FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Country Fair last week was a resounding success. It was fabulous to see so many parents and grandparents supporting and enjoying the wide variety of activities organised by our students. A huge thank you to our Kindergarten parents who provided a wide array of delicious cakes for the day; members of the P&C who tested their muscles scooping ice cream for everyone; to Tu Iuli, Donal O’Suilleabhain and Leonie Jennings who cooked the sausages for lunch and our wonderful office ladies who ensured our finances were well looked after. My apologies to any parents I may have inadvertently squirted as I defended myself against students trying to “soak the teacher”!!! An approximate total of $2000 was raised. Decisions on how it is used across the school will be made after discussion with staff and students.

GONSKI funding for NSW schools was announced last week. I am waiting to see how this sits within our RAM (total funds allocated to BPS in 2016). Any funds above our allocation last year will certainly go a long way providing key programs & resources to supporting staff in raising student outcomes.

I know that many students are looking forward to having their grandparents visit their classroom this Thursday and also joining them for morning tea. I look forward to welcoming grandparents from far and wide on Thursday.

For the last 18 months I have been involved in a pilot program conducted by the NSW Primary Principals Association where school principals and aspiring school leaders from across the state have moved through a ‘Credentials’ program which focused on validating leadership skills against the Australian Professional Standards for Principals. This was an intense program culminating last Friday in a presentation of a Certificate of Validation. As one of only two principals in the Coffs area undertaking this professional learning it was personally rewarding and an honour to receive this recognition.

I am excited at having been advised by Glenn Pleasance, our Director, that I will remain in the Relieving Principal role until September 2016.

Have a great week

Elizabeth Mulligan, Principal
LIBRARY NEWS

Plastic bags needed for the library please. Any kind will be very useful.  
Thank you 
Carole McFaul, Librarian

PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE (PACER)

Year 6 students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital.  
Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.  
The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.  
To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

INTERSCHOOL HORSE COMPETITION

Result for Abby Raymond at Tamworth
3rd Barrel, 1st, Pony Twist, 1st Scudeho, 2nd Pole Bend,  
2nd 2 Flag, 3rd Diamond Flag, 3rd Bottle race, Champion  
10 year old sporting winner with three other in the 3 Mug team event.  
5th hack, 5th rider, 2nd bareback, 3rd pairs, 5th pleasure, 4th in 35cm show jumping & 1st in 45cm jumping and bag of feed.

Result for Abby Raymond Clarence valley challenge
4th hack, 4th rider 3rd pairs with Ashleigh Young from Mt St. John's Dorrigo, 4th pleasure, 1st bends, 1st flags  
3rd mugs, 1st barrels, 1st keyhole, 1st team penning Fastest jnr barrel race (hay bag), Overall highest point score sporting (rug) & overall highest jnr pointscores (bag of feed).

SCHOOL BANKING - PRIZE UPDATE

School Banking Term 4 New Rewards Launched
The reward items touching down to planet savings in Term 4 are (available while stocks last):
• Outer Space Glider
• Outer Space Savers Money Box
If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.
Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!

SENIOR STRING WORKSHOP

Senior String Workshop with Members of the Sydney Symphony, Friday November 6 at Chrysalis. Time 12-2.30. Parents wanted for transport and to experience the support of Australia's best players interested in sharing their skills with young players.
Contact Liz 0403686267

CANTEEN NEWS

As many readers would already know, this past Sunday was “Grandparent’s Day”. Since this auspicious occasion fell annoyingly on a weekend the school will be recognising it belatedly on Thursday. Not wishing to be left out of recognising the great contribution provided by this generation, the canteen will be providing any grandparent volunteer canteen helper on Thursday with a free lunch of their selection and as much tea and coffee that they want.

This week’s special will again be a recognition of Argentina’s efforts in the Rugby World Cup. Since the Argentineans are fond of their beef the special will be a
Term 4 – Week 4

Monday, 26 October 2015

lean beef, steak sandwich with fried onions, salad, cheese and special Argentinian inspired sauce. This will be available on Thursday and Friday only at a cost of $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink.

Feeding your children to a better education,

Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

LIBRARY NEWS

We are using Australian owned Redgum Book Club to offer a wide range of books and educational products for our students to purchase. Every order earns books for our school and includes a free gift for your child as a reward for choosing a great book to read!

Your child will have brought a catalogue home and you will need to order online at [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au) online ordering closes on Monday 2nd November. If possible please order online. If you need to send the order to school please have it in by Wednesday 28th October to give me time to process it before the due date.

The website contains thousands of books from previous catalogues, so please use their search field to order from previous catalogues.


Redgum Book Club supports Australian authors, illustrators and publishers to provide books specifically relevant to our Southern Hemisphere and keep our Australian children’s book industry strong.

Orders will be delivered to the school before 23 November. If you have any queries or questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Caroline Thomas at primary@redgumbookclub.com.au or call 1800 753 875.

Many thanks—

The Carole McFaul

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT STATEMENTS

Statements were sent home last week with the eldest child.
To assist with end of year processes we would appreciate that all accounts be finalised by Week 7, 20th November.

Canberra should now be paid in full

Important - Violin/Band & Instrument Hire

All music tuition fees must be finalised by the end of week 2 of each term. Failure to pay these fees on time will jeopardise your child’s place in the program.

2015 Music tuition fees that are NOT finalised by 20th November, will jeopardise students place in this program for 2016, places will be offered to students on the waiting list.

Thanking you in advance.

4/5 ORANGE ARE BUILDING A GARDEN

As part of our work this term, 4/5 Orange have submitted a proposal for the beautification of the school yard.
Our proposal entailed the following: the construction of a vertical garden, the planting of edible and decorative plants, building of seating for outdoor lessons.

Examples of garden ideas….

Therefore, we are looking for donations of besser bricks, pots, plants, potting mix, hardwood in 4x9 lengths, assorted rocks and pebbles and other assorted gardening equipment and materials.

If you can help can you please speak to Mrs Wilton through the office or drop off the materials at the school either through the office or the classroom.

This project has the permission of the Principal.
Thank you

Mel Wilton, Relieving Class Teacher

HEAD LICE

Head Lice have been detected in a number of classes. Would you please check your child’s hair and treat with the appropriate treatment if you detect lice or eggs.

Students should not return to school unless this treatment has been administered.

We recommend that students with long hair keep it tied back. Thank you

CRUNCH & SNIP SNIPPET

Did you know that good quality cranberries will bounce when dropped? While we don’t want children dropping good fruit on the ground, cranberries are full of Vitamin C, E and fibre so pop them in your child’s bag for Crunch & Sip.

Canteen Roster – October/November

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CURRENT NOTES

* Stage 3 Musical DVD Order form
* Year 2 & 3 Swim School note
* Parent Direct/Chalk Brochures
* Year 6 High school enrolment forms

Diary Dates

October

Thur 29 Grandparents Day

November

Fri 6 Kinder Orientation – Welcome
Fri 6 Return date for Parent Direct/Chalk brochure
Fri 6 Return date for Year 2 & 3 Swim School note
Mon 9 – Fri 13 Canberra Excursion – Yr 6
Mon 9 – Fri 20 Year 2 & 3 Swim School
Fri 13 Kinder Orientation – Literacy & Numeracy
Fri 20 Kinder Orientation – Home/School relationship building
Sat 21 & Sun 22 – Family Portrait Fundraiser
Fri 27 Kinder Orientation HSIE– No Parent/Carer Session

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER WITH style

$15 DONATION you receive:
- 20 minute session
- 8x12” print
- ‘petite bottle’ frame + print
- we also have the best value packages available

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FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

THE EASIEST WAY TO HAVE BOUTIQUE PORTRAITS, BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR SESSION!

WHEN: Saturday the 21st & Sunday the 22nd of November
WHERE: Outdoors at the school
TO BOOK: Visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code TaRzZ then pay your $15 donation / fee to the school
BOOK BY: Wednesday the 18th of November
CONTACT: Melanie at the school on 02 6651 1147

Community Notices

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

Australia’s Only Cartoon Gallery!

- Marnie Yeates Trophy Nature Photography Exhibit 4 Sept – 10 Oct
- Original Spirit - Inner Worlds Youth Exhibit 23 Oct – 22 Nov
- Climate Change: The Exhibition 23 Oct – 22 Nov
- Imaging Australia in Black-and-White: Newspaper Illustrations 1880-1940 27 Nov – 10 Jan

OPEN 7 DAYS 10am-4pm John Champion Way (off City Hill Dr.), Coffs Harbour
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