This Thursday, Presentation Day will start at 9:30am and should finish around 11:00am. Please join us as we celebrate the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It may be the end of the year but school has not slowed down at all with key events being held last week and many still to come.

It was a pleasure to be able to thank many parent and community volunteers at last week’s Thank You Morning Tea and not only share a delicious morning tea with them but also a recital by our String Ensemble. To those volunteers who were unable to attend – a huge thank you from the staff and students for your contributions over this year.

On Friday, Year 6 attended their transition day at Bellingen High. I have received great feedback from Mr Holding about our students and their participation during the day. Great job Year 6! Tomorrow night they will attend their Farewell Dinner in the school hall.

This week’s events started today with Kindergarten presenting “Jesus Christmas Party” as a finale to their year of music with Ms Derrin and a mini choir concert by Stage 1. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Derrin for her outstanding work with our students across K-6 this year, sharing her talents and passion for music with them all.

Kindergarten Music Performance - “Jesus Christmas Party”

Stage 1 Music Concert

Have a great week.
Elizabeth Mulligan

ORANGUTAN STALL

This week we are having another stall in the library to raise funds for the Borneo Orangutan Centre. Cute plush toys, candles, jewellery, posters, keyrings etc. Please come in to have a look and maybe do some Christmas shopping. Also, the design a poster or tee shirt competition closes tomorrow so get those pictures in.

Thank you
Carole McFaul
Teacher Librarian
PHOTOS FROM THE THANK YOU MORNING TEA

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT STATEMENTS
To assist with end of year processes we would appreciate that all accounts be finalised by now as they are overdue.

Important - Violin/Band & Instrument Hire
All music tuition fees should now be finalised. Failure to pay these fees by end of term will jeopardise your child’s place in the program. 2015 Music tuition fees that are NOT finalised will jeopardise students place in this program for 2016, places will be offered to students on the waiting list.

Thanking you in advance.

Canteen News

There is just over a week to go before our charming little charges end another year of enthralling educational experiences. To make this deprivation of educational enjoyment somewhat more palatable, the canteen will be selling treats in the seasonal colours of green and red. Yes, until the end of the year there will be green and red ice cups, green and red mini ice cups and hopefully green and red finger buns.

The special this week will again be in keeping with the traditions of a politically correct, non-religiously specific, not commercially exploitive seasonal celebration. It will be roast turkey, served with cranberry sauce and a fresh salad. The special will not be available until Thursday and Friday when it will sell for $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink.

Feeding your children to a better education,
Eddy Vardabasso

Canteen Supervisor

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 11 years.

UNIFORM SHOP
This Friday is the last day for non uniform lost property to be collected. Please check to see if anything is yours as it will be taken to the Op Shop and given a new home.

AMART SPORTS – COMMUNITY KICKBACKS
Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from Amart Sports located at the Bailey Centre in Coffs Harbour. To date we have purchased over $2000 worth of sports equipment through the Community Kickbacks promotion. Please nominate our school if you are purchasing from Amart to further benefit the school and your children.

Thank you

LIBRARY NEWS
BORROWING OF LIBRARY BOOKS FOR HOME HAS NOW FINISHED FOR THE YEAR.
Please start searching for and returning all library books. Some overdue book notices will be sent out this week.
Carole McFaul
Librarian

BUS APPLICATIONS
Students in year 2 who are progressing to year 3 and have a bus pass would have recently been sent a new application form. Students may reapply if they fall under the following criteria.
• The straight line distance from their home address to school is 1.6 km or further.
• The walking distance from home to school is 2.3 km or further.

Students who do not fit this criteria may contact the office for details on how they may appeal and apply for a bus application.
A reminder that students are expected to wear full school uniform every day. This includes a school hat. Caps and hooded jumpers are not permitted.

Canteen Roster - December

Tue 7  Leonie Jennings  
Wed 8  Donal O’Suilleabhain  
Thu 9  Laurie Rosa, Elizabeth Joyce, Sharon Bennelle  
Fri 10  Julie Young, Leonie Jennings, Sue Travis  
Mon 14  Leonie Jennings  
Tue 15  Leonie Jennings, Dan Pullinger

CURRENT NOTES

* Kindergarten – End of Year picnic
* Stage 3 – End of Year Swim Excursion
* Kindergarten and Year 1 – Student packs
* Giving Tree Note
* FOEI Enrolment forms (with the orange note)

Diary Dates

December

Mon 7  Year 7 Parent/Carer Information Evening, 5pm-6pm  
Tue 8  Year 6 Farewell  
Wed 9  Combined Piano Concert 9-11  
Thu 10  Presentation Day  
Fri 11  Reports out  
Fri 11  String concert in the hall, 1pm to 3.10 (includes solo performances and shared afternoon tea)  
Wed 16  Last of Term for Students

January

Wed 27  SDD – First day back for Staff  
Thurs 28  First day back for Years 1 – 6  
Thur 28  Kindergarten – Best Start  
Fri 29  Kindergarten – Best Start

February

Mon 1  Kindergarten – Best Start  
Tue 2  First day for Kindergarten

Community Notices - Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

BELLINGEN HOCKEY CLUB

Are you interested in trying a new sport
Consider Hockey

We are forming teams for the 2016 winter season, in particular u/7 and u/9 (boys and girls).

Watch for “Come and Try” events in February –
Bellingen and Coffs Harbour

To register your interest or further details contact
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NETBALL COME AND TRY DAY

9/1/16
Skills Clinic run by National Accredited Coaches supported by Bellingen Netball Association  
FREE
Connell Park Courts  
9-10.30am  Primary School Age  
11-12.30am  High School Age
All enquiries and to register email
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