FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to what will be a busy term 2 for students, staff and our school communities in areas of learning and positive, active involvement across a range of community projects.

ANZAC

Our school will participate in the local ANZAC March next Saturday 25th April. This annual event has particular significance this year as we mark the 100th anniversary. The school choir will be singing during the service. Students should meet staff outside BCU at 8.30am in preparation to march.

I know I will see a large number of students and thank families for their support of this significant event.

There will also be a brief assembly to mark ANZAC Day for the whole school this Friday at 9.30am.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Yesterday saw all staff participate in CPR training; Child Protection updates; training in the new Performance and Development Framework for teachers and executive and a review of the newly written School Plan 2015-2017. It was certainly a full and highly productive day for all.

STAFFING

Mrs Lawrence will be on maternity leave from the 22nd May for the rest of the year. Ms Amber Tarling will be teaching 5/6P during this time. She brings a depth of skills that will complement the stage 3 team.

We welcome back Sandy Hamilton as our school counsellor for term 2. Sandy is well known to most of our students and staff and will be at BPS on a three day fortnight basis. If families are seeking support from the school counsellor service it is vital that an appointment is made through the school office.

NEW CLASSROOM

It is hoped that the movement of the 3 affected classes will be finalised this week. We are waiting on the delivery of furniture and for the demountable to be officially handed over to the school.

I look forward to seeing you all this term at the many events where our students will be supporting the local community or here, at a school based event.

Have a great week

Elizabeth Mulligan, Relieving Principal

Easter Hat Parade
ANZAC Day March ~ Saturday 25th April
Bellingen Public School students attending the march should assemble outside BCU, Church St at 8:30am. They will march under the supervision of school staff to the Cenotaph and remain there for the ceremony.

Parents should collect their children from Church St at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Students should wear full school uniform INCLUDING A HAT. (It is often hot and very sunny at the Cenotaph. Please ensure your child brings their SCHOOL HAT)

EARLY ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL
Many students are arriving at school TOO EARLY, before staff are at school, and therefore are unsupervised. Students should not be at school before 8:40am when staff are officially on duty.

Students arriving early due to transport arrangements such as bus travel should go straight to the shelter and SIT DOWN quietly.

There are no ball games at this time. Early arrivals will be monitored over the next 2 weeks and calls to parents made as necessary.

SCHOOL TOILETS REMINDER
It became necessary last term 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.

Our Peer Support Program utilises Peer Support Australia resources. The Living Positively module focuses on developing skills in:
• resilience
• coping
• critical thinking
• planning

The aims of Living Positively are:
• identify and use individual strengths
• enjoy life by engaging in activities
• practise positive self-talk
• develop coping strategies
• demonstrate perseverance
• work towards their goals
• develop resilience
• demonstrate gratitude

PEER SUPPORT WEEK 5
This week’s Peer Support session focuses on positive self talk. Children need to practise talking positively to
themselves. Your child will also learn to persevere, which will encourage them to keep trying in challenging situations. During the week encourage your child to use positive self talk.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back to school to everyone. I trust that all the families of the school enjoyed these two weeks of sharing quality time and bonding, before the return of those conscientious scholars to further broaden their minds in this superb scholastic institution.

Since Anzac Day normally falls during the first term break, this year provides us with a unique opportunity as the end of term break occurred earlier this year. Anzac Day will be observed after a week back at school. Among all the other educational and remembrance activities associated with Anzac Day during the week the canteen will have the opportunity to join in the observation in a more culinary way. Yes we will be selling Anzac biscuits all week for only one large silver coin (50 cents).

To keep the Anzac theme going, the canteen’s weekly special will have a dinky die Aussie flavour to it. It will be (arguably) the national dish, Meat Pie. But not just the regular, although delicious, pies available. There will be a selection of gourmet pies including, beef and mushroom, beef and tomato, shepherd’s pie and the, always popular, Ned Kelly. These will be available on Thursday and Friday only at a cost of $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink. Weekly specials will be served with an Anzac biscuit for dessert.

Feeding your children to a better education,

*Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor*

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**Canteen Roster – April**

- Wed 22: Maree Martindale, Raelene McMahon
- Thu 23: Sharon Benelle, Donal O’Suilleabhain
- Fri 24: Penny Stark, Julie Young
- Mon 27: Leonie Jennings, Serena
- Tue 28: Julie Young Raelene McMahon

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**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.

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**STUDENT BANKING**

Did you know that after week 5 of Term 2, students who have not banked yet will be unable to be entered into the Disneyland competition. Students who start banking during week 5 of Term 2, will need to bank every week for the rest of the school year to be entered into the Disneyland competition.

If you have 10 Tokens you can redeem them for great new rewards items this term, added this Term are Invisible Ink Martian Pen and Intergalactic Rocket

Remember school banking day is **Tuesday**

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**Sandra Ruming, School Banking Co-ordinator**

**Diary Dates**

**April**

- Tue 21: First day back for Term 2
- Sat 25: ANZAC Day – BPS students marching
- Tue 28: Cross Country – note change of date

**May**

- Fri 8: District Cross Country
- Fri 22: MNC Cross Country

**June**

- Fri 5: NC Cross Country
- Fri 26: Last day of Term 2

**July**

- Mon 13: Term 3 SDD
- Tue 14: First day of Term 3
- Tue 21: School Photos – save the date!

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**Students will run the Cross Country on Tuesday, 28 April. Times and other details will be available in next week's Newsletter**

**Current Notes**

- Bellingen Public School Choir ANZAC note
- Year 7 enrolment forms for Year 6 – Overdue
**Community Notices**

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

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**Health NSW**

**Mid North Coast Local Health District**

Quality and Excellence in Regional Healthcare

Did you know all children aged 0-17 years are entitled to free dental care?

To be eligible all you need is a current Medicare Card.

No Health Care Card required.

For an appointment please call: 1300 651 625

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**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........

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**GIVE HAPPY LIVE HAPPY**

Bellingen Shire COUNCIL

Do you volunteer in our community?

Bellingen Shire Council would like to thank you, the volunteers of Bellingen Shire. Join us and celebrate your contributions at a morning tea at spectacular Danang Falls.

When: 10.30am on Wednesday 13 May

RSVP: 6 May 2015

Catherine Tait
P: 6655 1522, E: ctait@bellingen.nsw.gov.au

Please advise if transport required.

In the event of rain the morning tea will be relocated to the Dorrigo Community Hall.

Does your volunteer organisation have someone that deserves a pat on the back for their long service of 25 years (or more)? If so we want to know about them so they can be recognised at the Volunteer’s Week morning tea.

Contact Catherine Tait P: 6655 1522 E: ctait@bellingen.nsw.gov.au

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**MESSY CHURCH**

**3 Fresh Ideas for all ages**

**THURSDAYS 3.30pm**

23 April, 7 May, 11 June, 16 July, 6 Aug, 3 Sept, 8 Oct, 5 Nov

ANGELICAN CENTRE, BELLINGEN

Fun-filled, child-focused worship for ALL the family.

3.30pm Craft *4.30pm Story

5pm Food—We finish with a meal

Anglican Parish, 100 Hyde St, Bellingen 66551475 bellingenparish@gmail.com