On Monday students attended Opera Australia’s production of the Magic Flute. This was an outstanding production which enchanted both children and adults. The music and costumes were beautiful and student involvement in the show was great. Students enjoyed seeing the Prince get his Princess and everybody living happily ever after. Thank you to Bargo Public School for inviting us and to parents who assisted with transport.

Best Start assessments in literacy and numeracy are now completed and parent reports have been sent home to parents of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. These reports provide a number of strategies for parents to do with their children. It is recommended that these ideas are used as they will assist the future learning of children.

As part of our Mathematics program all students use a textbook to demonstrate learning outcomes. It is important that your child has their own textbook to work in. Please make sure that you have purchased the textbook from the office. Each book costs $20 and can be paid for by cash, cheque or eftpos. If you would like to pay in installments please inform Mrs Eccleston. Thank you to families who have already purchased the book.

As a result in our success in the ‘Healthy Eating for Kids’ grant from the Picton District CWA, Mr Apps attended Tahmoor Garden Centre, last Friday to request the items we require for our new vegetable garden. As soon as they are delivered we will begin involving students in creating a sustainable future.
At the last Principal’s meeting we were informed about the changes that are to occur in education. Most importantly we discussed the changes to curriculum with the introduction of the Australian Curriculums. In 2014 we will see the introduction of the NSW English Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum followed by the Mathematics Syllabus in 2015. The syllabuses require a change in the way we teach as we prepare students for learning in the 21st century and beyond. The Regional Principal’s Conference will continue to prepare us for change and challenge our intellect as we engage with others who have already experienced change.

Thank you to all parents who have completed and returned medical, contact and privacy notes. It is vital to the school that the information you provide is accurate and up to date. Please remember that all forms need to be returned by the 13th March 2013. All notes are available on the website.

Welcome to our Liam and Daniel who join us from Ingleburn. Liam is in Year 4 and Daniel in Year 2.

The School Cleaning Company (ISS) is currently looking for relief cleaners. If you are interested in applying to become a relief cleaner please leave your name at the office.

Please visit the school website on www.yanderra-p.school for the latest school news.

**Learn To Swim**

Our Learn to Swim School begins Monday 18th March and continues for nine days. For students attending the program we will leave school at 9.50am and return by 11.40am. Please make sure you have secured your child’s place in the program by returning the note and paying the deposit by 14th March

**Start Smart Primary Program**

On Monday 11th March student from Year 1 to Year 6 will attend the Start Smart program teaching money management. Stage 1 students will focus on currency recognition and the difference between needs and wants. Students will need to make practical spending and saving decisions in a range of real life situations. Stage 2 will begin with an investigation into the origins and purpose of money. They will be introduced to credit and keycards while Coach Cash guides them through a series of activities. Stage 3 students will look at tips and tricks to improve their financial habits, learn about interest and take control of their financial future. The Start Smart program is part of the Commonwealth Bank Foundation.

**School Furniture**

With the upgrade of student furniture the school has old furniture available. If you have a use for any of the tables or chairs please speak to Mrs Eccleston.
Mathletics and Spellodrome
As a result of the generosity of the P&C all students at the school are able to access both mathletics and spellodrome from school and home. Each child has their own username and password to gain access to the programs. We encourage you to use the programs to support learning.

Canteen News
It was unfortunate that the canteen had to close last Monday. Please consider volunteering to work in the canteen and support the school. The roster still has empty spots. Please check the roster on the noticeboard. Fresh food is available to purchase every week a new menu will be available shortly.

P&C News
Our AGM was held last night. As a result of the meeting we have Mr Karl Fagan as President, Mrs Lavinia Bowen as Vice President, Mrs Karen Luckman as Treasurer and Mrs Natalie Mooney as Secretary. Congratulations to these parents.

Donations for our Easter Raffle are now needed. Please drop your donation into the office. Raffle tickets are being sent home during next week. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March. Please sell as many tickets as you can to support the school. We will be having an Easter Barbecue and Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March. A separate note will be sent home for this event.

By now your child will have bought a box of chocolates home to sell. It is very important that you read the attached note. Please sell your chocolates and return the enclosed envelopes and $60 by 28th March.

Wollondilly Support & Community Care Inc, located at the School Of Arts Building in Picton - Services available for older Wollondilly residents (those over 65, frail aged, younger with a disability and their carers). MEALS ON WHEELS - Flexible meal options are delivered by volunteers each week day. NEIGHBOUR AID - Provides caring staff and volunteers to assist with: social support outings and activities, transport, shopping, handyman repairs and home visits. SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Provides outings & activities including: concerts, guest speakers, movies, BBQ's, shopping and theme days, etc. To enquire about receiving any of these services or becoming a volunteer, please contact 4677 2524.

Good number sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

Essay planning
Kids often rush headlong into essay writing tasks without thinking through what is required. Effective essay planning can involve brainstorming, mind-mapping, and organising notes depending on the question and type of response required. These factsheets explain everything.

Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.
2013
Assembly Awards Term 1
Week 4

K/1
Achievement Awards:
Sophie, Leah Hale
Encouragement Award:
Lara Mobbs
2/3
Achievement Awards:
Gabrielle Bliefnick, Kallen Johnson
Encouragement Award:
Cody Wachs
4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Maria Ferlito, Jemma Barden
Encouragement Award:
Riley Bliefnick
Sport:
Luke Mooney
Citizenship Awards
Katie Wachs

Assembly Awards Term 1
Week 5

K/1
Achievement Awards:
Amie Caltabiano, Cooper Cooke
Encouragement Award:
Tuniaya McKinnon
2/3
Achievement Awards:
Liam Henry, Patrizia Ferlito
Encouragement Award:
Isabel Mitchell
4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Jack Hancock-McGuire, Paige Chaplain
Encouragement Award:
Jack Cooke
Citizenship Awards
Rachel Mocan
Sport Award
Tommy Fagan
Library Awards
Leah Hale, Izac Caltabiano, Isabel Mitchell, Jemma Barden

Winter Jacket Orders
We are currently taking orders for the winter jackets they are priced at $32.00 for size 4–16.
If you would like to order a jacket fill in the order below and return it to school. A deposit of $10.00 is required.

Name:____________________
Size:_____________
Enclosed is_______deposit.

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