**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS RAFFLE WINNER**

Congratulations to the Sankey family who were the winners of the Voluntary Contributions raffle. Melissa, Blair, Bodhi and Levi have won a weeks holiday at Valla Beach Resort for paying their voluntary contributions before the end of Term 1.

We would like to thank Valla Beach Resort for their kind donation of the prize.

Voluntary contributions can still be paid at the office and by paying the Voluntary Contribution you help us cover costs which are necessary to run our school. These fees help us to pay for paper, exercise books, pencils and general resources needed to ensure the excellent standard of education we provide at Bellingen Public School is sustainable.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Stage 3 is in a state of rebellion…….in a good way!**

Currently studying “Gold”, Stage 3 students are fully immersed in this topic learning about life on the Australian Goldfields in the 1800’s and how the discovery of gold shaped Australia’s identity. They have also taken on the role of miners, been able to buy property or businesses through an auction process, formed conglomerates and entered trading agreements and sustained ‘injuries’. They are currently very upset with the Goldfield Governor and Commissioners (their teachers) who are raising mining license costs to a level the miners cannot afford! In fact Mrs Head thought the Eureka Rebellion was about to happen in her room! I was also impressed with the high level questions 5/6A had set themselves to research including what being a doctor on the goldfields would have been like and the food that would have been available.

Congratulations to our Netball girls who played well last Friday before the rain beat them. Thank you to Miss Byrne for her time in training the team. Congratulations also to the Soccer teams who played on Tuesday with the boys going through to the next level. Thank you to Miss Cowan, Lawrence and Mr Ellem for their time training these teams. It was great to be able to host a large number of visiting students from across our Community of Schools for the

**Readers Writers Festival** on Friday. Mrs Sommerville had organised a fantastic day of learning for Stages 2 and 3. Their thinking was certainly challenged by the stance taken by author Samantha Turnbull.

I love being part of ‘Move to Learn’ each Tuesday. This program gives the students in Years 1 and 2 a well-earned ‘brain break’ on Tuesday mornings and me the opportunity to get to know these classes and their skills in fine and gross motor activities. Parent helpers are more than welcome if you would like to join us!

**Save the Date – Education on Show 28th July.** Held every 2 years in Education Week, this concert will showcase the creative skills of students and staff across our Community of Schools. Bellingen High School MPC, 5pm.

Have a great week

Elizabeth Mulligan, Principal

**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.

**NETBALL NEWS**

On the 5th of June the Bellingen school girls netball team attended the PSSA netball gala in Coffs Harbour. The girls played 3 games before the day was cancelled due to wet weather. First round Bellingen defeated Repton 36-0; second round Bellingen lost to Nambucca 10-5 and won their last game 10-1 against Karangi. The girls played amazingly all day even in the wet weather. Congratulations on a great result girls!

Miss Byrne
Organising Teacher
Realistic Optimism

Optimism isn’t about seeing everything as rosy. Optimists don’t ignore problems or pretend life is perfect. They just choose to focus on what’s good about a situation and what they can do to make things better. Optimists have true confidence because they’re prepared: They know they need to study if they want to ace a tough test. They know they can’t make the basketball team without practicing. Optimism goes hand-in-hand with action. It’s about finding a healthy balance of positive and realistic thinking.

Why Isn’t Everyone Optimistic?
Optimism is partly due to nature: Some people are born with an optimistic temperament. But optimism is also influenced by what we learn growing up and the experiences we have. We can learn optimism through watching role models, adopting new ways of thinking, and practicing new habits.

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.

PLUMBER AND ELECTRICIAN WANTED

We’re looking for a Plumber and an Electrician who could help out the school with some possible work in our staff room. If you can help please call Elizabeth Mulligan on 6655 1147.

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.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

It was a wet and cold day today in Kempsey for Regional Cross Country on Friday. Sam Fisher and Josh Upsall ran well in a very quick u/8-9 race and finished 19th and 20th. Kyan Upsall was challenged by very tough competition but managed to hang on to finish 1st in the u/10. Kyan will now compete in the All School State Championships in Sydney in July.

All 3 boys were great representatives of our school and tried their very best. Well done boys.

Tanya Upsall

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!

STUDENT BANKING

The following items are available to redeem for tokens.

- Blue Wallet (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
FOOTBALL (SOCCER) SUCCESS

On Tuesday last week Miss Cowan accompanied the boys and girls football teams to Urunga. The boys won all three games and are through to the finals. The girls team made it to the finals but were defeated 2 – 0.

STAY SAFE REMINDER!!

Please do not walk your children through the staff car park. ALL pedestrians should use the path near the bike racks and exit through the small gate only.

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.
- 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

After the joy of celebrating the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, our charming little scholars will have been champing at the bit to return to their much loved studies, albeit for a disappointingly short week.

With winter upon us the disappointment of the short week will be exacerbated by the cold weather closing in. To alleviate this, the canteen special this week will be a hearty, healthy and warming concoction of pulled beef, vegetables and sauce served in a bread roll pocket. We have chosen to call this the “dinner plate pocket” special.

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

Diary Dates

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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
Mon 10-Wed 12  Cascade Camp – 1
Wed 12-Fri 14  Cascade Camp – 2
Tue 11  ICAS Mathematics

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 – 9 school weeks approx $34.50/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 childrens 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.

UNIFORMS

We take pride in our school uniform. It is what makes us look like a team.

Our uniform does not include ‘hoodies’ or caps.

There are many good quality second hand jumpers for sale from the canteen, at very reasonable costs or new uniforms are also available.
You can help by having your child wear their uniform every day.

CURRENT NOTE

- Cascade Year 4 EOI
- Mt Hyland Strings camp
- 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.

Worried about your child’s hearing?
Have they had lots of colds and ear infections?
Do they seem like they are ignoring you?

Then come along to

Otitis Media Awareness Day

Thursday 18th June
Park Beach Plaza in the Promotions Court
10am - 5pm

FREE
Ear Health Checks for Children (0 – 18 years)
No Appointment Necessary
Each ear check will only take approximately 5 minutes

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

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www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of local call)