Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Happy grandparents and happy grandchildren were everywhere in our school last Thursday! Our ‘Grandparents Day’ celebrations were overwhelmingly successful. Around 80 grandparents enjoyed visiting classrooms and sharing morning tea with friends and family. Classroom activities included participating in literacy groups, discussions comparing classrooms ‘then and now’, craft art and sport. Thank you to Ms Hain for her organisation of this event and to the many people who provided such an extensive, delicious morning tea.

For your personal safety, and that of our students PLEASE DO NOT drive into or walk through the staff car park.
A reminder also that the drop off zone is located before the staff carpark gate on William Street.
Starting school is an exciting time for families and our 2016 Kindergarten enrolments will be commencing their Orientation Program from this Friday. This is an important time for these pre-schoolers as they become acquainted with new friends, get used to leaving mum or dad, meet a variety of teachers and familiarise themselves with a large school site.

Planning for 2016 is well underway so if you know of families who may be coming to our school can you please let us know? Likewise if you are leaving the area we are sorry to see you go, but would appreciate you contacting the school office to let us know.

Our students will be participating in community based activities over the coming week including the launch of the Bellingen Sustainability Centre and a performance by our choir at the golf club. Years 4 and 5 will also be involved as tour guides for Kindergarten Orientation. Opportunities for them all to shine!

Have a great week
Elizabeth Mulligan, Principal

P & C Meeting

The P and C will be holding their monthly meeting in the school library tonight, starting at 7pm. Items on the Agenda include the nature playground and a review of the school’s welfare system. We hope to see you there!
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Students of the Month
Congratulations to the students who were recipients of the Student of the Month award at last week’s Whole School Assembly. These students have demonstrated outstanding attitude and citizenship at school.

K Magenta  Saffron Gennat
K Purple  Aydon Young
K Orange  Seth Thorn
1 Aqua  Charlotte Graydon
1 Magenta  Hugh McFarlane
1/2 Orange  Bella Brodbeck
2 Aqua  Oliver Travers
2 Purple  Fern Berry
3 Magenta  Meadow Cairns-Ilsley
3/4 Aqua  Bodhi Sankey
3/4 Purple  Django Stark
4/5 Orange  Hamish Prior
5/6 Aqua  Freya Farnell
5/6 Magenta  Tahla Regan
5/6 Orange  Erin Neville
5/6 Purple  Clementine Whiteley

Congratulations to students who received their certificates for ICAS English, Writing and Maths

Congratulations to Students who received their Principal 2 Award

Congratulations to winners of the Library Design a T-Shirt competition.

CANTEEN NEWS

Well, the All Blacks won the Webb Ellis trophy so in keeping with past weeks’ efforts something should be done to celebrate this achievement. Sadly, there is a problem with allergic reactions to kiwi fruit and nothing else comes to mind of culinary significance that would denote anything particularly New Zealand like, so they don’t get any celebration.

Instead, the canteen will celebrate the sterling effort by our brave Wallabies and the courage and dignity they showed in defeat by selling green and gold finger buns and ice cups early in the week.

Due to circumstances beyond my control I will need to hand over the reigns of the canteen to the lovely and capable Raelene McMahon for three days in the middle of the week. This makes it difficult to prepare anything for a special.

Therefore, there will be no special this week. This of course makes this week unique as a special-less week, and in it’s uniqueness, special in it’s own right. Thus the special for this week is no special. It takes a special kind of person to understand that logic.

Feeding your children to a better education,
Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

All families will receive a letter tomorrow asking them to update their children’s enrolment information.

This updated information affects the level of funding which is made available to our school through the Family Occupation Employment Index (FOEI).

It is critical that the details are complete and returned as your information will help ensure that all students are being well served by our school.

ALL FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6TH
Performers Out and About

Four exciting activities for our musicians this week.
1. The Bellingen Primary Choir will be performing at the Golf Club for a ladies luncheon on Tuesday Nov 3. They have worked steadily learning beautiful songs all year and have the opportunity to entertain with these.
2. Senior Strings will join with Chrysalis students to experience a Junior Player Link workshop on Friday Nov 6, being tutored by members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.
3. Six violin players will be heading to perform their Graduation Piece in Sydney Opera House this weekend. They are celebrating through performance, their completion of BK 1 in the Suzuki Violin Method.
4. Erin Neville and Jessica Sanders have played with the High School String Ensemble in the Opera House this last weekend. The performance included 27 players with Meagan Davis and Lachlan Wilkins (both previous students of Bellingen Public) as soloists. The performance was truly magnificent.

Sharing our clever students with the wider community!

Elizabeth Scott

Canteen Roster – November

Tue 3  Leonie Jennings
Wed 4  Maree Martinzide, Donal O’Sullieabain
Thu 5  Sharon Benelle
Fri 6  Julie Young, Leonie Jennings
Mon 9  Jackie Vassallo, Leonie Jennings
Tue 10  Leonie Jennings

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

CRUNCH & SNIP SNIPPET

Choose apricots with a sweet fragrance and a golden to deep orange colour as this is when they are at their sweetest. Let your child know that the carotenes in the apricot will help them see in the dark and they’ll be asking for apricots everyday for Crunch & Sip.

THANK YOU

A very big thank-you to Gaynor Tyler (mother of Stirling in 1A) for the donation of a massage chair which Stirling no longer uses. This chair will support our Tools4Learning, providing specific students with the massage needed to assist them to feel calm and help them focus in class.

Many Thanks Mrs Pregnell