COMING EVENTS
Fri 22 Feb  District Swimming Narooma
Fri 1 Mar  Clean Up Australia Day
Fri 1 Mar  District Boys Soccer Trials
Fri 15 Mar  District Netball Trials
Fri 22 Mar  District Girls Soccer Trials

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Last Monday the slab for our new handball courts was laid in the northern play area.
Our seniors now have a great area for handball games.
The move to having separate playgrounds for each stage is proving to be most successful if the number of incidents being reported is any indication. We will continue to monitor this arrangement.
Congratulation to our new P & C Executive elected at the AGM last Thursday. Angela Condon was returned as our President and I am looking forward to another highly productive year.
Lindsay Lassau is our Secretary and Dianah Riley our new Treasurer. Thank you to these parents for taking on these responsibilities.
The fundraising coordination will be looked after by Angela and a works coordinator will be sought as different projects are decided on. At this stage the group is looking at a plan to refurbish the senior boys and girls toilets. After 26 years they are more than ready for an upgrade.
At the end of this newsletter is a message from the local, shire rangers concerning traffic around the school. No one likes to get a parking ticket so please take time to read their message. Our school is similar to most others in that we have a very busy time around the school as 350 children depart via cars, buses, on feet and bikes and we all need to be a bit patient and adhere to traffic regulations.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS
Thank you to all the parents who sent in their Coles tokens. We have been able to purchase a new table tennis table and stop watches. Last year’s year 6 have donated the net, racquets and balls. We look forward to using these items soon.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM
Another thank you to parents who sent in Woolworths dockets. We have received a large delivery of art and craft resources for each class in our school.

SPORT
Last Friday some senior students travelled to Hanging Rock to try out for boys and girls district basketball. Everyone played really well and showed excellent sportsmanship.
Congratulations to Molly Elliott who was selected. She will travel to Berkley in April for the regional trials.
This Friday 14 students will travel to Narooma for the District Swimming Carnival with Mrs Davis. We wish them all the best of luck.
Stage two and three students have been enjoying learning tennis with Mr Frawley on Wednesdays. I’m sure their skill level will quickly improve.
Mrs Cheney

Congratulations to the following students on their election as House Captains.

Gatenby  Ellijay Dorn  Anthony Bertosa
Lassau  Kristy Lodding  Mitchel Hill
Parker  Ella Pearce  Oscar Reedy
Wray  Bethany Seidel  Brayden Sullivan

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS
$35 for one student,
$45 for two and
$60 for three or more children.
Payment can be made at any time, but early payment allows us to better plan for the year’s programs. Payment by instalment can also be arranged.
Drivers ignoring parking restrictions within the School Zone – Sunshine Bay Road & Beach Road

Eurobodalla Rangers patrolling the school zone during operational times at Sunshine Bay School have observed, in the past two weeks, an alarming disregard for the safety of students by ignoring the road rules within the sign posted Bus Zone and No Stopping Zones of Sunshine Bay Road & Beach Road.

In response, Rangers have issued several penalties carrying 2 demerit points to several vehicles in breach of parking zone restrictions.

To improve the safety of our children, penalties for parking offences in school zones are heavy and demerit points apply.

School zone penalties apply to offences committed in school zones during posted school hours.

Some of the most common offences include:

- Disobey No Stopping Sign – School Zone $298 2 Demerits
- Stop in Bus Zone – School Zone $298 2 Demerits
- Double Park – School Zone $298 2 Demerits
- Stop on/across driveway – School Zone $165 2 Demerits
- Disobey No Parking Sign – School Zone $165 2 Demerits

Please note: the fines and demerit points outlined above are correct as of 1 July 2012 and are subject to change without notice.

School zones are often chaotic at peak pick-up and set-down times and children are sometimes put at risk. With the start of each school year, many new parents are introduced to parking and speed limit restrictions in school zones, which may be unfamiliar.

Council, in partnership with local schools and Police is working to improve parking, traffic flow and road user behaviour in school zones. Part of Council’s road safety program aims to inform parents and carers of the risks to children from speeding and illegal parking around schools. Council Rangers and local Police officers enforce the Road Rules.

As a community we are all aware that children are vulnerable road users and at a higher risk in traffic because of their size and inability to judge speed and distance.

When in school zones, please observe the following guidelines to reduce risk to children:

- Do not park in the School Bus Zone, on the zebra crossing or on footpaths or in No Stopping zones.
- Never double park. This reduces driver visibility, causes congestion and puts children at risk.
- Never call your child across the road – always meet them at the gate.
- Inform your child that crossing the road between buses is very dangerous practice. The safest area to cross the road outside the school is directly adjacent to the main gate, just before the bus zone.
- Always encourage your child to enter and exit the car from the kerb
- Be patient observe the directions of the School Crossing Supervisor if present
- Remember children are full of surprises! Expect the unexpected. Watch out for kids and think for them - they make mistakes.

By following the rules around school zones we can work together to ensure the safety of our children.

Eurobodalla Shire Council Ranger