There have been a number of changes to this term’s program. I apologise for any inconvenience brought about by these changes.

The Little Athletics workshop is now scheduled for Thursday 26 March while the District Cross Country has been postponed to the second term-Thursday 23 April.

The combined Cooma Monaro Staff Development Day planned for the end of term (Thursday 2 April) has been postponed to Term 3.

Hence students will be able to attend class on Thursday 2 April- the last day of term.

Once again, apologies for any inconvenience.

The students are looking forward to the mini markets. We are asking for support in terms of items for the junior class’s White Elephant Stall and for Tombola jars to assist the preschool.

Many Thanks!

AASC Program- After School Workshops

The Active After School Program is being remodelled and will not be in operation until semester 2.

Staff will run Homework Club on Monday afternoon until 4:30.

Tuesday afternoon – Staff Meetings

Wednesday Afternoon- Staff will organise Sport/Games Club activities until 4:30.

Anna Lucas is happy to assist with after school activities on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the school. Anna requires prior notice in order to organise the afternoon-please call ahead.

The cost for this activity program per day is:

3:30 - 4:30 $10.
3:30 - 5:00 $15.

Please contact staff about these arrangements and for further information. If you are interested in the program or if you require before school care, please see staff for details.

Cross Country Training

Anna is continuing cross country training on Tuesday mornings at 8:30. All students who wish to train are required to be at school by 8:30.

NB: Change of date.

The District Cross Country carnival will be held on the Thursday 23 April at Nimmitabel.
CHOIR PRACTICE

We are very fortunate to have Romney back on board this term. Students have begun choir practice and are beginning with some Australian classics such as Waltzing Matilda.

UNIFORM & HATS

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform to school. The students are very proud of their uniform and it is a visible display of school pride and respect.

There are some uniform hats available at the school, as are second hand uniforms, all reasonably priced. The school policy is ‘No hat, No play!’.

Students are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen to school.

Crunch & Sip Program

At 10:00 each morning students have crunch and sip in the classroom. This program benefits student health and wellbeing. Please supply your child each day with the following:

Crunch-fruit & vegetables only
Sip- water only

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library from Cooma visits the community every second week. New families are able to register by completing forms provided from the mobile library.

School Assembly

The next school assembly will be held on Friday afternoon, March 27 at 2.30pm.

We welcome your attendance and support for your children.

Little Athletics Program: Change of Date!

On Thursday 26 March, Little Athletics will be running a series of activities for all the students from 9:00 – 1:00.

The sessions will provide students with an opportunity to participate and learn about a range of athletic skills.

Entry into School Grounds

In accordance with DET & WHS guidelines, we remind families that school grounds are not accessible during out of school hours. School grounds are not a public place. If children use the tennis court, an exception, they must have parent supervision at all times. This is to ensure health & safety at all times as well as respect for property.

School and Family Working Together
Dogs must always be on a leash and no dogs are allowed on the tennis court or in the sandpit area.

Mini Markets Day

On Tuesday 31 March, students from Michelago, Numeralla and Jerangle will be hosting a student based mini market day. We will also be joined by families from the local pre-school group.

We are very much looking forward to the activities and stalls the students will be organising.

The P&C are organising a BBQ and a cake stall for the day. We would appreciate donations of cakes and slices to be sold on the day. Please see the attached information.

We would like to ask families to support the pre-school Tombola Jar Stall by donating jars filled with odds and ends. These can be left at the school.

**White Elephant Stall** - Students have been asked to bring in items (good condition) for the White Elephant Stall such as soft toys, games, books etc. The junior class is organising the stall.

Tell Them From Me Program

Our school is participating in an initiative: the Tell Them from Me survey. Students have the opportunity to participate and complete the on-line surveys in the next few weeks.

The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors known to affect student achievement and other learning outcomes. The focus is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

P&C

The next meeting will be held on Friday 27th March at 3.30pm. We encourage everyone to participate and welcome our new families.

Finance & Money Matters

The Administration Manager is in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The school has a cashless policy and accepts electronic Eftpos and credit card facility to pay accounts.

Voluntary Contributions

The Voluntary Contribution is separate to the Student Activity Book fee and is payable to Michelago Public School.

The Voluntary Contribution is $40. Per child and is widely accepted as a donation throughout the NSW Education system. These funds are used to assist with the purchase of resources and support excursion costs.

Payments should be made by the end of Term 1.

Student Activity Books

The school assists families by ordering student activity books for the beginning of the year.

The cost of the books is subsidised. The Student Activity Book fee is $100. per student.

Early payment is greatly appreciated.
Easter Raffle

We will be having an Easter raffle and we are asking that parents send in a small item to add to the basket. Raffle tickets will be sent out soon. Thank you again for your support.

Family Leave

Parents are required to complete an Exemption Form for student leave of a week or more.

WH&S Volunteer & Transport Requirements

We strongly encourage all parents to apply for their Voluntary Working with Children number- on the RTA website site. This action supports child protection requirements.

Each year the school is required to fulfil legal obligations by requesting license and registration details from parents if you use your vehicle to transport students to and from excursions/events.

The Working with Children number also supports parents and carers who wish to volunteer their services at school in activities such as tutoring, sport etc.

Both parents are required to complete the attached from and return it to the office.

Many thanks for your support in these matters.

Student Absence, Arrivals & Collection.

Students who arrive after 9:00 in the morning and are collected before 3:00 in the afternoon are required to be signed in or out on the Register kept at the front office.

As part of DEC policy all student partial absences and full absences are recorded and monitored.

Parents and carers are required to inform the teacher of an absence through word of mouth, telephone, text, email or letter.

A call from the office or a Departmental letter will be sent home requesting information if the above is not completed.

Please note: Word of mouth from a student regarding absence is NOT LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE.

If a student is being collected by someone other than their parent and there is a change to routine, please inform the teacher prior to the collection.

Please read the attachment, ‘Regular School Attendance’.

Enlighten Canberra – Did you get to see it?