FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Stage 3 students have done an outstanding job over the last 8 weeks in presenting Peer Support across the school. It has been wonderful to see the growth in their presentation skills, their understanding of what works and what doesn’t and the development of connections between the students in each group. This is the last week of Peer Support groups in this format but we are aiming to bring these groups together again through the year for a variety of activities. Thank you to Mrs Sommerville who has been the organising teacher for this whole school program.

As the first school performance at Bellingen Show on Saturday it was almost like we opened the show. Under the guidance of Ms Derrin about 50 Stage 1 choir students entertained the audience with beautiful singing and three fun songs. The tadpole song is a family favourite in my house! As I walked through the exhibits at the show it was great to see students from Bellingen Public School supporting the show with a wide variety of entries – flower arranging, cooking, gum boot decorating, drawing and more. Many were prize winning too – congratulations. Our impressive school display was put together by Ms Lee and showcased many aspects of students work.

Congratulations to our District Cross Country representatives who ran at Bowraville on Friday. Mrs Mellalieu and Mrs Lawrence reported how respectful and settled this group were for the day’s events.

Thank you to the P&C who have voted to donate $2500 to the school to assist with purchasing items off the staff ‘wish list’. Some of these items include an iPad trolley, new canteen baskets, maths resources, additional recorders for the recorder group and resources to support L3, a newly introduced literacy program. This generous donation is greatly appreciated.

Hope all the mums enjoyed a lovely sunny Mother’s Day yesterday and that everyone has a great week.

Elizabeth Mulligan
Relieving Principal

North Coast PSSA Rugby League Trials

On Friday, 8th May, Chris, Peter and I went to Grafton for North Coast PSSA Rugby League trials. We had four games and after all the games the State NSW Coach selected a possible/probables side. The possible/probables side played each other and the coach then selected players for the State team. I was selected in the State team and will travel to Cronulla on Monday 16, June. Unfortunately Chris and Peter were not successful.

Baily Sipple

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.

Move to Learn

Can you help out with Move to Learn (MTL). This great program will take on a slightly different look this year but we still need parent helpers! MTL 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.

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

IGA Community Benefits cards are available from the front office at school. Use them every time you visit IGA Bellingen to add to the total donation that our school will receive back.
Every little bit helps!

BIKE SAFETY

Bellingen Public School students who ride a bike, scooter or skateboard to school are expected to wear an appropriate helmet as per NSW Road Rules.

Helmets
The helmet laws for cyclists of all ages in NSW help prevent head injuries and brain damage from falls and crashes. Under the Road Rules on the NSW legislation website a bicycle rider on roads and road-related areas must wear an approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened. This applies to all cyclists, regardless of age, including children on bicycles with training wheels and any child being carried as a passenger on a bike or in a bicycle trailer.

STUDENT BANKING

Remember school banking day is Tuesday
Sandra Ruming, School Banking Co-ordinator

CRAFT FROM 4/5 ORANGE

CANTEEN NEWS

What a wonderful experience the Bellingen show was and especially the contributions made by the highly talented members of our school family. It was obvious that much time, effort and talent went into preparing these contributions, which provided such enjoyment to all who were discerning enough to pay attention to them at the show. But alas the show is over for another year and we are back to the enjoyable normality of broadening the minds of all those charming homunculi who treasure so much the time they spend at our gymnasium of the brain.
As with any gymnastic exercise, the body, or mind needs proper nutrition to obtain the maximum benefit. To this end the canteen always provides healthy, nutritious sustenance that also meets the energy needs of active young minds.
This constant flow of nutrition is enhanced with weekly specials
This week’s special will be hand made Cornish pasties. 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

ACO2 Concert

Not to be missed by String Players.
It has been a year since Bellingen Public Senior Strings and Chrysalis String Ensemble combined to Thank the ACO for their continued financial commitment to our String Programmes.
That was a performance we will all remember as it was followed by a most stunning ACO2 concert. This Saturday, May 16, ACO2 led by Benjamin Schmid, will be performing for our community in the Memorial Hall. The ensemble features all members of the string family and our small hall means we hear and see everything. Members of this group are exceptional players and it is so important to take our young musicians along.

The concert begins at 7pm and if our juniors fall asleep during the evening, how privileged it would be to drift off to beautiful live music.

Elizabeth Scott

PEER SUPPORT WEEK 8

In this week’s final session of Living Positively the children will reflect on what they learned in Peer Support. They will remember to think optimistically, persevere and use positive self talk. The children will learn about a model - I laugh, I live, I love. This will help them to remember the activities they enjoy, their strengths an’d to show appreciation to others. Discuss with your child ways they can live positively.

Canteen Roster - May

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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.

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

Skoolbag version 3

Just a quick note to let you know that Version 3 of Skoolbag will be ready for download soon in both the Apple App and Google Play Stores. This release fixes the issues with the current Android version, and also brings it up to date with the same features that have been on iPhone for some time.

There is also now a dedicated iPad version in the iPad App Store!

If you have an earlier version of Skoolbag installed on their devices, they will see this new version as an app update, and will install it as an update. Some users may already have automatic updates switched on, in which case the app will update itself. It is important that your users install the latest update.

Please note also that this Android update requires at least version 4 OS software on Android devices to run.

New Version 3 features include:

- Supports iPhone 6 and 6 Plus resolution
- Rotation/landscape view when viewing landscape on larger resolution devices.
- New interface design and content navigation improvements
- Colour coded for each school
- Support for the Custom Form Builder. Now you can create your own forms with in app signatures.
- iPhone Version has new Accessibility mode for visually impaired users.
- iPad Version!

If you have any questions, please call 1300 661 031 or email support@skoolbag.com.au
Current Notes

- Mt Hyland Senior Strings camp
- Stewart House envelopes – due 15 May
- Year 5 Lake Keep It EOI
- Internet Access & Acceptable Usage Policy
- Year 7 enrolment forms for Year 6 – Overdue

How optimistic are your kids?

Choose a child (or yourself) and complete this Optimism Quiz.

Does he or she usually:

1. Take blame personally when things go wrong? Yes [0] No [2]
2. Blow negative events out of proportion? Yes [0] No [2]
3. Take personal credit if things go well such as doing well in a test at school or winning a game. Yes [2] No [0]
4. Believe that with hard work or better skills he or she can improve. Yes [2] No [0]
5. Usually looks on the bright side of any situation. Yes [2] No [0]
6. Catastrophise things that go wrong at school or think bad events are force 10 large scale mega disasters. Yes [0] No [2]
7. Immediately jumps to the worst possible outcome if he or she is unsure of something. Yes [0] No [2]
8. Takes plenty of learning risks and is not held back by the possibility of failure. Yes [2] No [0]

Score: This child is:
- 14 -16: A raving optimist
- 10-12: A cautious optimist
- 6-8: A hard-working optimist (i.e has to work hard at it)
- 0-4: A struggling optimist

From the "Thriving Series" by Michael Grose

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A Smile is a curve that sets everything straight.