

What's happening at our school:

Term 1 2023

Class Music - Wednesday Library – Wednesday CIP Music - Thursday Spanish – Friday Sport - Friday Canteen – Friday

Swimming4Sport Candelo Pool Friday 24 February, 3 March (Fridays each week)

Principal Network Meeting Friday 24 February Bega

SCHOOL PHOTOS Thursday 2 March

P&C BBQ March Markets Sunday 5 March

Clean Up Candelo Monday 6 March 2pm (please bring garden gloves)

P&C Meeting 6.30pm Wednesday 8 March

Regional Swimming Dapto Friday 10 March

NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 15 - 27 March

State Election Candelo Hall Saturday 25 March

Attachments School Photo envelope

CANDELO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 5 - Term 1

23 February 2023



Relay teams for the District Carnival

Dear parents and carers,

Candelo has been recognised as a **High Performing School!** "Data from ACARA re NAPLAN 2022... shows us that Candelo Public School is a high performing school." Congratulations Candelo community for your support to achieve such an accolade!

Congratulations to our **District Small Schools Team** for their fantastic effort at the District Swimming Carnival! Thank you to the parents and teachers who assisted with transport and cheered the team on.

85% of parents have booked in for **Parent Meetings** to support teachers to better know the children and to ensure that learning is a shared responsibility. Discussions with parents included goalsetting in literacy and numeracy. Please call the school if you are yet to organise your interview.

The department has renewed its contract with the **NSW Ambulance School** and Group Cover Scheme. This scheme covers the cost for emergency ambulance services to NSW school students attending approved, fully supervised school activities and excursions (to include excursions to ACT and Victoria).

SCHOOL PHOTOS Thursday 2 March – please return envelopes (attached) with your order to the office, payment details are on the front of the envelope. Children should wear full school uniform (school shirt, shorts/skort, black shoes); and hair should be neat and tidy.

P&C Meeting

Market coordinators Kathryn, Mark and Amy are encouraging families to support the **monthly BBQ**. A team of about 8-10 people are required for each market. A draft market roster has been sent home for you to check if the rostered date suits you and your family's plans. Please contact the office to confirm your availability for the month allocated. March Market: Sunday 5 March

Upcoming School programs requiring your support are:

• Clean Up Australia (garden gloves)



School Uniforms (shirts and sportshirts) are now in stock. Back to School vouchers can be used! Payment is made to the P&C.

Shorts, jackets and jumpers are also available from the Office.

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.

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*.

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)

Medical: There have been a couple of confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in the School.

Week 5 Class Awards

Class 1W Awards – Nicola Whitehead

Anton - growing independence and listening skills Brody - excellent work creating patterns in maths Fergus - fantastic creative drawings and story telling

Maddy - wonderful playdoh creations for letter sounds

Class 2B Awards – Lucy Blomfield

Leo - always being kind, respectful and doing the right thing at the right time Harrison - being helpful and including others Gordon - sharing his love and commitment to reading books Layla - for giving her best effort in Soundwaves

Class 3R Awards – Chris Reeve

Zoey - working super hard Writing and Spelling tasks Tom - working super hard on all learning tasks Jackson T - fantastic work during Maths groups Emily - adapting well to extension work

<u>Class 4BJ Awards - Suezanne Bourke/Sam Johnson</u> Oscar - excellent demonstrations in technology Ivy - wonderful attitude and support in group tasks Ally - excellent friendships and confidence Zoe - happy and confident commitment to learning

Dance Group students will be selected next week and **rehearsals** will begin Tuesday 28 February from 3.15 to 4.30pm. The SCLC Performing Arts Festival is being planned for Bega Civic Centre, week 9 term 2.

Festival of Instrumental Music program for the Sydney Opera House, **Tuesday 13 June 2023**. Children must commit to practising the three pieces each week.

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

Clean Up Candelo Monday 6 March (after the weekend Markets). 1W will clean up the school yard, 2B will clean up the oval to the fire shed, 3R will look after the park and under the bridge while 4BJ cleans up the main street and the streets on the other side of the bridge.

All children are to wear their school hat and wear gloves to pick up the rubbish. A safety talk will preface the community program to support Clean Up Australia.



Please return any outstanding Local Excursion Notes, Emergency Contact Notes (even if there are no changes) and updated Health Care Plans.

Class 1W – Nikki Whitehead

The students in 1W continue to learn the routines and expectations at school and are doing a fantastic job, always trying their very best. We have been focussing on what a speaker needs to do when he/she is talking to the class (volume, eye contact) and what we do as listeners to show respect (looking at the speaker, not talking).

We have been strengthening our fingers using playdoh and making the letters and sounds we have learned so far: s, a, and t. We have seen some wonderful creations made of things that start with those sounds.



In maths and art we have been looking at patterns and exploring the different rules of patterns, for example, AB pattern or an ABC pattern. We have had lots of fun playing with shapes, blocks, snakes, teddy bears and paint creating our own patterns.

A visit from Tilly (2B) and Zoey (3R) showing us all the rubbish they have collected around the playground provided a great start to our 'Places' unit in Geography. We have looked at places that are around us in Candelo (pool, store, markets), as well as where people and animals live. Together we created our own poster of different places and in the coming weeks will explore how we look after these places just in time for 'Clean up Australia Day' on Monday 6 March.

1W are also loving our music sessions with Dean every Wednesday, learning new songs and actions, dancing and even having a strum on a ukelele each. So much fun!

Thank you and have a great week. Nikki

Class 2B – Lucy Blomfield

Music has started and every Wednesday 2B will be singing and learning how to play the guitar with Dean. Remember that we have Library every Wednesday too. Don't forget to return books to the tub in the morning so a fresh collection of books can be borrowed.

In Literacy we have started rotations. If you visit 2B during rotations time you will find us focusing on our posture in handwriting and exploring sounds and spelling with Soundwaves.

In handwriting we are trying to sit so our handwriting is the best it can be. We have been looking at prepositional phrases (direction words) and actively listening and standing when we hear them in books we may be reading.

For example: On Phillip Island, penguins waddle ... In Darwin, families snuggle ... Near Boulia, a mysterious light ... We are also exploring how making a personal connection with a story and understanding context helps with understanding a book.

In Maths, we are learning how to count collections efficiently. We are exploring the strategy of counting in tens. You can see us approaching our maths tasks by making it, drawing it (recording), and then explaining our thinking.

A big thank you for making the time for parent teacher interviews. It was great to meet and build a stronger understanding of your child, their families and their worlds.



Class 3R Chris Reeve

Thanks so much to all the parents and carers who came in for Student/Parent/Teacher interviews the last couple of days. It was a great opportunity to set Literacy, Numeracy, Personal and Home Goals for every student (and those that didn't have an interview).

Congratulations to Tom, Rachael, Isla and Zoey who represented 3R in Eden at the District Swimming Carnival.

A friendly reminder that school photos are next Thursday 2nd March.

For students in Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN will be held from March 15th – March 27th. Students will complete Writing, Reading, Conventions of language and Numeracy tests.

The last few weeks students have been working hard on their Narrative Writing, focusing on improving the Planning, Sizzling Starts, Tightening Tensions and Exciting Endings. Next week we are beginning to focus on Persuasive Writing.

This week in Soundwaves we have focused on the sound 'k' as kite, next week 'e' as in egg and the week after 'd' as in duck. In Maths, we are focusing on place value, next week we are focusing on addition and the next week subtraction.

Just a reminder that home learning is due weekly (every Friday). Unit 4 is due tomorrow, unit 5 is due on Friday 3rd March and unit 6 is due Friday 10th March. In addition, take home readers have been sent home, those students who are reading below PM level 30 are encouraged to read them at home. Please bring them back into school as often as you can. Every child will benefit from daily reading practice at school and at home.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to Mr Reeve

4BJ News

Keen writers, magical mathematicians and enthusiastic environmentalists - Class 4BJ are enjoying another great week.

We are looking forward to meeting everyone at the interviews, please ring to book a session if you have missed out.

Swimming continues for Friday sport and it is pleasing to see that children are learning to breathe while doing freestyle, this is an important step if they are to improve their swimming confidence. Congratulations to 4BJ students Lucas, Pippa, Emma, Zali, Zoe, Ally, Max, Lakyn as well as 3R students and Olivia from 2B who represented us at the District Swimming Carnival. Preparation for NAPLAN is underway with small group support focused on strategies to develop vocabulary and place value. We are all working to improve fluency with numbers by being able to recognize prime numbers eg 2,3,5,7,11; triangle numbers 1,3,6,10,15... and square numbers 1,4,9,16,25...

Reading at home and following up on tricky maths problems, as well as learning spelling words containing specific phonemes, is important each week.

Writing lessons to develop characters involves knowing their flaws, vulnerabilities as well as their hopes and strengths. The children are learning that the character has to look like he/she may fail and yet, they solve problems and prevail.

This week is the Learning Rule. Each morning Year 6 leaders explain the rule to the children at assembly.

Garden group started this week working with Jo, the feedback was very positive with lots of children keen to learn more.

Thank you, Suezanne, Sam and Jenny

