Congratulations to Victoria, Daniel and Ryan on their efforts in the Razorback Swimming Carnival. All three swam in their 50m freestyle event and certainly gave their best.

Thank you to all students who helped clean up the school playground as part of the Clean Up Australia Program last Friday. As a school we managed to clean up all the sticks from under the trees and around the fence. We will now ask Mr Paul to put them in the bin. Our vegetable garden beds are now ready for planting. We hope to plant beans, spinach and peas. We would also like to plant a couple of mandarin trees and make a colourful flower bed. If any parent is able to lend a hand our garden club will meet each Tuesday at 11.45am and we would appreciate your help.

To support literacy and numeracy learning in Aboriginal students and students from a low socio-economic background I have employed Amy Chapman and Rachel McIntosh to teach 5/6. This will allow me to form a special class each morning to work with students. I will also be able to work in classrooms during the middle session and complete administration work in the afternoon.
On Monday Melanie and Slipstream visited students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the responsible pet program. Students learn safe behaviour around dogs and how to recognize when a dog is friendly or angry. Students are reminded to ask the owner before touching a dog.

Last Thursday afternoon I attended a Community of Schools meeting at Picton. At this meeting Mrs Sapsed outlined the transition program for Year 6 students to Year 7. Mrs Sapsed also shared the outstanding results that Picton High, Year 12 students had received in 2014. These results are a credit to the staff and programs at the High School. We anticipate that primary students will have greater access to the High School and the teachers will develop a closer working relationship.

Friday 13th March is National Ride Walk Scoot Skate to School day. The purpose of the day is to show school communities that riding, walking, scooting and skating to school is an easy and fun activity. It is a chance to celebrate active travel and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Congratulations to the following students who have received their Principal’s Award Amelia, Jordan, Lilly, Kobe, Tristan, Tianna, Victoria, Riley and Thomas. These awards support the school rules of Be a Learner, Be Safe and Be Respectful.

Milo Cricket
Our Milo Cricket program is well underway with our third lesson to take place today. All students have been actively engaged in the program and are developing their skills in fielding, bowling and batting. During their last lesson students will play a modified game of cricket. Thank you to Milo Cricket and Emily for delivering the program.
Special Swimming School
All students participating in the swim program have demonstrated great progress. From day 1 their swimming and water safety skills have grown with each swimmer now confident to attempt new tasks. Congratulations on their behaviour and focus throughout each lesson. Special thanks to Pop for our fun filled musical rides.

School Photographs
The School Photographer will be taking our photographs on Wednesday 18th March. Please read the information carefully particularly the payment methods and have the correct money for photographs as it is difficult for us to change money for envelopes. It is expected that students will be in their full summer uniform for photographs with their hair neatly tied back.

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.

Community News
Thank you to parents who were able to come to our last meeting. It would be great to see more faces at our meetings. Our next meeting will be in Term 2 on the 5th May. Don’t forget to donate an Easter Egg for our raffle. Donations can be left at the office.

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 4
K/1/2
Achievement Awards: Kobe
Encouragement Award: Sophie

2/3/4
Achievement Awards: Liam.H
Encouragement Awards: Leah

5/6
Achievement Awards: Tianna
Encouragement Awards: Laura

Library
Amelia, Leah, Maria

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. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/RId5/141/mental%20strategy

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. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits

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