FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Bushrangers have been sighted in our school. Should Goldfields money have been printed for those innocent looking miners who presented to the office last week or were they really clever bushrangers? I am enthralled by the ever evolving ‘real life’ deep learning Stage3 are involved with this term and the stories, discussions, tales of woe and entrepreneurial mastery of the Year 5 and 6 students and teachers! High engagement indeed.

Miss Rana and Mrs Davies from Southern Cross University have completed their practicum at our school. They have been an integral part of Stage 3 and our staff over the past six weeks, building a strong rapport with the students and their mentor teachers Mrs Sommerville and Ms Everson. We look forward to having them return to Bellingen Public as fully qualified classroom teachers in the near future.

A major change to the organisation of our upcoming Athletics Carnival has been made. The carnival will be split across 2 days; one session for track (races) at Bellingen High and one for field events here at Bellingen Public. This will allow the whole school, K-6 to come together next term for the field events, building upon the very successful K-6 Cross Country held earlier this term. Please check your child’s bag for Athletics Carnival notes!

Students, parents and staff often talk to me about respectful behaviour (or lack of it) towards other people. Listening to others without interrupting is definitely a way to show respect, in many settings, including during stage and whole school assemblies. Children take their cues, positive or negative, from adults. Visitors holding conversations while students or teachers are speaking can be very distracting and does not provide a good example. Catching up with friends or family before or after these assemblies and away from classroom windows would be appreciated.

Our Staff Development Day for term 3 will be held on 13th July (first day of term). Staff will be participating in a full day of learning around Aboriginal Education and Cultural knowledge facilitated by Uncle Michael Jarrett, Shane and Deb Nelson and Jenni Farrands. This day will be held ‘off site’ at Valla.

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

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were recipients of the Student of the Month award at last week’s Whole School Assembly. These students have demonstrated outstanding attitude and citizenship at school.

K Magenta - Sunny Stark
K Puple - Jethro Murano
K Orange - Sophie Burns
1 Aqua - Olive Harpur
1 Magenta - Leila Paterson
1/2 Orange - Jayden De La Cruz
2 Aqua - Joseph Bull
2 Purple - Keb Hazlett
3 Magenta - Josh Upsall
3/4 Aqua - Annie Riley
3/4 Purple - Tierra Torres-Day
4/5 Orange - Abi Mayo
5/6 Aqua - Hugo Fortin
5/6 Magenta - Josh Galloway
5/6 Orange - Sophie Faunt
5/6 Purple - Gypsy Rowe

Eilidh Lewis from 1 Magenta who received her missing certificate from last week 4 Whole School Assembly.
MOVE TO LEARN

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!

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.

HEAD LICE

Head Lice have been detected in a number of classes. Would you please check your child’s hair and treat with the appropriate treatment if you detect lice or eggs. Students should not return to school unless this treatment has been administered. We recommend that students with long hair keep it tied back.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need. The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students. The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Page s/nccd.aspx or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

PIANO CONCERT

Daniel and Ms Viv will be holding their end of term recital next Monday after the students return from the sport carnival at Bellingen High School.

When: Monday, 22 June 2015. Week 10
Where: Music Room
Time: 12.30 approx, Ms Viv’s students and 2pm – Daniel’s students.

Hope to see you all there.

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.

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 boys and girls’ pants and skorts. If you are able to provide second hand items that fit this description we would be delighted to add them to our clothing pool, to help future accident victims!
“Respect is learned, earned, and returned.” Author

Unknown

Respect

Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:
- regarding as important the opinions of parents
- implementing government education policy

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:
- accepting the right of others to hold different views to your own
- listening to others without interrupting
- obeying school rules
- acknowledging the strengths and abilities of students
- affirming cultural diversity within the school community.

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.

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

Canteen Roster – June

Tue 16   Leonie Jennings
Wed 17  Maree Martindale
Thu 18  Donal O’Suilleabhain, Elizabeth Joyce
Fri 19  Dan Pullinger, Leanne Harding, Jo Barr
Mon 22  Jackie Vassallo
Tue 23  Leonie Jennings

UNIFORMS

We take pride in our school uniform. It’s what makes us 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.

Canteen Supervisor

Eddy Vardabasso

This week brings us the second round of the State of Origin. For anyone who does not know what this means, it is the second opportunity for a group of rugby league players who could not qualify to play for Queensland to get a lesson in the finer points of the game from those who could.

 Apparently after State of Origin I, the NSW Blues need all the help they can get. So the canteen will again be serving many of its treats in blue on Wednesday to lend much needed support for the poor battlers from south of the Tweed.

This week’s special will be shepherd’s pie and peas, 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

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**Term 2 - Week 9**

**Monday, 15 June 2015**

### Diary Dates

**June**

- **Tue 16** Mt Hyland String camp
- **Tue 16** ICAS Spelling
- **Mon 22** School Athletics Carnival, BHS, 9.05 – 12.30
- **Mon 22** Piano Concert
- **Fri 26** PSSA Rugby League knockout
- **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
- **Mon10-Wed 12** Cascade Camp 1
- **Wed 12-Fri 14** Cascade Camp 2
- **Tue 11** ICAS Mathematics
- **Mon 31** Lake Keepit excursion

**September**

- **Fri Sept 4** Lake Keepit excursion

### EXCURSION BUDGETING

Excursions can be paid off weekly, fortnightly or monthly 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.

- **Lake Keepit Excursion**, August 31 - September 4 @ $310 – 8 school weeks approx $39/week
- **Cascade Excursion**, Aug 12- 14 @ $100 5 school weeks approx @ $20/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!

Our lost property is overflowing and only half the items have name tags. Please ensure ALL your children’s property is clearly labelled so it can be returned and teach your children to be responsible for their own property by returning jumpers and lunch container to their bags.

### CURRENT NOTES

- PSSA Rugby League note
- Athletic Carnival note
- Cascade Year 4 EOI

### Community Notices

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

### What’s for Recess?

Children need healthy snacks throughout the day to meet their growth and energy needs.

- Every day snack foods include:
  - Cheese and crackers
  - Plain popcorn
  - Fresh or canned fruit (in natural juice)
  - Plain or fruit yoghurt
  - Vegetable sticks and dip/s
  - Fruit
  - Wholemeal biscuits with spreads
  - Corn cob
  - Rice cakes with spreads

For more information and ideas go to [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)