School Photos – Tuesday 21 July

Have your returned your envelope for school photos? Envelopes MUST be in by Friday, 17th July.

If you do not return the envelope on the due date, do not worry. Every student has their photo taken and you can still order directly from Don Woods Photography after photos are taken. Just call Don Woods Photography on 9150 9503. They will need to know school name, child’s name, child’s class and which pack you would like to order. Spare envelopes for Student photos and Family photo envelopes are available from the office.

ATHLETIC CARNIVAL THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to the following parents who helped out at the athletics carnival last term Elanor Ball, Mark Perry, Mel Couper, Shari Carter, Leoni Jennings, Kylie Hain, Tanya Upsall, Emma Zabell, Emma Nixon & Emily Hams. We know that without parent/carer helpers these events would not be the success that they are. Apologies to anyone we may have missed.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3 from what I hope has been a lovely break for all families! Term 3 is already shaping up to be full of fantastic learning opportunities and extra curricula experiences for our students. We can look forward to – Athletics Carnivals; Education Week including the Community Breakfast, Education on Show and Principal for the Day; Cascade for Year 4; Lake Keepit for Year 5 and the Stage 3 Musical.

Parent / Teacher Interviews will be conducted over week 2 and 3 and School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 21st July.

Day 1 of the Athletics Carnival held last term was very successful. The support shown to all students by their peers was great and the terrific effort and participation by individuals to be applauded. I learned that I can still run 50 metres! The boys looked worried that I was going to run – not sure if they thought I was going to win or that I was too old to make it!

Our Peer Support activities in the last week of term 3 were also very successful and gave our Stage 3 leaders an opportunity to shine once again as they coordinated and supported their groups. From paper planes to parachute, Rob the Nest to dancing – everyone was involved and active.
I have been reflecting on our school planning and the challenge of change over the holidays as we move into semester 2, and believe it or not, start thinking ahead to next year. As a staff we will be reflecting on our School Plan ensuring it continues to be activated, and that we make every attempt to ensure our vision and goals for each term are realised.

Have a great week.
Elizabeth Mulligan, Principal

P & C MEETING

The P & C are meeting tonight in the school library, all parents and carers are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 7pm.

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.

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.

BELLINGEN PUBLIC SCHOOL
P AND C PIE DRIVE

Thanks to the support of Urunga Country Oven Bakery, the P&C are once again running a Pie Drive this year, offering pies (and lamingtons) for very reasonable prices. Not only do you get the opportunity to have a family sized pie for dinner, but the school gets to keep a percentage of the cost of the pies sold. Both pies and lamingtons freeze beautifully, and all funds raised will go towards purchasing items off the school wish list (please feel free to contribute ideas to this wish list at any time in the suggestion box in the office).

All you have to do is decide which pie or pies you would like to buy and then fill in the order form, which will be sent home this week. This can be photocopied for grandparents, friends and neighbours. All order forms and the correct money (cash or cheques payable to Bellingen Public School P&C) need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 29th July 2015. We will then organise all orders so that they can be collected on Wednesday 5th August between 3.00pm and 5.30pm from the canteen at the school. For all further information please contact Elektra Macdonald on 0412336090 or elektra@elektras.com. We look forward to receiving your orders!

MOVE TO LEARN

Move to Learn will start again in week 3. 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 next term.
Elizabeth Mulligan

GUITAR LESSONS

I am sorry to inform you that I will be unable to teach guitar students all this week as I am stuck in Bali. My flight has been rescheduled to the 19th July due to the ash cloud and I should be back for lessons on the 22 and 23 July.
Karin Braidwood, Guitar Teacher
**Road safety - Your child’s safety depends on you**

When Driving: Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

When Walking: Always hold your child’s hand.

Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

When Cycling or Using Scooters, Skateboards or Rollerblades: Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

Remember, drive safe - our child’s safety depends on you!

**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 shorts. 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!

**STUDENT BANKING**

The following items are available to redeem for 10 tokens. Please redeem your tokens as soon as possible, just place a note and your 10 tokens in your deposit wallet so I know what you would like to order.

- 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)

Information will be available soon regarding a great new compleitoin this term.

Remember school banking day is **Tuesday**

**Sandra Ruming, School Banking Co-ordinator**

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**Camp Creative Scholarships**

Thanks to the generosity of members of our community the Camp Creative Scholarship Program is able to provide scholarships for students at Bellingen Public School and Bellingen High School.

To receive a scholarship to attend next year’s camp (January 11 to 15, 2016) students need to hand write a letter stating why they would like to be considered for a scholarship to attend Camp Creative 2016. These should be addressed to the Scholarship Officer, Camp Creative. All letters can be left at the school office no later than 3.10pm on Friday July 31, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Decisions by the committee are final.

Brochures are available from our school office or you can check out our new website www.campcreative.com.au. You must include a completed application form with your scholarship application these can be found in the middle of the brochure or downloaded from our website.

**Rob & Michelle Stockton**

**Camp Creative Co-ordinators**

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back for term 3. I trust everyone enjoyed the two weeks of bonding time with their happy well behaved children at home, under foot for 24 hours a day, everyday of the term break. Sadly there is only so much bonding a person can take. Therefore our happy and hopefully hungry homunculi have hustled back to school for 10 weeks of mind expanding education.

And what a week to come back! With winter turning on its full force the chilly children need to make their way to school each morning with Jack Frost biting their noses all the way. With the weather in mind this week’s special will be hearty and warming pumpkin soup with garlic croutons and garlic bread, 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 - July

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**Diary Dates**

**July**

- Tue 14: P & C - Pie Orders going home
- Tue 14: P & C Meeting, 7pm School Library
- Fri 17: Closing date for School Photos envelopes
- Fri 17: School Athletics Carnival – Pt 2 at BPS K-6
- Tue 21: School Photos – save the date!
- Tue 28: ICAS English
- Wed 29: Closing date for P & C Pie Orders

**August**

- Wed 5: P & C Pie Pick up date
- Thur 6: Whole School Assembly
- Mon 10- 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

**November**

- Mon 9 – Fri 13: Canberra Excursion – Yr 6

**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.

- **Lake Keepit Excursion**, August 31 - September 4 @ $310 – 6 school weeks approx $51/week
- **Cascade Excursion**, Aug 12- 14 @ $100 - 3 school weeks approx @ $33/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!

**CURRENT NOTES**

- P & C Pie Orders
- Parent/Teacher Interview notes
- School Photo Envelopes
- Cascade Year 4 EOI
- Year 5 Lake Keep It EOI
- Internet Access & Acceptable Usage Policy
- Year 7 enrolment forms for Year 6 –Overdue

**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.

Bellingen Public School is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn. Collect a sheet for your stickers or leave your stickers in the box in the office.