Bellingen Public School
“Courtesy and Knowledge”

Term 1 Week 9

Bellingen Braves visit
Bellingen Public School had an exciting visit on Friday 22nd of March from the Bellinger Braves basketball players Ervin Herron, Damien Perkins and President of Bellinger Braves Shane Dunlop. Ervin and Damien have come from America (Memphis Tennessee) to play for the Bellinger Braves in hopes of making it to the NBL next year. The committee established the club in 2005 and started with 2 teams. Since then the club has flourished and tripled their numbers.

The students of Bellingen Public School were put through a series of basic fundamental skills and drills. It was a great experience for the students to develop their skills and if there is high interest the players will be running sessions on a regular basis at Bellingen Public School. Students that wish to pursue their basketball skills can come to Urunga Primary School every Monday at 4pm.

We want to thank Shane, Ervin and Damien for their time and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Jade Dunlop

Cricket
On Friday, 12 Stage 3 boys travelled to Urunga for the first cricket match of the year. Many of these players have been practicing during lunchtime and decided to give their skills a shot against the boys by the bay.

At the toss of the coin we opted to bowl first and fielded in the immense heat to begin the match. After a few overs, a brilliant bowl by Alex Watt led to an equally brilliant catch by Toby Edman to provide Bello with their first dismissal of the day. Second dismissal was given by run out after beautiful teamwork saw Toby, again, utilising his skill to knock down the stumps, as well as scare the umpire.

As the day went by the Bellingen boys became more relaxed and each had a go at facing an unforgiving bowling attack.

Bellingen played well against a very formidable and experienced Urunga side. We managed a few runs but were unfortunately given all out and unable to beat Urunga’s score of 3/110. Well done to those boys who gave it their all! Troy Metcalf

AFL
On Wednesday 20th of March, 13 of the Stage 3 boys formed an AFL team to play in the Paul Kelly Cup in Coffs Harbour.

Our first match was against Boambee and although our inexperience in the sport showed during the first half, we came back through two great goals by Floyd and Alex to secure a win, 12 - 8. The heat was searing in our second match as we rallied ourselves to a convincing win over Toormina, despite an own goal by our resident AFL extraordinaire, Riley Neaves. However, Riley redeemed himself with many quality marks and goals to bring the score to 48 - 4.

The weather took a turn for the worse in our break and the skies opened to drench the entire gala day. However, we soldiered on into the third match against Narranga. Mr Britton thought we had no chance but Bellingen came back in the second half with brilliant teamwork to protect another great win, 37 - 14.

This meant Bellingen came first in their pool - we won the minor premiership! Into the semi-finals against Coffs Harbour, we felt a little drained, perhaps too many sausage sandwiches in the break, as the boys felt overshadowed by a powerful and intense opposition. Despite many spirited attempts by all of the Bellingen boys, Coffs Primary beat us in a great game.

Three out of four wins was a great result from a team, which held only two regular AFL players. Thank you to Mr Neaves, Riley’s dad, for driving a carload of boys to Coffs Harbour for the day. All of the boys had great fun and I am sure that there will be more AFL success to come during the year. Well done! Troy Metcalf

Value of the fortnight is RESPONSIBILITY
From the Principal’s Desk

Student Leadership Conference
This week (Tuesday/Wednesday) 12 students from Bellingen Public School, together with students from Raleigh, Repton, Orama, Urunga, Dorrigo and Dundurrabin Public Schools will travel to Brisbane for a Leadership Conference. Elizabeth Mulligan will be accompanying these very excited Year 6 students. We look forward to them sharing their experiences for the benefit of all our students here at Bellingen PS. And, today our student Leadership team, together with nominated students from each class Kindergarten to Year 5, will be initiating our School Student Parliament. This initiative is led by Katharine Sutherland and Kate Sommerville.

Staff Learning
Last Wednesday all staff gathered for our Wednesday afternoon professional learning meeting. The learning here centered on the student mental health initiative Kids’ Matter. This was led by Belinda Mellalieu and Elizabeth Mulligan. Kids’ Matter is a framework for thinking about student mental health, in terms of what the school is doing with the wide variety of programs we already offer – think student leadership, school buddy system, electives, LiveLifeWell, Mindfulness and Tools4Learning to name but a few. Promoting the positive is the key message.....

Swimming stars recognized
This morning we were finally able to celebrate the achievements of all our swimmers at the recent rounds of swimming carnivals – local and district. Participation was a particularly notable feature of this carnival and well done to all.

Regards
Graeme Ross, Principal

Congratulations to our Swimming Champions

Congratulations to our Students of the Month and their families

KB Mimi Campbell, KG Tabatha Ladi, K/1Y Marlo Gunning, 1B Ari Thongsri, 2J Joshua Perry, 2M Niam Noble, 2/3E Izabella Bradbrook, 3MW Toban Zabell, 4C Oska Baudet-Cook, 4D Emmaline Bowes, 5/6MH Elyse O’Neill, 5/6EM Janardan Cowell-Curry, 5/6S Katie Perry 5/6K Cadence O’Brien

School Invoices
School invoices were distributed to your children last Friday 22nd March. If you haven’t received your invoice please contact the office asap. Band/String, textbook payments need to be finalised as soon as possible.

Don’t miss out on your opportunity for a week’s holiday to Valla Beach Tourist Beach! Pay your voluntary contributions by 17th May to be part of this fabulous prize. Thank you in advance for all those families that have already made payments.

Stage Two Camp- Cascade
Just a reminder that a deposit of $50 is due by Friday 4th May (Week 2/Term 2). Also please be aware that there are only 50 spots available for the Cascade camp. Positions will be allocated according to the first 50 deposits received.

Thank you
Miss Cowan, Stage 2 Camp Coordinator

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The raffle will be drawn on 28th March and winners notified by phone. Prizes will need to be collected on that day!

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Stage One Assemblies

Stage One assemblies are now on Tuesdays at 1pm in the school hall and all members of our school community are welcome to attend. This week’s assembly will be run by KB.

Current Notes

Raffle tickets for Monster Easter Raffle - K-6
Easter Hat Parade info & permission note K-6 due 26/3
Request for donations for all things Easter for raffle K-6
ICAS Competitions – Year 2 – 6
Edmodo Info note – 4D
Ethics class – info & permission – Stage 2
Council Chambers Visit – 3MW & 3E – return by April 2
Cascade information letter – Year 4
Lake Keepit Permission note – Year 5
Class carer notes – K-6
Opera House Choir – Permission and information note

School Disco

There are just over 2 weeks to go until the school disco on Monday 8th April at our school hall. There are a number of opportunities for willing parents who would like to help out on the night. Jobs include helping out at the door, general supervision, serving refreshments and helping to clean up. If you can help with any of these jobs either for individual sessions or for all sessions (Years 1 & 2 from 4 – 5pm; Years 3 & 4 from 5.15 – 6.15pm and Years 5 & 6 from 6.30 – 7.30pm), please call Kate on 66550994. A parental permission note required by children for entry to the disco will be sent out early next week. Thank you for your continued support!

iMac Computers For Sale

There are still iMac computers; ex-School; all in good condition sold as is. They all have operating system and other included software. Price ranges $220 - $330 please forward enquiries to Mel Wilton through the front office.

Manure Wanted

We urgently need a huge amount of manure to blitz our school vegie garden. If you can supply this enormous amount please contact the office or just dump it next to the compost heap. Thank you

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