FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

ANZAC DAY

It was with great pride that I marched alongside around 120 students, staff and parents on Saturday for ANZAC Day. This, coupled with the moving ANZAC assembly held at school on Friday, was a fitting acknowledgement of this significant day by our school community. Our choir sang like angels and the making and laying of wreaths by every class in the school gave a depth of understanding for every student as they remembered those “who gave up their tomorrows in order for us to have our todays.”

It was lovely to have Joseph Taylor (Pauline Taylor’s son), who is in the Navy visit his old school. He spoke to students about life as a Bosun in the Defence Force.

NEW CLASSROOM

At last we have been able to move two of the classes into their new rooms. You will find Mrs Jones in the new demountable and Mrs Mellalieu in the ‘old’ one. Mr Hurley’s class are being very patient as they await their new furniture – it arrived this afternoon!

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country has been extended to Stage 1 this year who will participate in a much shorter, but no less exciting, run than our older students. This is a great introduction for them to this event and supports the inclusive nature of our school community. Cross Country is planned for tomorrow Tuesday, rain, hail or shine!

GUMBAYNGGIRL LANGUAGE

We are very fortunate to have Raelene McMahon, one of our fabulous parents, trained in delivering Gumbaynggirr language. Our students really look forward to Raelene’s lessons and practicing new words and phrases. Stage 3 are currently working with Raelene on Fridays. This program fits beautifully into our “Successful Community Partnerships” strategic direction in our school plan.

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
Move to Learn

Can you help out with Move to Learn. This great program will take on a slightly different look this year but we still need parent helpers! Move TL will be run on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 to 11am
If you can help with MTL on Tuesday please leave your name at the office.
For more information please contact Elizabeth Mulligan on 6655 1147.

UNIFORM SHOP

We have just had donated a number of size 14 second hand uniforms in great condition. If you are interested, the uniform shop is open on Mondays and Fridays from 8.40am to 9.30.
Order forms can be collected from the office if you cannot get to the school.
The Uniform shop accepts CASH and CHEQUE only.

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.

Bellingen Choir Sings at the Cenotaph.

28 magical voices combined on Anzac Day to ring around the streets.
The singers, through their song and Anthem have helped the members of our community experience an even deeper response to the Anzac Ceremony.
Pure voices and meaningful heart-felt lyrics awakened emotions, leaving nerve endings and tear ducts unable to be controlled!
Thank you to these students, the marchers, the teachers and wonderful supportive parents.
Elizabeth Scott

PIANO, KEYBOARD LESSONS

Ms Viv and Daniel now have a few remaining places open for students keen to start playing keyboards.
Please got the office and fill out a music application form so that we can meet you and introduce you to a beautiful piano in the Music room.
For anyone in the school community looking to have their piano tuned, a Sydney based tuner is calling into the Coffs Coast this week and offers excellent services, please ring 6655 2846 if interested.
Thanks. Ms Viv

BOOK FAIR

We will be having our annual May book fair in week 3 this term. Lots of lovely books and goodies for purchase.
Bookclub is also being given out this week, so you may decide whether to order from this or wait for the book fair.
This book club issue 3 is due back at school next Wednesday 29th May.
Thank you
Carole McFaul
Librarian

~ OPTIMISM ~

Continuing with our theme of Optimism these ideas from SA Health are worth noting.
One of the best things parents can give their children is a healthy attitude to living. There is a sense of satisfaction and achievement for parents who feel confident that their child is equipped to handle difficulties and challenges. We live in a world of uncertainty and change where many things are beyond our control. How we manage often depends on the way we see situations. Helping your child become an optimist and ‘look on the bright side of life’ is a step towards preparing your child for a strong future.
What are the building blocks of optimism?

✓ Having a go.
✓ Practising.
✓ Planning for the best outcome.
✓ Coming to terms with success and failure.
✓ Having the belief and confidence to try again.


P & C MEETING

Just a reminder that the next P and C meeting is scheduled for Monday, 4 May 2015, at 7pm in the school library. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.
CANTEEN NEWS

Now that the term break, Easter and Anzac day are behind us, the school, and of course, the canteen as well, can get back to the “three Rs”. In regards to the canteen these would be, recharge, refresh and refuel. Yes, that is stretching it a bit.

Not that this auspicious epistle would ever endorse or even give notoriety to any gambling activities but for those who managed to spin themselves into a more favourable financial situation on Saturday, they can use this monetary windfall to secure some healthy and delicious nourishment for their offspring. For those who found themselves with less than they started, please remember how inexpensive the canteen's healthy and delicious nourishment can be.

This week's special will be potato bake. 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

Canteen Roster – April/ May

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ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEAR 4 STUDENTS

Year 5 opportunity class placement for 2016

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 is about to begin. Important dates are as follows:

**Monday 27 April 2015**: Online applications open
**Friday 15 May 2015**: Online applications close
**Tuesday 19 May 2015**: Principals’ processing site opens
**Friday 5 June 2015**: Principals’ processing site closes
**Wednesday 22 July 2015**: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents can access the online application at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement) or contact the school for an **Intention to apply** letter.

National Walk Safely to School Day

With just five weeks to go, primary school aged children across Australia are gearing up to take those important steps towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 22 May 2015.

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 Pens and an Intergalactic Rocket

Remember school banking day is **Tuesday**

Sandra Ruming, School Banking Co-ordinator

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.

Diary Dates

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Also this term the Coffs Eisteddfod (Stage 2 and School Choir) – date to be advised

**Current Notes**

* Year 7 enrolment forms for Year 6 – Overdue

**Community Notices**

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

The junior string players from BPS and Chrysalis will be involved in welcoming the Australian Chamber Orchestra with a “Guard of honour” and the proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Bellingen Youth Orchestra.

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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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**More Photos from Anzac Day**

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**Screen Free Week 4th – 10th May 2015**

Screen Free Week is an annual international celebration when families, schools and communities swap digital entertainment for the joys of life beyond the screen.
Instead of watching TV, using a computer or playing video games, ideas for activities to do include:
- Go for a walk as a family
- Play a board game or cards
- Make dinner as a family
- Read a book to your children
- Volunteer in your community
- Paint a picture
For a FREE family guide and resources go to www.screenfree.org