STAGE 2 BUSH TUCKER EXCURSION

By the kids,
On Thursday and Friday 27th and 28th August, Stage 2 went to Connell Park to see Uncle Mark Flanders. We talked about tools with sharp edged rocks. Then we went on a bush tucker walk. One of our class mates tried eating the end of a Lomandra bush. Then we all tried some liquorice leaves. After that we sat on the roots of a big tree and listened to some dreamtime stories that Uncle Mark knew about. Then we went back to Connell Park for lunch and a play. After that we went back and planted native bush tucker plants. Lastly we want to the High School and listened to another dreamtime story told to us by Jenny Farrand. My favourite bit was planting the plants.

By Meadow Cairns-Isley.
On Thursday our class 3M walked to Connell Park. When we got there Uncle Mark Flanders showed us some axe heads. The flakes that were cut off the axe heads were used as knives to cut bread, meat, damper and other supplies. After that we got told some stories. And then we went for a bush tucker walk and some of us got to have a little bit of the bush tucker. We then walked to the park and had some lunch. When we finished our lunch we went back over to the bush tucker place and planted some native bush tucker. Then we walked to Bellingen High School and Jenny Farrand told us some dreamtime stories.

By Solomon Herzberg
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week is SAS Staff Recognition Week. Our SAS staff are Shireen Gilmore, Michelle Stockton, Sandra Ruming and Cati Storm (office); Kristy Livingstone, Sally Bird, Pauline Taylor, Kim Ellis, Max Storm, Lawrence Pastro and Maree Saavedra (School Learning Support Officers); Eddy Vardabasso (Canteen Manager); Anthony Cutler (General Assistant) and we include June Rose (cleaner) too! This group of dedicated people support the teachers, parents and students in our school every day of every week. Bellingen Public School community says THANKYOU ~ we couldn’t do without you.

Six of our students have received scholarships to attend Camp Creative in January thanks to the generosity of the Camp Creative committee. James Ruming, Ellie Cross, Emily Sutherland, Lily Kostka, Xavier Stephen and Abi Mayo will participate in courses such as circus, writing and Bollywood. Congratulations.

The bus left for Lake Keepit this morning full of eager and excited year 5 students. I am sure they will have a fantastic week away with Mrs Head, Ms Tarling, Max (SLSO) and parent helpers Tom Denman and Shannon Stockton.

Opportunities to connect with parents crop up at odd times. While incognito in my ‘civvies’ at the beach on Saturday I had a lovely time chatting with the Sully family. We were the only people enjoying a beautiful stretch of beach. Thanks for exercising my dogs Daisy and Brayden!!

Have a great week.

Elizabeth Mulligan, Principal
BOOKCLUB

Bookclub issue 6 is due back at school Wednesday this week 2nd September

PARTNERS IN LEARNING SURVEY – your help needed!

Last year we gathered together as a whole school community to discuss the vision and focus for our school over the next three years. This was an invaluable process. We are seeking your participation in the Partners in Learning survey which is designed to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents/carers and school by gaining insights into parent/carer and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parent/carer voice on school support of learning and behaviour. The survey results help to build an accurate and timely picture that we can use for practical improvements. It complements student and teacher surveys on the same topics.

This survey provides the school leadership team with insight into student engagement and wellbeing, and the impact of teaching practices in our school, from the perspective of students, teachers and parents. Data collected from the survey responses are compiled into reports by the Tell Them From Me team and will used to inform future practice at Bellingen PS.

How does it work?
Parents/carers take the survey online in their own time. The survey usually takes less than 30 minutes and is anonymous.

What to do?
Go to website www.tellthemfromme.com
Username (for all parents from BPS): parent16842
Password (for all parents from BPS): Bel1181
The survey is open until October 16th 2015.
Thank you for your participation.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

We are currently seeking Year 6 parents to assist us with the organisation and running of the Year 6 Farewell. We need a handful of parent volunteers to assist us to ensure the night is a success. Jobs include; decoration set up, catering, serving and clean up on the night. Even if you can only assist with small parts ‘many hands make for light work’ and we would appreciate any contribution you can make. Please contact Jo Barr on 6655 1542 if you are able to assist in any way.
Thank you
Jo Barr (Year 6 Parent)

CANTEEN NEWS

It was with a great deal of satisfaction that the canteen enjoyed the enormous compliment provided by many parents and children these last two weeks. Some diminutive connoisseurs are so impressed with the dietary delights of the canteen that they cannot bare to miss out on their canteen fix even when participating in an off site excursion and so try to order canteen lunches. As much as this is regarded as a wonderful endorsement of the canteen’s fair, sadly our miraculous abilities do not extend to getting lunches to students while off the school grounds on excursions. So thank you to those who put so much faith in our abilities and sorry we cannot extend our miraculous achievements that far.

Due to popular demand, this week’s special will again be fish and chips. The fish will be grilled, not battered and fried, so that it complies with Healthy Schools requirements. The chips will be oven baked for the same reason. Notwithstanding these compromises to comply with the orthodoxy of dietary regulations this school abides by, the fish and chips will be served in a traditional manner, that is, wrapped in butcher’s paper with a slice of lemon, a sachet of tartare sauce and a splash of vinegar if requested.

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

Take a Pack of Cards
Want to hear about simple ways to help your child in maths? We have the session for you! In fact, we have 2!

When: Tuesday September 15th
2pm-3pm and 6pm-7pm

Where: School Hall
RSVP at the school office please
**Diary Dates**

**August**

| Mon 31- Fri 4 | Lake Keepit excursion |

**September**

| Cont. Fri 4 | Lake Keepit Excursion |
| Thur 3 | Kinder Orientation – parents only session |
| Wed 9 | Live Life Well – Fruit & Vegetable focus day |
| Thur 10 | Kinder Orientation |
| Thur 10 | School Disco |
| Fri 11 | Kindergarten Farm Excursion |
| Tue 15 | Simple Maths Session, 2-3pm & |
| Thur 17 | Get Active Mega Raffle Drawn |
| Fri 18 | Last Day of Term 3 |

**October**

| Tue 6 | First day of Term 4 |

**November**

| Fri 6 | Kinder Orientation – Welcome |
| Mon 9 – Fri 13 | Canberra Excursion – Yr 6 |
| Fri 13 | Kinder Orientation – Literacy & Numeracy |
| Fri 20 | Kinder Orientation – Home/School relationship building |
| Sat 21 & Sun 22 | Family Portrait Fundraiser |
| Fri 27 | Kinder Orientation – No Parent/Carer session |

**CURRENT NOTES**

- Stage 2 & 3 Milo Cricket note
- School Disco note – return on the night with $5
- String Term 3 News
- Kindergarten Farm Excursion
- Raffle Tickets and note

**Community Notices**

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

**Urunga Nippers – 2015/2016 Season**

Urunga Junior Surf Lifesaving Club will kick off the 2015/2016 season with a registration morning on Sunday 13 September, 2015 from 10am to 11am at the surf club at Hungry Head. New Nippers will need to bring a Birth Certificate please.

Nippers is a junior program that introduces children aged 5 to 13 to surf lifesaving. Nippers is a great way for children to make friends, be active and enjoy the beach in a safe environment.

Saturday, October 10: Registration and pool proficiency (U8-U14 only), Bellingen Swimming Pool, Bellingen – 3pm to 4pm.

Sunday, October 11: First Day of Nippers at Hungry Head, registration and ocean swim proficiency.

If you have any queries regarding Urunga Nippers, please contact our Registrar Lou Rodgers on 0437 170 738 or visit our website: [www.urungaslsc.com.au](http://www.urungaslsc.com.au) for further information.

**S & K HORSE CONNECTIONS**

**RI DING SCHOOL**

We will be running our popular holiday programs over the school holidays, all activities are with our beautiful horses, with lots of country games, (max 8 per day) be sure not to miss out and call us on 0438377858 for more info.

**Let’s Play Cricket!**

**Bellingen Junior Cricket Club**

are inviting Boys and Girls from 8-14 years to come and play cricket in our U/12 and U/14 teams for the upcoming 2015/16 season.

[Online registrations are being taken (and encouraged) at www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

Registration and Training days for both teams are being held at Connell Park, Bellingen on

**Tuesdays 8th and 15th September @ 4pm**

For more information please contact

U/12 – Tanya 0414 754 964 OR
U/14 – David 0434 102 936