LAKE KEEPIT EXCURSION

Last Monday fifty Year 5 students, accompanied by Mrs Head, Ms Tarling, Max Storm (SLSO), and two parent helpers, Shannan Stockton and Tom Denman, waved goodbye to families and staff as they boarded the bus to Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre for the annual five day Year 5 camp.

During the week at camp the students participated in various outdoor and indoor activities and games such as archery, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, giant swing, team initiatives, trivia night and mini Olympics. They spent the week experiencing how it feels to step out of their comfort zone in an unfamiliar environment.

These camps build resilience and teamwork. Students were expected to organize, assist, support and collaborate with each other to solve problems and reach their personal and team goals. They were able to find creative solutions to problems, hit targets, safely cross the lake in a 6 man canoe, demonstrate their groovy dance moves at the disco, overcome their fear of heights, build a fire to cook damper for afternoon tea and support each other when the tummy bug hit!
Term 3 - Week 9

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our School Vision states that “in collaboration with our communities, we will inspire students through innovative and dynamic learning experiences that will nurture and encourage compassion and creativity and equip them with the skills to shape their world.”

This is certainly evident in the multitude of activities and experiences our students have actively been involved in last week or are involved in this coming week.

• The Lake Keepit experience for Year 5 was, as always, hugely successful with students facing and meeting personal challenges at this camp. Teachers, parent helpers and Camp staff all expressed praise for our Year 5 adventurers.

• Year 6 (or should I say ‘Year 7’) spent last week experiencing a high school timetable with 50 minute periods, stage 4 lesson content, moving between lessons and keeping their bags with them at all times. A ‘real’ transition experience for them.

• Today 3M are representing our school at a ‘Threatened Species Day’ event in Bellingen. This is a wonderful real life link to their work on Threatened Species in library.

• Kindergarten will visit a local dairy farm this Friday where they will be able to link their class learning to real life experiences and also see the importance of local produce.

• Teams of boys and girls from Stage 2 and 3 will play in the Milo Cricket Gala Day this Wednesday, demonstrating their team work and Fundamental Movement Skills.

• Whole school learning in Personal Development about the importance of fruit and veges as part of a healthy diet will culminate in a CRUNCH OFF on Wednesday morning.

These events are all made possible because of the dedication and efforts of our wonderful staff and the support of our school community.

I will be enjoying some additional leave next week. I am looking forward to travelling by train across the Nullarbor Plain from Adelaide to Perth and then exploring the Margaret River area. Mrs Sommerville and Mrs Mellalieu will be relieving during my absence. I hope that all families enjoy a lovely holiday and return rested and healthy for term 4!

Have a great week.

Elizabeth Mulligan, Principal

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

Please send all stickers to the office by Friday, 11 September, we can then submit our request!

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

**YEAR 6 FAREWELL**

We are currently seeking Year 6 parents to assist us with the organisation and running of the Year 6 Farwell. 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 10 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

**HANDWASHING** ~ please reinforce at home to help us at school!

Most of the infections we get, especially colds and gastro, we catch when our hands get germs on them, and we then put them in our mouth.

Some of the times that it is important to wash hands are:

- after using the toilet
- before making or eating food
- after handling dogs or other animals
- if you have been around someone who is coughing or has a cold

You can, of course, also catch the germs if you breathe in the air that they have just filled with germs when they coughed or sneezed.

**Washing hands**

Use clean water and soap (or alternative) over your hands and wrists. Take at least 20 seconds to wash all over your hands.
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.

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.

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 – 4 school weeks approx $132.50/week.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Students of the Month

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

K Magenta Polly Jaffray
K Purple Sam Bowen
K Orange Yemaya Farmer
1 Aqua Ayla Eyre (not pictured)
1 Magenta Louie Bernstein
1/2 Orange Liam Ball
2 Aqua Evie Glyde
2 Purple Madison Miller
3 Magenta Sol Herzberg
3/4 Aqua Finley Lewis
3/4 Purple Indiana Brodbeck
4/5 Orange Leilani Coombes
5/6 Aqua Matthew Warr
5/6 Magenta Mitchell Timms
5/6 Orange Emily Pettit
5/6 Purple Hannah Carter

SCHOOL BANKING

Please Note: the Cosmic Light Beam has been withdrawn as a banking prize and cannot be ordered also the Planet Handball has now run out.

If you have a brother or sister who has left primary school or will be starting soon?

You can bring their banking in for them. Place their deposit book in the collection bag in the morning with yours.

Remember banking day is Tuesday

CRUNCH & SNIP SNIPPET

Many people eat cooked green beans for dinner. But did you know that raw green beans also make a great snack!

Keep 'em keen - Give 'em beans!

Fruit and Vegetable Day

As part of Bellingen Public School's Live Life Well at School program, on Wednesday the 9th September, all students (K-6) will be participating in a fruit and vegetable focus day.

Students will engage in learning activities focussing on the importance of healthy eating and looking after our bodies to ensure our wellbeing.

We ask that you provide a 'crunchy' fruit or vegetable for fruit break for a crunch off in the hall.

Thank you and let's make it crunchy!

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

This week sees the return of year four students from Lake Keepit. There they enjoyed many exciting learning experiences and great adventures. But alas, for the past week, these hardy adventurers had to go without the delicious gourmet nutrition of their very own school canteen. To make up for this sacrifice to the needs of educational variety, the canteen has special treats for the weekly special.

This week’s special will be Healthy Schools approved low fat frankfurts on hot dog rolls with a selection of topping condiments like, tomato or barbeque sauce, sweet chilli sauce, mustard, onion gravy and coleslaw. This will be 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

Diary Dates

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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.