Our toilet upgrade news was certainly exciting and we have to be very grateful to Mr Jai Rowell, Member for Wollondilly for making this possible. We have been promised $250 000 for new toilets. Thank you to our school leaders for welcoming our special guests and to parents who were present at the announcement. A meeting will now be organized with Public Works to plan the scope of work. I will keep you updated on the progress of this work.

Students enjoyed their last Milo Cricket session with Emily. Each student developed their batting, bowling and fielding skills and learnt to co-operate with others in their team or group. Thank you to Emily for making the program fun for everyone. We hope to further develop skills during our sport program.

Our School Photographs went well yesterday with all students giving a nice bright smile for the photographer. Thank you to parents for ensuring all students wore in their full summer uniform.
Last Thursday and Friday I had the pleasure of attending a conference related to our School’s participation in Early Action for Success (Literacy 3). The first day was spent working with the inquiry approach and learning how important it is to develop knowledge and skills in both our teachers and students. We compared research from Canada and New Zealand and applied it to Literacy 3. On the second day we worked with leaders in numeracy and literacy developing a greater understanding of how early action will improve the learning outcomes of our students and the knowledge and skills of our teachers. I believe this program will make a significant difference to our learners. Both Mrs Frank and Mrs Carlyon have attended their first training session and Mrs Goldstein our Instructional Leader has worked in our K/1/2 classroom.

Homework/Reading at School will begin at Yanderra next Term. Each Tuesday afternoon after school I will assist students with any homework matters. Students will have access to computers for research and guidance. More information will come home next term.

Congratulations to the following students who have received their Principal’s Award, Amy, Mikayla C, Katie, Charlotte J, Sophie, Tristan, Charlotte G, Leah, Luke J, Tuniaya, Kaylee, Gabrielle, Patrizia, Isabel, Cody, Kallen J, Amelia Ga, Ryan, Paige, Zoe, Olivia, Jack, Maria and Liam. These awards support the school rules of Be a Learner, Be Safe and Be Respectful. Our respectful trophy winners have been Jordan and Victoria. These students are proud of their respect.

Cross Country
All students will participate in the School Cross Country on Wednesday 1st April. We will begin running around 10am. Students who are turning 8, 9 or 10 this year will run 2km while students who are 11 or 12 will run 3km. Younger students will also complete a distance run. Following the Cross Country we will have a sausage sizzle lunch and find out the winners of our Easter Raffle. We would like to invite family and friends to join us at the Cross Country. A separate note is provided for ordering your Sausage Sizzle.

As part of connecting with our community of schools I will be highlighting great things form Picton High. Congratulations to Jemina Erskine form Year 12 who has won the Lions Club Regional Youth of the Year Public Speaking Award. This is a great honour and showcases Public Education. Students in Year 6 are reminded that their High School Enrolment forms are now due.
Canteen News
Our canteen opens each Monday and Friday with the support of a small group of parents and grandparents. If you can help on any canteen day please add your name to the roster. Children love to have someone from their family serving in the canteen. Don’t forget to complete the order form for the sausage sizzle. Any helpers on the day would be most appreciated. Healthy Active kids have provided some colourful fun stickers to remind our children about the importance of eating nutritious food. Please help you child place these in their lunchbox to remind them.

Community News
With Easter fast approaching please donate an Easter gift for our raffle. Donations can be left at the office. Raffle tickets went home on Monday, thank you to families who have already sold their tickets and requested more. The raffle will be drawn after the cross country on the 1st April not the 2nd as shown on the not. Special thanks to Tahmoor Coal for their very generous donation to the school for purchasing Ipad applications. We have made contact with Bargo Hotel to organize our Meat Raffle Family Fun Nights. I will let you know the dates as soon as they are confirmed. Hopefully everybody will be able to support these nights.

Bargo Junior Rugby League
Bargo Junior Rugby league are looking for players aged 5-9 years both boys and girls. Beth Nolan will be at the school on Tuesday 24th March from 2.30pm -4pm to register any children interested. Registration is free and insurance is covered by the club. Interested players will need a copy of their birth certificate, a passport photo and recent bill as proof of address. If interested you may contact Beth on 0434 208 623.

Do you need vacation care for the April holidays? Are you looking for something fun for your child to do over the holidays and you can’t take them? Little Elves OOSH is offering care from 6.30am until 6.15pm at Bargo Public School for school aged children. Some excursions included in fee, fun action packed days.
For more information or to secure a limited position please email littleelvesoosh@gmail.com or Jennifer 0418814031. Government rebates available.
2015 Assembly Awards Term 1

Week 6
K/1/2
Achievement Awards: Charlotte J.
Encouragement Award: Aiden

2/3/4
Achievement Awards: Charlotte G.
Encouragement Awards: Isabel

5/6
Achievement Awards: Page
Encouragement Awards: Brandon M.
Library
Kobe, Isabel, Liam

Week 7
K/1/2
Achievement Awards: Mikayla

2/3/4
Achievement Awards: Cooper

5/6
Achievement Awards: Liam

Library
Charlotte J, Gabrielle, Amarli

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Safetytown website – A road safety education program
This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit https://www.safetytown.com.au