FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our school is always open for visitors but EDUCATION WEEK each year is a wonderful opportunity for the whole community which supports our school to visit and experience it for themselves. There is something on offer for everyone this week.

Tuesday 28th July
• Our annual Community Breakfast from 7am. All families are welcome to join us for a bacon and egg sandwich, fruit salad and tea and coffee.
• ‘Education on Show’ - open to the whole school community at Bellingen High MPC at 5pm. Performances from ten school will showcase talent from across our Learning Community. Bellingen Public will be represented by the String Ensemble and Dance Group.

Wednesday 29th July
• Parent Teacher interviews.

Thursday 30th July
• Whole School Assembly at 9:30am, including a performance by the dance group.
• Open classrooms after assembly. Visit your child’s room to see work on Higher Order Thinking Skills.

I love how our staff and community pull together in time of need. With Miss Cowan sick, Mrs Pregnell and Kristy have kept the Dance Group on track including organising a sewing bee to make costumes and organisation for Education on Show. A real team effort by all ~ thank you.

You will notice new signage around the school in Gumbaynggirr/English. Our students thoroughly enjoy learning Gumbaynggirr language with Raelene and the new signs go a small way in honouring this local language.

Have a great week.
Elizabeth Mulligan, Principal

Education Week – Breakfast
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MOVE TO LEARN

Move to Learn will start again in week 4. 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

BELLINGEN PUBLIC SCHOOL
P AND C PIE DRIVE

There is still time to order your pies! Pies are family sized, made fresh to order, freeze well and are from Urunga Country Oven Bakery. They are selling them to the school at very reasonable prices and we are able to sell them on to families and raise funds for important equipment and resources for the school. All order forms (available from the office) and the correct money (cash or cheques payable to Bellingen Public School P&C) need to be returned to the school by this Wednesday 29th July 2015.

All pies can be collected on Wednesday 5th August between 3.00pm and 5.30pm from the canteen at the school. (NOTE: We urgently need people to help hand out the pies in the school canteen on 5 August between 3pm and 5.30pm. If you are able to assist us please contact us on the numbers below). Children can collect pies for their families and we are asking if parents whose children are collecting pies can put a canvas bag in their child’s school bag for easy carrying. For all further information, please contact Elektra Macdonald on 0412 336 090 or elektra@elektas.com. We look forward to receiving your orders and serving you pies!

UNIFORM SHOP

The P & C Uniform shop currently has on special Girls Long Pants $10 and old style Surf Hats $5. Why not buy and extra hat as a spare. Order forms can be picked up from the office or go directly to the Uniform shop which is open Mondays and Fridays from 8.40 until 9.30.
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.

Canteen Roster - July/August

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Term 3 - Week 3

Monday, 27 July 2015

TOOLS FOR LEARNING CHOOKS

Another one of our lovely View Club tutors, Mary Moody, has also kindly knitted more weighted chooks for our students to use in the classroom. These weighted chooks support our Tools 4Learning program, providing specific students with the deep pressure they need to help them focus on work.

A chook has now been given to all of our Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Stage 2 classes. All classes are very excited with their new addition to their classroom and are enjoying coming up with a name for their class chook.

A big thank -you to Mary Moody and Beth Howard for our very loved chooks.

Rachel Pregnell, Learning and Support Teacher

WHAT ARE HIGHER ORDER THINKING (HOT) SKILLS?

A main goal of educators today is to teach students the skills they need to be critical thinkers. Instead of simply memorizing facts and ideas, children need to engage in higher levels of thinking to reach their full potential. Practicing Higher Order Thinking (HOT) skills outside of school will give kids the tools that they need to understand, infer, connect, categorize, synthesize, evaluate and apply the information they know to find solutions to new and existing problems.

What To Do

Families can play a significant role in encouraging higher order thinking with their kids, even when having a casual conversation. Asking open-ended questions that don’t have one “right” answer gives children confidence to respond in creative ways without being afraid of being “wrong.” After reading a book together, a parent might ask their child a question such as: “What do you think might happen next?” rather than something like “What was the main character’s name in the book?”

Here are more examples of questions to ask your child to spark discussion, make them think critically and encourage higher order thinking.

When visiting an unfamiliar place:

“How is ______ similar to/different from _______?”

“How can you show me that in another way?”

When making an important decision:

“What would you rank _______?”

“How do you imagine _______ would look?”

“What do you think a solution might be?”

“Why did you decide to choose _______ over _______?”

STUDENT BANKING

Please redeem your 10 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.

- Glow in the Dark Solar System – New Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch - New Term 3
- Blue Wallett (2013 item)
- ET DVD – Term 1
- Headphones (2013 item)
- Intergalactic Rocket – Term 2
- Invisible Ink Pens – Term 2
- Knuckles Game (2013 item)
- Planet Handball – Term 1
- Projector Cup (2014 item)
- Scented Pencils (2014 item)
- Shark Keyring (2014 item)
- Swimbag (2014 item)

Remember school banking day is Tuesday

Sandra Ruming
School Banking Co-ordinator
CANTEEN NEWS
This week is Education Week. There will be many school activities taking place, highlighting the excellence of our superb education system and wonderful school. So many in fact that should the canteen do anything special it would detract from the great efforts put in by the rest of the school. So as our tribute to this auspicious time, there won’t be any changes to the regular canteen functioning for Education Week. That’s my excuse and I’m sticking to it.

Last week’s Pi day was successful and a lot of fun so the canteen will keep on selling shepherd’s pies for a little while longer but sadly the price will need to revert to the regular price of $3.00 for all pies.

With winter upon us, and more frigid weather forecast for the days ahead, this week’s special will be hearty and warming Irish stew served with crusty garlic bread. The special as usual will be available on Thursday and Friday only and at a cost of $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink.

Feeding your children to a better education,
Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

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.

There are also two scholarships donated by the Committee to mark the wonderful life and contributions of Uncle Tom Kelly. They are open to any student who identifies as an indigenous student. Students are free to nominate any course relative also to their age and skill level.

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.

Rob & Michelle Stockton
Camp Creative Co-ordinators

EXCURSION BUDGETING
Excursions can be paid off weekly, fortnightly/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 – Sept 4 @ $310 – 4 school weeks approx $77/week

Cascade Excursion, Aug 12-14 @ $100 - 1 school weeks Due Now.

Canberra Excursion, Nov 9 –13 @ $530 – 11 school weeks approx $48/week.

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.

IGA LOYALTY PROGRAM
Did you know you can help raise money for Bellingen Public School 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!

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### Diary Dates

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### CURRENT NOTES

- NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge
- P & C Pie Orders
- Parent/Teacher Interview notes
- Cascade Year 4 Permission & Medical note with Camp Information and packing list.
- Year 5 Lake Keep It EOI

### Community Notices

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

**Knights Club** is over in Bellingen for this term and will resume next term. Classes are still happening in Coffs for die hard Knights.

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**The simplest way**

...to add vegies, every day!

Eating the right amount of fruit and veg can lower your risk of cancer by 5-12 percent. Yet most adults don’t eat enough of either, particularly veg — and what adults eat affects the whole family.

Did you know legumes like baked beans are a type of vegetable?

Add legumes across your day to get some extra veg in:

- Baked beans on toast for brekky, or an easy dinner, or pack a small tin for lunch
- Add drained chickpeas to your salads
- Red Kidney beans make a tasty addition to bolognese sauce, add towards the end of cooking.

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**Eating vegies doesn’t have to be complicated – aim for five serves a day, across your day.**

For more information visit

- [or join us at facebook.com/eatinittobeautit](http://facebook.com/eatinittobeautit)

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**Partial Absence & Absentee Form**

Bellingen Public School
P.O. Box 42
Bellingen NSW 2454
Ph: 6655 1147

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Due to 

(The Education Act 1990 – requires a full explanation for reason of absence)

Class ………… Signed …………

(Parent/Guardian)