



CANDELO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 3 - Term 1

9 February 2023

What's happening at our school:

Term 1 2023

Class Music - Wednesday

Library – Wednesday

CIP Music - Thursday

Spanish – Friday

Sport - Friday

Canteen – Friday

Canteen

Friday 1st Lunch 11.10

School & Small School Swimming Carnival

Candelo Pool

10am Friday 10 February

Greet and Meet Parent and Teachers 3.30 – 4.30

Candelo PS Library

Wednesday 15 February

Swimming4Sport

Candelo Pool

Friday 17 February

(Fridays each week)

PSSA Sapphire Coast Swimming Carnival

Friday 17 February

Eden Pool

Student/Parent/Teacher meetings

Wednesday/Thursday

22/23 February

Attachments

- Goal Setting Sheet
- Emergency Contact Form
- Naplan Flyer (Yr3&5)
- Year 7 enrolment info



Sport Captains 2023



Kindy students settle into school routines beautifully!



Dear parents and carers,

The School Swimming Carnival planned for tomorrow, will enable children to develop their team spirit and fitness in a safe competitive environment.

The House Captains will encourage team mates to have a go and participate to the best of their ability. All children 8 years and over will be encouraged to participate with Small Schools in the Carnival. The Candelo Pool is a fantastic asset to the community, and it was great that some children spent time preparing for the carnival this week.

Parents are asked to bake biscuits, slices or a cake, make a fruit platter or some individual dip and vegetable cups for sale and bring them to school on Friday 10/2 morning or to the pool by 10am. We are asking for parent helpers for the stall and with timekeeping for the Small School Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to our Sport Captains for 2023:

Grey Gums – Pippa and Lucas

Golden Wattles – Max and Laila

Meet and Greet the teachers and each other next Wednesday 15 February in the School Library from 3.30 to 4.30pm (children will be supervised in the playground).

Please come along for a short presentation by the teachers and meet some new families and P&C members. Bring your questions while we all enjoy a cup of tea/coffee together. Free COVID RAT kits will be available for families.

Best Start Program

Mrs Whitehead was thrilled to have special time to work with each Kindergarten child to observe the skills that they bring to the class this week. A report is being developed to share with parents. Thank you, Mrs Campbell, for assisting the K/1 class during these observation periods.

Parent Meetings to support Goal Setting for all students will be held on Wednesday/Thursday - 22/23 February. Bookings may be made via **Sentral Portal**.

A goal setting sheet will be sent home with your child with information to prepare for your meeting. It is important that parents and students attend the meeting so that we can all support the children's learning. The meeting hopefully, will be face to face, however an online meeting or phone meeting at the time indicated, is possible. Please book a time via the Sentral Portal Interview tab.

*Note **Kindy and Year 1 students will have canteen at school this Friday. Children will need to bring about \$5.00 to buy their lunch (see menu).**

P&C Meeting

Congratulations and thank you to the 2023 P&C

Executive: President Amy Barker, Treasurer Kathryn Hennessy, Danielle Potter/ Kate Moorhead as Secretary, and Mark Doyle and Danielle Potter elected as Vice Presidents. Market coordinators are Kathryn, Mark and Amy.

The meeting celebrated the fundraising achievements for 2022 - \$27,688! K-6 students have benefitted from the support for excursions, shade sail up the back, uniforms etc. The funds enable every child to buy sport and school shirts at cost price and to enjoy nutritious lunches each Friday.

A Market roster will be organized adding each family so that everyone can contribute and enjoy at least one market. Support will be provided and you can expect to have fun and contribute to fund raising to support each and every child. You can contact the Office if you are not able to support the rostered day.

Upcoming School programs requiring your support:

- Parent student teacher interviews
- Meet and Greet Afternoon Tea
- Cake Stall for School Carnival tomorrow



School Uniforms (shirts and sport shirts) are now in stock. Back to School vouchers can be used! Payment is made to the P&C and orders for shorts, jackets and jumpers are able to be made with Kathleen Brewster 0422 496 384.

COVID-smart measures developed with NSW Health to minimise transmission and keep schools open, will continue to be in place. These key measures include:

- Reminding students, staff and families to stay home if unwell and test for COVID_19 if showing any symptoms
- Boosted day cleaning of high touch areas
- Encouraging masks to be worn as required
- Encouraging up to date vaccinations for our staff and students
- Maintaining natural ventilation
- Continue to provide RAT testing kits free of charge, please contact the office.

Health Care Plans please update with your child's doctor and return to the Office as soon as possible.

Local excursions permission please complete and return to school.

Week 3 Class Awards

Class 1W Awards – Nicola Whitehead

Madelyn - being a fantastic role model

James - challenging himself and making new friends

Reeve - always striving to do his best

Ella: settling into school beautifully

Class 2B Awards – Lucy Blomfield

Zardie - For an imagination that goes wild

Olivia - For personal best and being responsible

Astrid- For being nice to others

Charlie- For always including people in games and concentrating on his work

Class 3R Awards – Chris Reeve

Rachael - for being a fantastic help in class

Connor - for his amazing start in 3R

Cody - for confidently sharing his 'Me in a Bag' items

Sophia - for engaging peers in her 'Me in a Bag' items

Class 4BJ Awards - Suezanne Bourke/Sam Johnson

Jimmy - for excellent leadership in the playground

Emma - for excellent support of others when learning

Laila - outstanding explanations during discussions

Zali - for confident and positive approach to learning

Bus Transport: Parents are able to access bus transport information on the Transport website.

Dave Smith's bus has an early bus run and a later run to accommodate children coming to Candelo PS.

Library: Each Wednesday the children will return and borrow books from the Library in class groups. Our endeavour is to create dynamic classrooms that fully support students on their literacy journeys and prepare them to become not just literate, knowledgeable citizens but also **lifelong readers**.

Scholastics Book Club online order form enables families to make payments online. The books will be delivered to the school by the end of the month and distributed to children. The points accrued from the books come to the school and these are used to purchase new books for the library.

Individual Learning Plans

Teachers and Learning Support Officers will work with parents and Mrs Campbell to develop learning plans for students with special needs.

Personalised Learning Plans are developed in consultation with parents and carers for all students identifying as Aborigine.

NAPLAN Term 1

Students in **Years 3 and 5** will form our focus groups for small group tuition this term leading up to the NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy Tests in Week 8 (15-27 March)

(See **Parent NAPLAN Information sheet** attached.)

Parent Meetings to support Goal Setting for all students will be held on Wednesday/Thursday 24/25 February. Please book an Interview via Sentral App.

A **goal setting sheet** (attached) will help parents and children prepare for the meeting. It is important that parents and students attend the meeting so that we can all support the children's learning.

Festival of Instrumental Music for 17 students in Years 3 to 6 is held at the Sydney Opera House on **Tuesday 13 June 2023.**

Children must commit to practising the three pieces for the program and give of their best at weekly rehearsals held on Wednesdays.

SPORT:

Swimming4Sport Years 2 to 6: Friday 17, 24 Feb and 3 March.

Candelo/Small Schools Swimming Carnival Years 2 to 6: Friday 10 February, Candelo Pool. Children will need swimmers/rashie, towel, goggles (optional), water bottles, sunscreen and hat. Cost is \$2.00 entry. (School will subsidise the fee) Kiosk will be open for lunch.

- **Small Schools will attend the carnival**
- **PSSA Sapphire Coast Swimming Carnival**
Friday 17 February Eden Pool for students who qualify in events at the School Swimming Carnival.



Class 1W News Nikki Whitehead

It has been a wonderful start for the new Kindys and Year 1s in 1W! We created our own spider web learning each other's names and have got to know our way around the school. We have been learning the routines and expectations at school and how we can be the best learner and friend we can be. We have also been practising our listening and speaking skills.

The Best Start assessments have now been completed which informs teachers where each individual student is with their learning and what their next learning goals are. We will soon start our Soundwaves program which is a formal, school wide approach to teaching phonics and spelling. This also helps form a foundation for reading and writing.

In maths, we have been practising our counting and subitising and created some beautiful owls with Mrs Campbell using 2D shapes.

We had great fun in our first music session with Dean and have been enjoying borrowing books from the library.

Science this term will focus on the Living World and will be taught by Mrs Garden on Thursdays. In Geography we are learning about 'My Place in the World' and how we belong.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child at school, please phone the school or contact us through Sentral and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Thank you. Have a great week!
Nikki/Mrs Whitehead

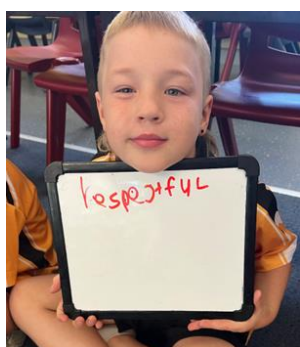
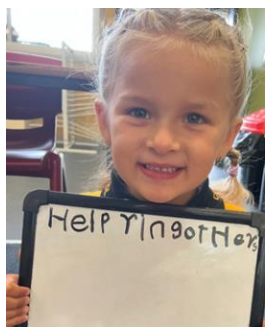
Class 2B News Lucy Blomfield

We are **Readers in 2B!** I am impressed with the bravery and confidence of so many of the class who want to share their books with others. I noticed plenty of acting skills too, which made characters from stories we read come alive with feelings. Every day in our classroom we will have a different student as our Reader of the Day, who shares a short picture storybook with the class. *You can help your child feel success by helping them choose a book they enjoy, check their book is just right for them to read aloud to others and do a practice read together.* A short story is best.

In Maths we played a game called 'Three in a row' to see if we know our friends of 10 and recognise turn around facts: $6 + 4$ is the same as $4 + 6$. If you have some dice at home, you may like to play with your child. It is a variation of noughts and crosses.

On **canteen** day last Friday, Kate made Apple Crumble which was timed perfectly with a story we read called 'I Prefer Apple Crumble to Apple Grumble.' After this we made our very own class recipe of who we want to be in our room. *Half a cup of kind.* We can help people out if they are hurt and do something great for them. (Keiper) *A spoon of be quiet* when classes are on, so we don't disturb our learning. (Lucas and Bailey) *1 teaspoon of saying please and thank you.* (Georgie) Stay tuned for the rest of the recipe.

I look forward to meeting you if I have not had the chance yet and supporting your children to be wonderful learners and little humans. Regards, Lucy



Class 3R News Chris Reeve

Welcome to our new students from Year 3, and welcome back to the Year 4 and Year 5 students who were in 3R last year. We have had a jam packed last few weeks. I have been so proud of the way all the students have begun the year. GREAT WORK, everyone!!

Thanks to every student who wrote a letter at the beginning of the year about themselves. It was great to receive them, and I hope they enjoyed the response. As part of a getting to know you activity, students are asked to bring in a few objects in a bag, 'Me in a bag', and explain why those items are special to them. This is an optional activity, with the aim of learning to talk in front of the class and getting to know peers a little more. Students have also written and published a recount of their holidays. The last two weeks, we have been setting up routines, completing testing to see where the students are (discovering students' gaps and where to go next).

Next week, is a 'Greet and Meet' Parents and Teachers on Wednesday 15th February, and the following Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd the whole school will have **Student/Parent/Teacher interviews**. I look forward to seeing each of you.

Homework has begun. Practising Maths Unit 2 is due tomorrow, Unit 3 is due Friday 17th February. If students are reading below level 30 they will be required to take readers home for homework.

This week in Soundwaves we have focused on the first sound, 'b' as in balloon. Next week, 'a' as in apple, and week 5 'k' as in kite.

In Maths, we are focusing on place value. In Writing, we are focusing on narratives for the next weeks.

As part of the Department of Education's Technology funding, I will be off class on Fridays to teach technology across the school. Mrs Boffa will be teaching Science, and Maths (Measurement and Geometry), as well as Sport.

Thank you, Chris Reeve

Class 4BJ Suzanne Bourke/Sam Johnson

It has been an exciting start for everyone in 4BJ. Our amazing group of children have been focussed, kind, respectful and enjoying their learning. We have established a classroom in which everyone's rights and responsibilities are valued.

It has been a week of organisation, getting to know each other and undertaking some assessments to guide placement in levels for maths and English.

Wednesdays and Thursdays are particularly fun with groups for the following lessons: Science, PE and Personal Development, followed by *Maths Everywhere* and Music groups in the afternoon. The Science topic focuses on living things and the structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment. The History topic is Exploration 1400 to 1700 and will support the development of research skills and safety using the Internet.

The Year 6 School Parliament have met informally to establish their portfolios. Enthusiastic support by Layla and Pippa at lunchtimes and by Jimmy in the canteen and Jack's organisation of the sport equipment has been great. We are planning a formal assembly in a couple of weeks to enable parents to attend to see their children receive their Year 6 shirts (kindly paid for by the P&C).

Maths Everywhere was a great success – all children prepared work for Wednesday. Unit 2 started this week and Unit 3 next week to review fractions and data.

Reading Eggspress (with hundreds of books) and Manga High have been set up so that children can practise at home. Borrowing from the Library is encouraged for at home and in school reading.

Best wishes to all children for the Swimming Carnival tomorrow.

Regards, Suzanne, Sam and Jenny