FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NEW CLASSROOM
What a difference 1½ hours makes. This is all the time it took on Friday for our 16th classroom to be delivered and installed! Paths, utilities and furniture are yet to be installed but we are hoping that it will be up and ready to go for the start of term 2.

GREAT STUDENTS
Our teachers ensure their classrooms reflect a quality learning environment where students are engaged and can be guided to succeed across many areas of learning. I had the great pleasure of visiting Kinder Magenta and reading fabulous writing about the Fire Station, complete with correctly spelled sight words and listening to reading with 2 groups from 1Aqua. They were amazing!

NEW TEACHER APPOINTED
It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs Kate Sommerville to the permanent teaching staff of Bellingen Public School. Mrs Sommerville was the successful candidate from the recent merit selection process. Thank you to Raelene McMahon, Dan Pullinger and Carole McFaul for their diligence as representatives for the staff and community.
EASTER HAT PARADE
After careful consideration we have decided to return to students walking with their class and teacher for the Hat Parade (instead of Peer Support groups). Please see the separate notice accompanying this newsletter for revised times for your child’s class.

On the School Development Day (20th April), all staff will participate in CPR and Child Protection training. School will resume for students on Tuesday 21st April.

I would like to wish our whole school community a very happy Easter and a safe holiday.

Elizabeth Mulligan, Releasing Principal

SCHOOL TOILETS
It became necessary last week to speak to ALL boys in our school due to what can only be termed as disgusting, disrespectful behaviour in the boys toilets. This is an ongoing issue which will NOT be tolerated. It is disappointing that one or two boys think stuffing whole toilet rolls down toilets or defecating on the floor is acceptable behaviour. Your assistance, as parents, in discussing this worrying and unhygienic issue with your sons is appreciated.

EASTER RAFFLE
Drawn on Wednesday, 1st April….
Tickets back by Tuesday, 31 March

SCHUBERTS’ SEVENS
Last Friday, I accompanied 40 stage 2 and 3 students to a football gala day held in Coffs Harbour with students from various schools around the Coffs Coast. All the students had a great time and played their best. It was wonderful to see the encouragement students gave to each other. We won some, we lost some- we all had a great day!

I want to thank each and every student for their beautiful behaviour displayed on the day. Also, a HUGE thank you to the parents who assisted in transport, coaching and helping throughout the day.

Mrs Lawrence, 5/6 P Teacher

FREE WOOD
Several large logs which have been on our bottom oval have now been cut into manageable rounds and are available to anyone who may have a use for them, perhaps as firewood. They are unsuitable for our Nature Playground and we would really like to be rid of them. If you are interested in collecting any or all of this wood, please contact the front office.
STUDENT BANKING

Do you have 10 Tokens? Don’t forget to redeem your tokens for the great new rewards items this term. Remember school banking day is Tuesday
Sandra Ruming, School Banking Co-ordinator

Canteen Roster – March/ April
Tue 31 Raelene McMahon
Wed 1 Maree Martindale, Raelene McMahon
Thu 2 Sharon Benelle, Laurie Rosa

NEWS FROM 5/6 ORANGE

5/6O have been working on some nature weaving projects in our classroom. We looked at shape, colour and design to construct a loom for weaving natural materials from our school landscape. These are some of our beautiful creations.

EASTER HAT PARADE - TAKING IT TO THE STREETS!

Our Easter Hat parade is THIS Thursday 2nd April.

Students are asked to create their hats at home and bring them to school on the day.

We will once again be taking the parade into the community and walking down William St and back up the main street to display our hats! See accompanying note for times.

Diary Dates

April

Wed 1 Easter Raffle Draw

Voluntary School Contributions - Last Week for Raffle inclusion

What are Voluntary School Contributions? Parents in Public Schools are encouraged to pay voluntary contributions, which help us to cover costs which are necessary to run our school. These fees help us to pay for paper, exercise books, pencils and general resources needed to ensure the excellent standard of education we provide at Bellingen Public School is sustainable.

Your contribution is crucial - if each family made this contribution, it could mean as much as $12,000. Families with three or more children attending our school need only pay for the first two children. Invoices will be posted out soon.

Our Voluntary School Contribution is only $43 per student.

If you pay this contribution before Thursday, 2 April, you will go in the draw to win a fantastic family holiday for a whole week at Valla Beach Resort.

Thank you to those parents that have already paid their voluntary contributions, they will automatically be entered into the draw.

CANTEEN NEWS

This week will bring an end to this term and to a quarter of the school year. By now, many of our studious little munchkins will be in the routine of coming to school and enjoying mental and emotional developmental challenges.
afforded to them by this wonderful institution. This will result in those tiny receptacles of knowledge, missing school and moping around for two weeks. These feelings of loss and despair can be mollified.

The reason for the timing of this inconvenient disruption to the pupils’ enjoyment of our educational experience, is that Easter is almost upon us. Traditional fare for this holiday is consumption of “hot cross buns”. These delicacies will be available all week in the canteen for the exchange of $1.00. There will be no special this week but we do have hot cross buns all week.

Lastly, please all have a happy Easter and a safe and enjoyable term break.

Happy holidays,

Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

P & C NEWS

The P&C Committee met on Monday, 23 March to discuss the proposed shared youth support worker position at BPS and Bellingen High School (BHS). Funding for this position will come via the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP). At the meeting, a sub-committee was formed to move forwards the recruitment and selection process and Kate Burns was nominated to sit on the selection panel and represent the views of the school community. The sub-committee hopes to have a further update to parents and friends out before the Easter break, and in the meantime, if anyone is interested in joining the P&C sub-committee, please contact Kate Burns at Kate@gentleways.com.au

Current Notes

* Easter Hat parade permission note – due tom

* Year 7 enrolment forms for Year 6 – Overdue

Community Notices

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

BELLINGEN SHOW

May 9th and 10th of May.

Come and see......Murphy’s puppets, Face Painting, Old MacDonald’s farm, Kids passport, Colouring in competition, Pavilion entries.

Find everything online at www.bellingenshow.com.au

So get those creative juices going and create whilst you are on holidays.

Happy show.......