FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

RAIN!

Last Friday the extreme weather caused major problems for two of our Stage 3 classrooms and our grounds. Our drains simply could not cope with the downpour combined with the runoff from our playground. A HUGE thank you to Max Storm and the group of stage 3 boys who shovelled mud, bailed water, swept, created water diversions and unblocked drains, successfully stopping the water going into the classrooms. Thank you also to the Stage 3 teachers and students who remained calm and waited out the excitement!

CROSS COUNTRY

For the first time that I can recall our whole school was involved in the Cross Country with Kindergarten and Year 1 and 2 participating in a shorter but still hotly contested run. Participation and resilience were high on the agenda as everyone gave their best effort. The District Cross Country is this Friday with a team of approximately 60 representing our school. Thank you to Mr Ellem for his organisation.
CHAPLAINCY
After a prolonged consultation process a final decision in regards to the National School Chaplaincy Program has been made. Both Bellingen Public and Bellingen High have agreed not to pursue this program within our respective schools. The new policy, as it is written, could not be implemented in a manner that met our requirements. I would like to thank the school community for its input into this discussion and consultation over the past months. Thank you also to Kate Burns for her representation of our parent body.

The Annual School Report (2014) and School Plan 2015-2017 are now available on the school website for your information. The Annual School Report reflects and informs about where we have been, while the School Plan is our vision for the future. I would encourage you to read both documents.

Have a great week
Elizabeth Mulligan
Relieving Principal

~ OPTIMISM ~
Continuing with our theme of Optimism these ideas from SA Health are worth noting.

Optimists
~ Optimists are people who refuse to feel helpless and don’t give up when faced with seemingly impossible problems. They expect to succeed, believe in themselves and remain positive. Optimists are less likely to suffer from depression.
~ Optimists are more likely to recognise and think about their past signs of successes and what they did to succeed.
~ The more optimistic children are, the more able they are to succeed and have a sense of the future, and to make friends and learn at school.
~ Optimistic thinking has words like – maybe, sometimes, usually, possibly, perhaps.

Reminders for parents
~ Teaching your child how to build an optimistic outlook costs nothing but is good life insurance
~ Every time children achieve something they start to believe that they can go on trying and have more successes.
~ The more optimistic children are, the more they are able to succeed.
~ The way that adults think about their experiences is powerful in shaping a child’s beliefs about why success or failure might occur.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2015
Recently eldest students were given a Stewart House Donation envelope. Each year 1800 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.
Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the children’s stays are met from charitable donations.
Stewart House needs your support to ensure they can continue to provide these important services to children.
If you wish to donate please return your money in the envelope to the school’s by Friday 15th May. For a minimum $2 donation you have the chance to win a $4000 family holiday.

Bellingen Show
The Show is next weekend! I encourage all families to get involved and enter an event or an article of work in support of this community event. Our school will have a display of work as well as having the Stage 1 choir perform.

Stage 1 Choir ~ Bellingen Show
Year 1 and 2 students will be singing at Bellingen Show this coming Saturday at 9am. They should meet Ms Derrin at the Performance Tent at 8.50am, for a 9am performance in their best school uniform, ready to sing and impress their audience!
PEER SUPPORT WEEK 7

This week in Peer Support the children will discuss the importance of showing gratitude to others. Children are encouraged to reflect on the positive aspects of their lives, including people. The activities will give the children an opportunity to thank someone who has helped them. During the week encourage your child to appreciate and thank people in their lives.

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. Please remember to label all childrens clothing and lunch boxes. If it has a name it will come back!

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.

KEYBOARD DONATIONS NEEDED

If anyone within the school community has an unwanted workable keyboard sitting around at home that they could kindly donate to the Music programme we would greatly appreciate the addition to our dwindling resources.
Thanks. Ms Viv

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is on this week. Lots of lovely books and goodies for purchase.

Book Fair is also a great time to stock our library with books, purchases may be donated to the school library. We would be grateful for any donations
Thank you
Carole McFaul, Librarian

CANTEEN NEWS

I would hope that everyone reading this is excited about the going to the Bellingen show this coming weekend. As a tribute to the upcoming town carnival, it was planned to serve typical show food in the canteen. Delicacies like Dagwood dogs, spiral chips and fairy floss. Unfortunately, these are not healthy canteen approved items so therefore we will have to suffice with the regular healthy, nutritious and delicious canteen fare.
For this week’s special the canteen will have something akin to carnival food but healthier and, even if I say so myself, tastier. We will have as this week’s special gourmet low fat sausages on hot dog rolls with a selection of topping condiments like, tomato or barbeque sauce, sweet chilli sauce, mustard and onion gravy. This will be available on Thursday and Friday only at a cost of $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink.
Happy Mother’s Day,
Feeding your children to a better education,
Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

Canteen Roster - May

Tue 5   Kahila Fletcher
Wed 6/ Leonie Jennings, Fiona Galloway
Thu 7   Donal O’Suilleabhain, Elizabeth Joyce, Sharon B.
Fri 8   Julie Young, Michelle Perry
Mon 11  Raelene McMahon
Tue 12  Julie Young, Raelene McMahon

National Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 22 May 2015 is Walk Safely to School. 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.
You may have notice if you banked last week that you did not receive a token. Don’t worry I have a record of tokens for all student bankers. If you have received a reward item and owe me tokens please send them in asap.
Please redeem your tokens as soon as you have 10. Added to 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

* Stewart House envelopes
* Year 1 & 2 Bellingen Show Performance note
* NAPLAN information sheet for Years 3 & 5
* Year 5 Lake Keep It EOI
* Internet Access & Acceptable Usage Policy
* 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.


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

Happy show…….