Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It is really hard to believe that we are already halfway through another term. When I look back through our school calendar I am amazed at the number of activities and events both staff and students have been involved in since the beginning of the year.

Snowy Mountains District Athletics Carnival

What a wonderful day competitors and spectators enjoyed in Cooma yesterday. Our students competed with enthusiasm and I was very proud of their sportsmanship. Congratulations to each and every competitor on achieving their personal best and for being positive representatives of our school. Congratulations also to those students who will represent our school and district at the Regional Carnival to be held in Canberra next term.

Thank You

Our Walk Safely to School Day was very successful and the children obviously enjoyed receiving the yummy fruit and their stickers. Thank you to those parents who supported this initiative. We would also like to gratefully thank the local Foodworks Store for their very generous donation of the fruit on this day. It was greatly appreciated by students and staff alike.

National Reconciliation Week (27th May - 3rd June)

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to building a reconciled Australia. Every year, it is held between two significant milestones in Australia’s history, May 27 and June 3. May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which more than 90 per cent of Australians voted ‘Yes’ to count Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the census and give the Australian Government the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations. June 3 marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title - the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ rights over their lands did survive British colonisation. This week reminds us that great achievements take courage and persistence.

Year 6 Cake Stall

The Year 6 class will be holding their annual fundraising cake stall next Thursday 4th June. We are all looking forward to many yummy treats. Please support this activity as it provides our Year 6 students with an opportunity to take an active role in fundraising for their excursion to Melbourne.

Until next week

Kind regards

Jo
Word of the Week

**aficionado**: n; a person who knows about, and appreciates a usually fervently pursued interest or activity; devotee

*Example*: His brother, an aficionado of jazz, was a regular at the city clubs and bought all the latest albums.

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**Thursday Canteen Special**

**Chicken Carbonara #1**

N.B. Week 9 Canteen only

Mon, Wed & Friday

Eatz Bombala

Facebook page and keep up-to-date

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**Gotcha Award**

**Winner for Term 2 Week 6**

**Chevy Ingram**

Well done!

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**Quiz Question**

What is the longest highway in the world?

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**THIS WEEK’S QUOTE**

“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

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**Reminders:-**

Parents of Year 6 students please return the Expression of Interest forms.

All Raffle Tickets and Money for the Year 6 Wood Raffle

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**Peer Support**

**Week 4**

This week in the Peer support session, children will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each others lives. Children will construct a visual representation of this during the session.

Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support to them if the need arises.
Breakfast Program

**Only three** Thursday mornings free (28th May, 18th & 25th June). All we need is 45 minutes of your time 8.30am to 9.15am.

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**LUNCH**

Every day

Please ensure your child is packed a nutritious lunch every day. Primary school children burn up a lot of energy with play and being attentive in class. Replenishing them at regular intervals ensures their enjoyment of playground and classroom.

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**Year 6 Cake Stall**

The children from Year 6 will be running a cake stall at school, during recess, on Thursday 4th June. We encourage all children to bring some coins - 20c 50c - in order to purchase their morning tea. All funds raised will go towards the Yr 6 Melbourne Excursion.

Many thanks for your anticipated support.

Yr 6 students.

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**University of NSW Science Competition**

Just a reminder that if you have nominated and paid for your child to sit this competition, the sitting date is Wednesday 3rd June. This competition is for children in Year 2-6. Your child has already been given a practice paper to complete.

Fiona Crawford

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**FOR KINDY / YEAR 1**

K/1 would be grateful for donations of any 2L and 4L ice-cream containers and large margarine containers.

Margot Ingram
Photos from the SMPSSA Athletics at Cooma

A fantastic day was had by all who attended.
A full report of the day to follow.