FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

With our new Kindergarten students starting school last Tuesday we now have our whole school, all 400, ‘on board’ and ready to grow and prosper under the guidance of our fantastic staff. Our vision is to “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.”

We are delighted to be in partnership with you to help maximise your child’s potential. Bellingen Public School staff and I appreciate and depend on your assistance and cooperation in nurturing all aspects of their development. This is not one individual’s sole responsibility – it is a team effort. This year we are combining a meet the teacher opportunity with a Welcome to Bellingen PS BBQ! This will be held on Wednesday 24th February. This will be an opportunity for your child to introduce you to their teacher, show you their room, meet other families from the class and hear information about the year to come. Mark this date in your diary!

Classes

Thank you to those parents and students who have been affected by the restructure of classes. Your understanding, maturity and optimism certainly assisted in making these changes smooth, positive and successful.

School at the Pool ☀

This week’s swimming carnival will be an opportunity for students who are turning 8 or older to adopt that “I can do it” attitude and be involved in as many events as possible, meeting challenges and maybe even achieving a personal best!

Have a great week.

Elizabeth Mulligan
Rel Principal

DON’T FORGET
SWIMMING CARNIVAL THIS FRIDAY
HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR CHILDS NOTE?
PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND
The majority of students will consistently demonstrate being Ready to Learn & will strive to work beyond this. They can be proud of their efforts to be inspirational, awesome, fabulous, outstanding, excellent, great etc. These students are also consistently demonstrating our Core Values - Responsibility, Care, Excellence, Integrity, Participation, Cooperation, Fairness, Democracy, Respect.

Ready to Learn is our expectation of every student, every day. It could encompass being equipped, well rested & fuelled, actively listening, participating & doing their best.

Think About It – a gentle reminder to students, verbal or non-verbal, to think about their actions and behaviour.

Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated. It will result in a consequence aligned to the School Welfare Policy or individual teacher’s classroom plan.

Continued unacceptable behaviour will result in the student being exited from the classroom or playground and being sent to another room or to the Principal. Parents will be informed either by phone or a Communication Slip. Serious consequences (eg: time out/suspension) will result.

STUDENT BANKING

School Banking in 2016 is one big outback savings adventure.

There are great new prizes this year to redeem your tokens. Come to the office and collect a card to find out about the great new prizes.

If you are not a super saver yet please come to the office and find out how you can start.

Remember banking day is TUESDAY.

Awards will be value based to align with our fortnightly “focus” value and will be handed out at stage assemblies. These awards aim to give specific feedback and acknowledgement to the students of how they have demonstrated one of our 9 Core Values. We have 9 Core Values at Bellingen Public School which we encourage our students, teachers and parents to live by. Our nine Values are: Respect Responsibility Cooperation Care Fairness Integrity Excellence Participation and Democracy.

If your child receives a Values Award it is important to “Open up and talk about it with them at home.” You can ask your child when they receive their award ~ What value were you demonstrating to receive your award? How were you showing that value? How do you think that made others feel?

VALUE FOR THE WEEK

1. Go to a library or art museum & discuss why certain books or artworks are excellent. Excellence is constantly improving in quality.
2. Talk to your child about role models. Does he or she have a favourite? Discuss with your child how this role model has demonstrated excellence.
3. Discuss what excellence looks like when cleaning the house. Compare what excellence in cleaning is and is not. Create a checklist with your child that will help him/her practice excellence when cleaning an area for which they are responsible.

CANTEEN NEWS

Readers of this informative epistle will probably be thinking that the people in the canteen have gone a bit loopy or at the very least are incapable of reading a calendar when pancakes were sold on the morning of the 2nd. But nothing could be further from the case. As
Pancake Tuesday was coming up it was felt that a trial run of selling fresh pancakes was needed. Last Tuesday was the trial run for Pancake Tuesday and it went well. As this Tuesday, the 9th, is the actual Shrove Tuesday sometimes known as “Pancake Tuesday”, the canteen will be selling pancakes at 10 cents each, in the morning before school for a hearty breakfast.

Since we are following the tradition of Pancake Tuesday the canteen will extend that to fish on Fridays. The weekly special this week will therefore be fish and chips. The fish will be grilled and the chips baked to remain in keeping with the Healthy Schools requirements. The special will not be available until Thursday and Friday when it will sell for $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink

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Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS

Doepel
Captains: Hugo Fortin and Jasmine Cheers
Vice Captains: Edie Burgess and Malukai Wilton

Jarrett
Captains: Peter Conroy and Laeli Couper
Vice Captains: Jacob Hawkshaw and Emily Sutherland

Marx
Captains: Izzy Bradbrook and Nelson Stark
Vice Captains: Elle Vassallo and Djarrah Clarke

AMART SPORTS – COMMUNITY KICKBACKS

Don’t forget if you are purchasing sports equipment nominate “Bellingen Public School” at Amart Sports located at the Bailey Centre in Coffs Harbour. Last year we purchased over $2000 worth of sports equipment through the Community Kickbacks promotion. Nominating our school if you are purchasing from Amart will benefit the school and your children.

BUS APPLICATIONS

Is your child in year 3 this year and did they previously have a bus pass?
All students progressing into year 3 this year MUST submit a new application form. Students may reapply if they fall under the following criteria.
• The straight line distance from their home address to school is 1.6 km or further.
• The walking distance from home to school is 2.3 km or further.

Students who do not fit this criteria may contact the office for details on how they may appeal and apply for a bus application.

LIBRARY NEWS

Bookclub Issue 1 is due back this Wednesday 10 February. Bookclub has a new format, one for all ages. LIBRARY BAGS really protect books. Please encourage your children to bring a library bag. This may

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be a sturdy plastic bag or cloth bag from a shop; students may purchase a calico bag from the school library and decorate it with fabric markers for $4; or purchase a strong school library bag from the canteen for $12.

We still have over 300 books not returned from 2015. Please keep searching for these and return. A big thank you to those who have done this already this year.

Carole McFaul, Librarian

Canteen Roster - February

| Tue 9 |  Kiara Dugan |
| Wed 10 |  Donal O’Sullivan |
| Thu 11 |  Sharon Bennelle, Elizabeth Joyce |
| Fri 12 |  Louise Lelliott, Jennifer Pont, Sue Travis |
| Mon 15 |  Jackie Vassallo |
| Tue 16 |  Lilliana Dicks |

Diary Dates

February

| Fri 12 | Swimming Carnival |
| Wed 24 | Welcome BBQ/Meet the Teacher |

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2 - 3 Bedroom, Bellingen area.
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BELLINGEN FC

SOCCER REGISTRATION FOR 2016

Registration is on-line at www.myfootballclub.com.au

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Physical Culture is a sport that combines aspects of ballet and dance plus choreographed exercises at an affordable prince. Throw in a sparkling leotard and a pair of ballet shoes and you have the very glamorous sport of EP Physical Culture which is taught at Urunga Senior Citizen hall commencing Monday 15th February. Meet new friends; experience the joy of team spirit, increased core strength, rhythm and co ordination in a warm and nurturing environment. For more information please call Sue on 0421934525

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- Saturday 6th and 13th February at Connell Park from 10am-12noon
- Wednesday 17th February at the Gelato bar from 4pm-6pm.

Check the club website at www.bellingenfc.com.au for all 2016 registration fees.

Enriched Health Care- Camden Haven triathlon festival

19th and 20th of March 2016

For entry forms and fees visit www.portmactriclub.com.au

Saturday 19th of March

1km ocean swim --12pm( 15 y/o and over)
LUSC junior aquathlon ( 6-10 yr olds) and triathlon (11-15 yr old) - From 1pm
A bike to be won as a random prize

Sunday 20th of March- 7am start
Race 1-Enriched Health Care Olympic Distance triathlon – Individual or teams
1500m swim/40 bike/10km off road run
Race 2- OHBS Sprint Distance
500m swim/20 bike/5km off road run
Over $3000 combined in prize money and random draw prizes