Kinder Orientation a Huge Success

2014 Kindergarten students enjoyed being shown around “big” school by their buddies last Friday. The 6 week program included sessions for both new students and new parents to feel comfortable and familiar about our school.

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Student reports
All student reports are currently being finalized and printed. They will be with you by the end of next week. They form a comprehensive ‘picture’ on what your child has achieved over the past year. Again, if you wish to discuss the report please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher, through our front office.

Classes 2014
Feedback is welcome, in writing, concerning any aspect to your child’s learning, and what you feel would be best in considering your child’s placement in a new class for 2014. Either write or email to the school and mark it for the attention of me.

Regards
Graeme Ross, Principal

Current Notes

- Year 6 to 7 Transition to Bellingen High Parent Info Session
- Stage 1 Excursion Note – return by 4 Dec
- Year 6 Farewell Note – Years 5 & 6 – return by 9 Dec
- Personal Development Program Note Years 4, 5 & 6
- Junior Superstar Note Years K, 1 & 2
- Giving Tree note

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PLEASE NOTE
BELLINGEN PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE MINIMAL SUPERVISION FOR STUDENTS UNTIL 11:00am TOMORROW, TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER. NORMAL CLASS ROUTINE FROM 11am.
DUE TO A STOP WORK MEETING CALLED BY THE TEACHERS FEDERATION.

Please Note: Any students who arrive at 11am tomorrow after the Stop Work Meeting will not be able to place lunch orders

P & C Meeting tonight
The last P & C meeting of the year will be in the school library at 7pm tonight. Items on the agenda include plans to raise money for the school through Camp Creative catering, as well as the impending renovation of the school’s uniform area to make a much improved space. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!
**Student Banking**

Don’t forget **Tuesday** is banking day! This is the last date for you to ensure you have made two deposits between 21 October and 30 November to enter the draw to win a Treasure Chest of Prizes. Remember if you have ten or more tokens you must redeem them before the end of the year. Due to a system change, a maximum of 9 tokens can be carried over to next year. Call into the office if you need a redemption card. USB’s are still available also.

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**Whole School Photos**

A4 size prints of our fantastic Whole School Photo and our School Leader photo are available at our school office for $12.

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**Piano Lesson vacancies 2014**

Ms Viv has an opportunity for any students interested in starting piano lessons next year to please call in to the office and pick up the music forms. 3 vacant spots can be filled due to Year 6 students leaving at the end of this year - Kinder to Year 6. You are welcome to chat to me in the Music Room for more info. Thank you. Ms Viv

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**Canteen News**

The curse of the malfunctioning oven continues to haunt the canteen. Although some menu items can be prepared using the oven in its diminished capacity, it is very difficult to do everything that was once achievable. I was hoping for some Deus ex machina and that the infarction would have been rectified by now but alas, the problem persists.

While suffering from this reduction in cooking capacity, the canteen cannot prepare more than 60 odd cheddies each morning. This is well short of demand to satisfy the morning appetites of our hungry homunculi. To alleviate this shortage of sustenance there is available other comestibles to mollify the morning munchies.

The other brekkie treats available in the mornings are; vegemite toast ($1.00), raisin toast ($1.00) and toasted English muffins with grilled cheese ($1.50).

As a result of the ongoing oven issues last week’s special had to be cancelled. To avoid a recurrence of this unhappy situation, this week’s special will not require this unreliable cooking compartment. The special will be Asian style stir fried chicken and vegetables on a bed of noodles. The special, as usual will be on Thursday and Friday for $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink.

**Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor**

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**Canteen Roster December**

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**Band Performance**

The band will be giving an end of year perfromance on Wednesday 11 December at 5pm. Individual students will also be performing solos. You are invited to join us and celebrete the progress of our wonderful instrumentalists. Peter and I look forward to seeing you at the school hall on Wednesday, 11 December 2013.

**Ann Phelan, Band Teacher**

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**Gardening News**

With such an extended dry spell, our Veggie patch suffered and is not producing this summer. Benn and I, along with our keen gardeners have been landscaping in preparation for 2014. The garden beds need manure and we would appreciate a load very much. We are thinking of planting a green manure crop like cow peas over the summer holidays so the beds can produce good food for next year. If your family have many animals, please drop us a load of the good stuff!

**Liz and Benn**

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**Uniform News**

**New Space**

Wonderful News that the Uniform Shop has secured new extended space to create a more welcoming and functional environment for students and carers. The plan is to have a comfortable changing room so that first moment for incoming Kindergarten kids, of trying on and celebrating going to ‘big school’ is a pleasant experience, and remains so throughout the primary school years.

As a bonus it will also mean both the uniform shop and P&C are able to consolidate storage from other areas of the school, freeing up space in the canteen pantry for example, enabling easier access to our second hand and accident clothing pools also.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

We are seeking the following items (and skilled assistance!) to help furnish the new space without digging too deeply into P&C funds:

- A rail to hang curtaining from for new changing room.
- A sewing volunteer/s to make the new curtaining.
- Skilled hands with drill, etc to fit rail and help with shelving.
- A small stool
- Full length mirror
- And the usual call for any new volunteers who may be interested in joining the team!

Please contact Kate Burns @ kate@gentleways.com.au or 0402 990 766.

**CLOSING EARLY!!!**

Amidst all the moving and renovating of the canteen, we are having to close the uniform shop EARLY, our last day being this FRIDAY the 6th of December. We will open from 8.40-10.00am on Friday to enable everyone to come and make any last purchases.

Thank you to the wonderful team of volunteers who, through adversity and health challenges have pulled together to keep serving our school community this year. We will continue to work through the holidays and look forward to welcoming you all to the new space next year.

**Kate Burns**

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**Stage 1 Excursion**

All of Stage 1 will be going on an excursion to Jnr Superstar Sports at the Coffs Coast Health Club in Toormina on the 11th December, 2013 where they will participate in a 2 hour session of trampolining and gymnastics fun. If you wish your child to attend, their money and permission note needs to be returned to school by Wednesday the 4th of December.

**Thanks**

**Tamson Mayo, Organising Teacher**

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**Lost Property**

A number of items were handed back to students at assembly last week after a cleanup of the shelter. Sadly the shelter is full again of containers again. Please ensure your child collects their belongings. It is also important to ensure all items are clearly labelled so they can be returned home. Don’t forget to check your child’s bag and lunches!
can be returned to your child. All unnamed items will be donated to the op shop.

Lost Property Co-ordinator

Free Swimming Lessons for Aboriginal Children

For more than 40 years Sport and Recreation has delivered community-based learn to swim lessons throughout NSW. Our Swim and Survive lessons cater for children between 18 months and 12 years and provide instruction in water familiarisation through to stroke development in a supportive and caring environment.

Programs on the North Coast will run between 6-16 January 2014 and are taught by nationally qualified local instructors.

COST: FREE Lessons* for Aboriginal Children only (confirmation of Aboriginality may be required)

PRE-ENROLMENT is ESSENTIAL by FRIDAY 6 December 2013 enrolments will NOT be accepted after this date for our subsidy program. Classes are held on consecutive weekdays excluding weekends. PLEASE NOTE: Pool entry charges are at participants cost.

TELEPHONE Enrolments ONLY: please call our customer service centre on 13 13 02 or Lismore office on Tel. (02) 6618 0400

* Parent/Carer MUST indicate that their enrolment is for an Aboriginal child to ensure the subsidy is applied. PLEASE NOTE - pool entry charges are not included in this subsidy and will be a cost to be met by each Parent/Carer.

For further information on this program please visit us online at: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive

Meals on Wheels Giving Tree

Each year gifts are collected by an Open Arms Care representative for distribution by Meals on Wheels to our elderly residents on Christmas Day. Families are asked to please bring in a wrapped gift with a label showing if the gift is for a man or woman to our front office asap. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program which has been a tradition at Bellingen Public School for over 10 years. Nicky McFarlane, Organising Teacher

DO YOU KNOW THE BLUE RULE???

This week classes will be focusing on a review of the Blue Rule – “Keep hands, feet and mouth and objects to yourself”. Students will be discussing such things as what this may look like and how it will sound in the school environment; how feelings can influence how they speak and what they say; appropriate and inappropriate language; considering others etc.

Important Music Dates

In Term 3 we were privileged to hear many of our musicians, ensembles and the band at once in the combined music concert. In Term 4, all teachers are presenting their individual students in smaller, more intimate performances. Please send a family representative to your child’s concert as this is a time to reflect upon their progress for the year and it is very important to have the support of someone who loves you even more than their teacher!

• Guitar Concert with Karin – Friday Dec 6, 4.30 to 5.30 in our Music Room
• Piano Concert With Viv and Daniel - Monday Dec 9, 2.10 to 3.10 in our Hall
• Band Performance With Annie and Peter – Wed Dec 11 from 5pm in our Hall
• Presentation Day Thursday Dec 12 Band, Senior Strings and Opera House Choir to perform.
• Strings with Ms Scott Tuesday Dec 17 following the “Thank you” Morning Tea in the hall.

Elizabeth Scott

Year 6 Farewell

It’s time that we frock up and dress to the nines for the Year 6 farewell. However, before that we need to think about the setup. If there are any parents or carers that are interested in helping out with organisation or setting up then please contact me directly or via the school. Any and all help is much appreciated.

Also, if there are any first day photos or early morning photos lying around of your Year 6 student then please scan and email to me or bring them in, as I would like to create a powerpoint presentation for the night. Thank you and I look forward to working with you all!

Contact: bellingen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au attention Troy
Troy Metcalf, Organising Teacher

Birthday Cakes

Birthdays are exciting times for everyone. However, if you want to bring a cake or treats to the classroom to celebrate your student’s special day, please notify the teacher a week beforehand. This will enable special arrangements to be made for students with allergies & intolerances.

Wanted

If you have a bar fridge that is not wanted or to sell, our new music rooms at Bellingen Public School would love to offer it a home. Thank you. Miss Viv
Wanted

Please bring in your empty jars and empty tin cans for Bec Manwarring. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations

2J & 2M

You had the best attendance at our school last week.

It's cool to be at our school

Community Notices

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Bellingen Dance School

For children aged 3 to 18yrs
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Classes also in Jazz and Tap, Group and Private Lessons Available
Call Miss Sarah on 0401 332 201 for more information and enrolment

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The Musical

Book, Music and Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse
From a Christmas Carol By Charles Dickens

Directed by David Quinn

December 2013
Sat 14th 3pm
Sun 15th 3pm 6pm
Mon 16th 6pm
Tues 17th 1pm 6pm
Wed 18th 6pm

All Tickets $16 Family $55 + Booking Fee
Booking: www.jettytheatre.com
Phone 66528088
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The Thora Hall Christmas Tree

The Thora community invites you to attend their annual Christmas Tree picnic...

Where: Thora Community Hall (corner Waterfall Way and Darkwood Rd)
When: Saturday 7th December
Time: From 6pm with Santa to arrive at 7pm
BYO Picnic and Drinks

Parents please bring your child's name clearly marked on your picnic items.

Merry Christmas