FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Bellingen Public School works in many ways to improve student learning including working towards consistent communication with parents and using data to differentiate instruction in the classroom – meeting individual needs. We encourage you to be an active parent within our school; communicating with your child’s teacher, monitoring their progress, attending parent teacher meetings (February 24th), and volunteering at the school. With your support your child will have every opportunity to be successful.

Don’t forget our Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 24th February is an opportunity to meet with other families, have your child introduce you to their teacher, visit their classroom and gather information. Mark this date in your diary!

Thanks to Mr Ellem and his team for a highly successful swimming carnival last Friday. It was wonderful to see maximum participation from so many of our students who were in turn supported by many parents. Records were broken and ‘personal bests’ achieved!

The first Values Awards in our new system were awarded last week to students who demonstrated ‘EXCELLENCE’. I encourage parents to discuss with your child when they receive their award – How were you demonstrating this value in order to receive your award? How do you think that made others feel?

A warm invitation is extended to the whole school community to attend our first Whole School Assembly this Friday at 9:30am. At this assembly our Student and Sporting House leaders will be inducted and presented with their badges of office.

Have a great week.

Elizabeth Mulligan, Rel Principal

GARDEN NEWS

The weather is cooling down and its time to weed, dig, fertilise and mulch the veggie plot.

Thankyou to everyone who has made a start on what looks to be an overwhelming task after our long summer holidays!

There are some very eager Year 6 boys already working hard and planning what to grow so that everyone can share in mulching on something green and fresh in the coming months.

So at present we are sending out an S.O.S to the school community and asking kindly for seedlings or seed donations. Our monthly market is coming up on Saturday, the organic market the following Saturday and the Plant Fair on the 12 March. Maybe you have some seeds saved and would like to share with us as we would love to start the planting phase very soon and appreciate your help.

Please drop seedings or seed into the office or at the music rooms where we have a seedling container.

Thank you.

Miss Viv.
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

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. Or you can open an account on Friday.

Remember banking day is TUESDAY.

FRIDAY STRING STUDENTS

Ms Scott will be in Sydney this week (Friday Feb. 19) at a workshop for teachers involved in the Opera House Choirs. Junior String players will have afternoon string group with Jacquie in the hall but all lessons will run on Monday Feb 29 to make up lessons for this day. Please note that this is not the first Monday after the weekend but Monday week.

Liz Scott

CRICKET

Anyone who has knowledge and would like to assist with coaching the after school cricket program please contact Josh Hurley on 6655 1147 for more information.
CANTEEN NEWS

Many of our cute young connoisseurs from last year will have noticed that the bases to the canteen’s pizzas are not the same as last year. This is because and not withstanding that the pizzas are made to order, the bases for these hand made delicacies are usually purchased pre-made and ready for toppings. But the supplier of our usual bases has for some bizarre reason decided to discontinue production.

Since canteen pizzas were a very popular delicacy, the canteen chased up a replacement so that our studious gastronomes could continue to enjoy these culinary delights. Bellingen IGA and Urunga Country Bakery have come to the party and have helpfully provided the canteen with products to replace the errant incumbent. It was felt that a “name and shame” campaign be instigated upon the once producer of the bases to get them to reintroduce them to their production. Apparently though, the new bases are quite popular. So it would seem to be counter productive to embark on such a provocative venture. Still it is early days. So if anyone has a particular beef with the new pizza bases, please let the canteen know and we will do what we can to get the old bases back.

As a result of many of our aquatic clientele missing the opportunity to partake of fish and chips last Friday and since we followed the tradition of Pancake Tuesday extending that to fish on Fridays. The weekly special this week will therefore again 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.

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

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday, Bellingen Public School had a swimming carnival at the Bellingen Pool. Students over 8 year’s of age participate in the carnival. There were races and novelty events in age groups. Some records were made, broken and even shattered. The sports teams Marx, Jarrett, Doepel & Noble all tried their very best over all things on the day. A big thank you to all the parent helpers on the day and to students on their great behaviour.

PS Bellingen Public School sure knows how to Cheer.
By Elle Vassallo, Laeli Couper and Edie Burgess
HEAD LICE

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Head Lice have been detected in number of classes. Would you please check your child’s hair and treat with the appropriate treatment if you detect lice or eggs. Students should not return to school unless this treatment has been administered. We recommend that students with long hair keep it tied back.

LIBRARY NEWS

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

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URUNGA HOCKEY CLUB

Sick of trying to be in three places at once for sport?

Come and play hockey

New players welcome

Juniors - Boys and Girls aged 5-16
Senior Men's and Women’s teams

Where: All games are at the Hockey Complex, Stadium Drive, Coffs Harbour

When: Juniors: Saturday mornings
Seniors: Fri Night or Sat Afternoon/ Night

Equipment: Free stick pack to new junior players

Further information contact:
Rhonda on 0457271071 or email: rhonda.smith_20@yahoo.com.au
Vicky on vee_jay@bigpond.com
Lachlan on lwebb@bigpond.net.au

Join the Bellingen Bulldogs Junior AFL Football Club in 2016!

Boys and girls aged 6-15 are invited to join he fun and learn new skills playing AFL footy.

Matches are held on Sunday mornings and weekly training happens on Tuesdays from 3:45pm at Bellingen High School.

Sign up at our REGISTRATION DAY at Burdett Park in Fernmount on Sunday 28 February from 10:00-11:30 and receive your 2016 footy kit.

Or register online at www.playafl.com.au. (Just enter your postcode or look up the Bellingen Bulldogs FC, then follow the prompts).

More club info can be found at www.bellingenbulldogs.wordpress.com or contact Club President Budge Bihary on 0411 720 593 or bellobudge@bigpond.com.

WANTED

URGENT RENTAL ACCOMODATION

2 - 3 Bedroom, Bellingen area.

Call Rob 0403 683 937