.

School t-shirts are available from the school office and are supported by the P&C.

Hurry get your orders before the end of term for **school shorts** and **school jackets** ready for 2019 with Kathleen Brewster 0422 496 384.

Parents wanting new shirts for 2019 need to make sure they have ordered the shirts **through the school. The shirts will be delivered to the school for the beginning of Term 1.** We will contact parents re collection and payment when they arrive.

Scripture will be held tomorrow Friday at 12.15pm. The children worked beautifully with Christine Croxford to present the story of the nativity at an assembly last week.

Congratulations to Year 5 students who presented their speeches for **Year 6 leadership** positions in 2019.

Talent Show Children who can play an instrument, tell a joke, sing a song are asked to see Monique and Makayla and friends on Friday, they are planning a talent quest from 12.00 – 1.00 on Tuesday afternoon 18 December from 2.00 to 3.00pm. Please bring a note with student name, name of item, type of item and a dress up costume for the show. Please note that this is an opportunity for children who enjoy performance and have a little item ready (some children may just enjoy being part of the audience for the Talent Quest).

Thank you to 2M for their organisation of the Toy Drive for Oxfam last week. The children raised $130 for Oxfam and Mrs Moore will organise to forward the funds to Oxfam. Congratulations to Stage 2 leaders and children who made generous donations of toys for the market. 2M certainly had a great experience as shop keepers. It is brilliant that children are giving so generously to help others, as part of the Christmas spirit, we value that we are all able to help others in need.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas with family and friends full of gratitude and love.

Charlotte's Web

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