Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week was an amazing week of firsts, quite literally, for our school. Huge congratulations to our School Choir and our String Group who can first in their respective sections of Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod last Monday and Wednesday. The String Group also was awarded the CHIMES Award which is given to the most promising group on the day. Needless to say all these students, and Miss Scott, came back to school very excited!! Congratulations to all and a huge thank you to Miss Scott for her dedicated teaching of these students.

Bellingen Public School Choir

Bellingen Public School Senior String Ensemble

District Cross Country was another event where our students shone last Friday. Kyan Upsall came in 1st in his race, Sam Fisher placed 4th and Josh Upsall was 5th. These students will now compete at the next level of competition in Kempsey at the North Coast Cross Country on Friday, 5 June. We wish them luck.

Kyan Upsall, Sam Fisher and Josh Upsall

The opportunities for students at Bellingen PS are extensive. This week students will have the opportunity to play in a soccer gala day, a netball gala day and also Stage 2 & 3 will be involved in the Readers/Writers Festival with author’s Peter MacInnis, Stage 2 and Samantha Turnbull, Stage 3.

Our SRC is a very proactive group and have come up with some great ideas to engage the students they represent and provide a forum for student voice. The Student Leadership team report back to me after each SRC meeting and always present the ideas and concerns of the student body in a respectful and caring way, and are proactive in planning or seeking solutions. Pyjama Day was a very successful fundraiser for the SRC last Thursday and very cosy too!

Teachers are in the process of finalising student reports. These will be distributed in on Wednesday, 24 June. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held early in Term 3.

Have a great week

Elizabeth Mulligan

Kindergarten 2016

Do you have a child at home who will be coming to our school in 2016?

Please drop in into the office or call us on 6655 1147 so we add to our 2016 Kindergarten enrolment list. We will send you our Kindergarten Transition when it is available.
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.

MNC Cross Country
Last Friday I was lucky enough to accompany our group of cross country runners to the Mid North Coast Cross Country which was held at Sawtell Reserve. Although it was overcast, the rain held off to provide perfect conditions for our runners. As usual, our students were enthusiastic and positive in their approach to the challenge ahead, and all persevered with true Bellingen Public School spirit. Kyan Upsall achieved an outstanding first place in his age group, and Sam Fisher fourth. Josh Upsall, Charli Campbell and Zoe Ladi also achieved in the top ten places in their respective age groups. I would like to congratulate all students who attended on the day for their efforts in the race and their behaviour throughout the day. Thank you also to the parents who provided transport and encouragement for our students.

Denise Head
Accompanying Teacher

2015 Eisteddfod
I competed in the 2015 Eisteddfod last Wednesday along with Amanda Sanders, Edie Burgess and Gabe Lawson-John. In the morning, our school won the Instrumental Group section and in the afternoon, solo and duet performances were judged. It was all a bit nerve wracking but Gabe and I received a highly commended award for our violin duet. In the solo section Edie, Amanda, Gabe and I all played violin and Amanda won the trophy for coming first in her section. Edie and Gabe both received highly commended awards for their performances, and I was lucky enough to win the trophy for first place in my section.
We all had a great day and I want to thank Miss Scott for all of her help in preparing us for the Eisteddfod and to Mei Wei for her great piano accompaniment.

Leilani Coombes
4/5 Orange

ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY CLOTHING
The P and C, in conjunction with the school, provide clean and dry clothing to students whose uniform gets wet or dirty whilst they are at school. Having had a busy few days with wet weather of late, we have run out of girls’ pants and shorts. If you are able to provide second hand items that fit this description we would be delighted to add them to our pool, to help future accident victims!

BAND AND STRING SCHOLARSHIPS
Bellingen Public School is proud to offer with the donation from a community member seven Band and String Scholarships.
To apply for these scholarships, simply write a letter of application and hand into the school office. Scholarships letters to be received by 19 June 2015.

20 DAY CLUB PLAY IN
Junior String players celebrate becoming members of the 20 Day Club with a play-in and mini party this Friday. The Play-in will be in the hall during lunch time (11.10 to 12 noon) and will involve musical games and lots of fun playing with Ms Scott and Jacquie.
Children have attempted to play 20 days straight for home practice. Children, parents and teachers see the benefits of consistent practice and students enjoy their improved skills and playing.
Congratulations Junior String players!!

MORE EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS
A triumphant and excited string group returned to school on Wednesday, sporting their trophy for winning the 3-6 Instrumental section of the Eisteddfod. They played two pieces with accuracy, dynamics and flair to take out this section with a mark of 91! At the close of the day, this group also won the prestigious "Chimes Award" acknowledging the ensemble with the most potential in the day’s competition. Well done to the students and their teachers, Jacquie, Charlotte, and Susan for their careful preparation for this event. Even without a trophy, these students were 'winners', as they had practiced their instruments so hard that they all find themselves in a new realm of learning and playing.
There was also individual success with Leilani and Jessica winning their sections and Gabe, Edie and Ziggy coming a close second to their opponents.
Proud teacher and conductor
Elizabeth Scott
Music Co ordinator
SICKNESS

While we want and expect our students to attend school every day, the high level of sickness our classrooms are experiencing at the moment is problematic! If your child is sick, especially with a runny nose and persistent cough please keep them home. These bugs and germs spread so easily. Practicing nose blowing, hand washing and not coughing openly will also help keep our school healthy.

BUS SAFETY

On and off the bus safely

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk:
- Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.
- Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.
- STOP! One step back from the kerb.
- LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
- LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
- THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
- Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
- While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb.
- Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.
- Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.

CANTEEN NEWS

Next Monday we will all take a day off to pay homage and celebrate the birthday of her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II. I am sure many of us will feast in honour of Her Majesty and rejoice with many “hip hoorays” and wishes of many happy returns.

To get us all in the mood for this feasting the canteen special this week will be the typically English roast beef, peas and Yorkshire pudding (in honour of her son). This week’s special 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 - June

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STUDENT BANKING

The following items are available to redeem for tokens.
- Blue Wallett (2013 item)
- ET DVD
- Headphones (2013 item)
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Invisible Ink Pens
- Knuckles Game (2013 item)
- Planet Handball
- Projector Cup (2014 item)
- Scented Pencils (2014 item)
- Shark Keyring (2014 item)
- Swimbag (2014 item)

Collect a card from the office or write a note and include with your tokens and deposit.

Remember school banking day is Tuesday

Sandra Ruming
School Banking Co-ordinator
**Diary Dates**

### June

- **Wed 3**: ICAS Science  
- **Fri 5**: Strings 20 Day club Play-In, Lunch time  
- **Fri 5**: NC Cross Country  
- **Fri 5**: Readers & Writers Festival – Stage 2 & 3  
- **Fri 5**: PSSA Netball Gala Day, Coffs Harbour  
- **Thur 11**: Whole School Assembly  
- **Fri 12**: Guitar Student’s Recital, 4.15pm, Hall  
- **Sun 14**: Mt Hyland String camp  
- **Mon 15**: Mt Hyland String camp  
- **Mon 15**: ICAS Writing  
- **Tue 16**: Mt Hyland String camp  
- **Tue 16**: ICAS Spelling  
- **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!  
- **Tue 28**: ICAS English

### August

- **Thur 6**: Whole School Assembly  
- **Tue 11**: ICAS Mathematics

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**Mt Hyland has now been invoiced to all participating students. Payments can be made at the office or by phone. Thank you.**

**EXCURSION BUDGETING**

Excursions can be paid off weekly, fortnightly or monthly or as it suits your family budget. Below are some of the major excursion costs and the number of weeks till final payment must be received.

**Mt Hyland String Camp, June 14, 15 & 16** @ $162, is due now.

**Lake Keepit Excursion, August 31 - September 4** @ $310 – 10 school weeks approx $31/week

**IGA LOYALTY PROGRAM**

Did you know you can help raise money for Bello Public just by shopping at the IGA? The IGA have a long running program which donates a percentage of your shop to your chosen local organisation. Simply pick up a loyalty/rewards card from either the IGA or the front office at the School and present your card at the checkout. Every shop counts!

**LOST PROPERTY**

Label it! Label it! Label it!

Over 70 jumpers were in lost property, only half had name tags. Please ensure ALL your children’s property is clearly labelled so it can be returned.

Teach your children to be responsible for their own property by returning jumpers and lunch container to their bags.

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**Community Notices**

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

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1300 135 331 (cost of local call)