KINDERGARTEN/PRESCHOOL TABLOIDS

Thursday saw an eager group of Pre School children join Kindergarten children at the annual Tabloids day. The energy was electric and the enthusiasm by all students was infectious. We were joined by a group of Year 5 students who assisted at each activity. The morning was a chance for the Pre-School children to have a relaxed play at school but to also have the opportunity to experience activities with a rotation style. A lot of fun was had by all!

Mrs Sutherland, Stage 1 Assistant Principal

KINDERGARTEN AT THE FARM

Kindergarten boarded the bus at 10am on Friday for Brian and Belinda Stockton's dairy farm. The weather was perfect for a great day. Children were able to watch cows being milked, have a look at the animals on the farm (the piglets were a favourite) and have a ride on a horse. The children were able to experience the workings of a typical dairy farm. At the end of the day the children were treated to a sample bag from Norco. A brilliant day was had by all. Many thanks to Belinda, Brian, Kayla, Rebecca and Rhianna Stockton and their extended family for letting us have a little look at their day.

Mrs Sutherland
Stage 1 Assistant Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week Mrs Mulligan is taking a well-deserved holiday and Mrs Mellalieu and I will be relieving as Principal. Last week was a very busy time for all Stages across the school. The Space and Sci-fi disco last Thursday was well-attended by all Stages with many Star Wars and Dr Who fans showing their best fancy dress. **A big thank you to all the parents for bringing your children out to this exciting event and also to all the teachers who gave up their evening to make this disco a success.**

The disco was organised as a fundraiser by Mrs Wilton, to purchase supplies for our Tools for Learning program.

Another fundraising initiative being coordinated by Mrs Wilton is the **Get Active Mega Raffle**. The proceeds from this raffle will fund the purchase of specialised equipment necessary to effectively implement the Live Life Well @ School program. This raffle is packed with great prizes and will be drawn on 17th September.

Another highlight for many of our students was Principal’s Morning Tea. This is part of our school reward system and students who have achieved a Principal's Award this term were eligible to attend. Mrs Mulligan and some of the other teachers baked many cakes and slices that were enjoyed by these students.

It is the time of year when we begin the orientation process. Last week several Year 4 students went to visit the pre-school. We were also joined by many pre-school students who came and participated in a games tabloid with Kindergarten. This process supports the students as they begin their school life. The Year 6 transition to high school has also commenced and will continue in Term 4.

As we finish Term 3, I would like to wish everyone a rejuvenating and safe holiday and will look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 4 on Tuesday 6th October after the long weekend.

Kate Sommerville, Stage 3 Assistant Principal

**PRESCHOOL VISITS**

Last Tuesday, and continuing this week, we have been visiting the Pre-School. Mrs Sutherland, Mrs Pregnell, two Kinder students and two Year 4 students have been visiting the local Pre-Schools to share a big book, some readers and give the Pre-School children their own little book about starting Big School. Thank you to the local Pre-Schools for accommodating these important visits.

Mrs Sutherland, Stage 1 Assistant Principal

**Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is now closed and it is time to count our stickers.**

Ensure your stickers are returned to the office by Friday, 18 September.

Thank you to all parents, carers and students who helped collect and stick.
KOALA EXCURSION

On Monday 7th September 3M went on a walk to Tamarind Park for a walking excursion to help the Koalas. When we got there, Mayor, Mark Troy and some other people gave a speech about Koala Tours. Then we all went to look for koala poo in other words ‘scats’. When we finished with the dirty business we got to plant some native koala food trees. Three people got to plant a tree at a time. When we finished planting we got to have a picnic lunch at the park, then we walked back to school. It was a big walk.

Jasper Logar-Rundle

PIANO PLAY IN

“On Monday, we got to perform some of our favourite piano songs for our family and friends. My grandad and mum came. Nelson played first then me and Sidney played together. Then Hermoine, Holly, Grace, Zac, and Opal all had a turn. I played Alouette and Twinkle Twinkle little star with my friend Sidney. We had lots of fun! Thanks Miss Viv!”

Evie Glyde

MILO CRICKET

Last Wednesday a group of stage 2 and 3 students, accompanied by Miss Bugden and Ms Wilton, walked to Connell Park to participate in the Cricket NSW Milo T20 Blast School Cup. The weather was perfect, the attitudes of all students involved were positive and as a result a great day was had by all who participated. A special mention needs to be given to Bailey Sipple and Jojo Kornhauser who willingly joined with teams from other schools to make up numbers!

Josie Bugden, Organising Teacher

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

We would appreciate if all accounts could be finalised for Term 3. In particular music invoices. A number of accounts for music lesson are still outstanding. We accept cash, cheques and EFTPOS. Payments can be made in person or over the phone for EFTPOS. Thank you.

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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.

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UNIFORM SHOP

The P & C Uniform shop currently has on special Girls Long Pants $10 and old style Surf Hats $5. Why not buy an 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.

Please remember to all items must be labelled. We cannot give it back if it does not have a name.
We would also like to thank those families that have donated second hand items for resale. Pre-loved is well-loved.

CONCERT TO BEAT ALL CONCERTS

This Friday night, September 18 sees a very special concert to be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.
The Bellingen Youth Orchestra opens the Bellingen ‘Festival of Music’ weekend and their guests are the Acacia Quartet.
Ted, Erin, Xavier and Jessica are already playing with the Youth Orchestra and the repertoire is astounding.
Two soloists for the evening, Lachlan Wilkins and Edward Dyson were students of Bellingen Public and have just completed their HSC performances.
It is great to observe how students continue to develop in their high school years and the standard that can be attained by yr 12.

Lachlan is playing two movements of Bruch’s violin concerto in G minor. This piece is in the first half of the concert if you are concerned about having a late night!
The Youth orchestra features most instruments and is a great chance to introduce your child to the instrument they may wish to learn in the future.
Tickets are available at the Information Centre and through Nexus Gallery at the Butter factory. Adult tickets are $35 but primary age children can come for free.
See you there. (Jacquie and I will be playing with the orchestra as we are weekly tutors.)

Elizabeth Scott

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.

Canberra Excursion, Nov 9 –13 @ $530 – 3 school weeks approx $177.00/week.

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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 Roster - September

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DON'T MISS OUT

only 2 days to get your tickets in the GET ACTIVE MEGA RAFFLE DRAWN 17 SEPTEMBER

Raffle ticket books available from the office.
Please return all sold books ASAP.

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SCHOOL BANKING - PRIZE UPDATE

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item. Remember banking day is Tuesday.

CRUNCH & SNIP SNIPPET

Involve your child in choosing the fruit & veg that you buy at the supermarket.
Remind them that they need to choose fruit & veg that can be eaten easily and eaten raw. Use this as an opportunity to discuss different types of fruit & vegetables and encourage them to try unfamiliar ones.

PARTNERS IN LEARNING SURVEY

Have you completed the Partners In Learning Survey?

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.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

The end of term is almost upon us, which means that our little knowledge sponges must go without their much loved educational experience for two whole weeks. As disappointing for them as this must be, they will return next term refreshed for the experience. Unfortunately the term ends on the 18th, the day before International Talk Like a Pirate day, so the canteen will commemorate this auspicious event one day early. To enjoy the experience on Friday before the school breaks up, anyone who talks like a pirate while ordering lunch on Friday morning will receive a gift in their lunch bag.

If you have ever wondered why the cliché pirate accent is as it is, it is because the accent is Cornish and most English pirate crews were recruited from the smuggler communities along the Cornish coast. To keep the “Talk Like a Pirate” theme going the weekly special this week will be Cornish pasties. There will also be a vegetarian version available. These will be available on Thursday and Friday only at a cost of $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe term break,
Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

Diary Dates

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CURRENT NOTES

* Parent Direct/Chalk Brochures
* Year 6 High school enrolment forms
* Raffle Tickets and note

Community Notices

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

BELLINGEN EEL FISHING COMPETITION

Monday 21st Sept to Sunday 27th September

Daily winners plus Major Prize & Trophy

Weigh in each afternoon at 5pm sharp in the park at the Northern end of Bellingen Bridge

Entry fee - $2 (under 16) - $5 seniors

Enquiries - phone Wal Tyson on 6655 1072

Bellingen Swim Club!
The 2015/2016 season starts on Friday, 9th of October at 5:30pm

The night begins at 6 o'clock every Friday at the Bellingen Swim Centre

For existing/new members log onto www.nsw.swimming.org.au

For more information call:
Tina Maher 0401 282 519
Jo Hodgson 0419 442 089

hope to see you there :)

Let’s Play Cricket!

Bellingen Cricket Club and Junior Cricket Club

are inviting players (male and female) from 8 years to Seniors to come and play cricket in our U/12, U/14 and Senior teams for the upcoming 2015/16 season.

Online registrations are being taken (and encouraged) at www.playcricket.com.au

Registration and Training days for Juniors are being held at Connell Park, Bellingen on Tuesdays 8th and 15th September @ 4pm and Seniors on Thursday 10th and 17th September @ 4pm

For more information please contact
U/12 - Tanya - 0414 754 964 , U/14 - David - 0434 102 936, Seniors - Paul - 0408 653 695