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On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people

NEWSLETTER NO. 33 TERM 4 WEEK 5 TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER, 2019

At this stage, Urunga Public School will be operational tomorrow (Wednesday 13th November), however, the Department of Education are regularly updating the list of schools that are non-operational.

Follow the [Schools Safety Page](#) link to check:

It is also advisable that you regularly check the RFS App '[Fires Near Me](#)'

If we are advised to become non-operational, we will put a message on our Facebook page, website and send a message to the preferred mobile number.

If you are concerned about anything, please keep your children with you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 12th Nov	Gala Day—Postponed	Mon 18th—Fri 29th Nov	School Swimming Scheme
Fri 15th Nov	2020 Kinder Orientation 9.30-10.45am	Tues 19th Nov	Grandparents Day 9.30—11.30am
Fri 15th Nov	Combined Primary School Music Day - Urunga PS and Bellingen PS	Tues 19th Nov	Whole School Assembly
Mon 18th—Wed 20th Nov	Library Book Fair	Mon 25th Nov	Garden Club @ 11.10am

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

The new Kindergarten students for 2020 have now enjoyed two orientation days in our Kinder rooms with our wonderful teachers and helpers. It is a great opportunity for them to get to know our school, become familiar with the teachers they may have next year and also to meet the other children who will be their new friends and classmates. They will all be back this Friday for their final day of fun and activities before enrolling next year. All the parents have also been attending some orientation sessions in the library where they have been given a lot of information about our school, the enrolment process, routines for Kindergarten and also had a tour of the school. It has also been great to have presenters from outside our school talking about areas such as hearing issues, bus passes, healthy lunchboxes and student banking just to name a few.



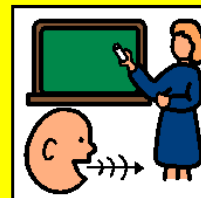


NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS JANE MARTYN

WEEKLY SCHOOL RULE

The focus this week is the
yellow rule
"follow teacher instructions"

We ask that you reinforce this
week's rule at home with your
child.



MATTHEW HENNESSEY

Today, we farewelled Matt Hennessey who sadly passed away last Tuesday 5th November. He was the dearly loved husband to Nichole and adored father to his daughters Abi, Courtney, Molly, Hermione and Lucy. Matt was also a valued member of our staff as well as at other schools around us.

Matt's family have asked that instead of flowers, donations can be made to the Mark Hughes Foundation.

Our sincere condolences and thoughts are with the Hennessey family at this sad time.

BUSHFIRES

We have been working closely with Emergency Services and our Department of Education to ensure the safety of our students, staff and school. Many schools around us are non-operational for today, however, the specialist teams have deemed that we are not in the direct line of threat at this stage.

If our situation changes in the next few days, we will notify you by SMS, Facebook and on our website. Please keep watch on the RFS website and App called *Fires Near Me*.

Our thoughts are with those families and communities who have been and currently are effected by the recent fires. We are taking donations at our office of any products and items. More information regarding the appeal and items being collected is further on in this newsletter.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Yesterday, our whole school attended a Remembrance Day service with our community at the cenotaph. Our school leaders and Chappy spoke very well at the memorial service.

GALA DAY

We have had to postpone our Gala Day until Tuesday 26th November as we are minimising the amount of time spent outside due to the smoke from fires.

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair will be taking place during Weeks 6 and Week 7. Book Fair will be happening in the Library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during break times. There are lots of fabulous books and gadgets that will be available for purchase.

Jane Martyn

ATTENDANCE AWARD WINNERS WEEK 4, TERM 4

2/3 GREEN



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CYBER SAFETY

All Stage 2 and Stage 3 students listened to a very informative talk about Cyber safety given by Senior Constable Jo Brooker, the Youth Liaison Officer for the Coffs/Clarence area. She spoke about cyber bullying, the best ways to stay safe online, how to protect your personal details and about many of the social media apps being commonly used at the moment. We hope that each student learnt something new to help them stay safe online as they get older.



Jo also spoke to a small gathering of parents after school and gave them great information about cyber safety for their kids in the growing world of online communications.

COUNT US IN

'Count Us In' song day is celebrated annually and involves approximately 745,000 students in over 3,400 Schools across Australia. All these students sing the same song, at the same time on the same day, which this year was last Thursday 7th November at 12.30pm. It is a program that fosters and encourages the music education in schools and is recognised as the largest school music initiatives in the world. This year's song was called "We Are" and is a celebration of uniting together. Our school gathered in the Year 5 & 6 classrooms to watch and sing along to a live feed that featured many schools across the country.



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to Honey Danzey who achieved her 1000 minute reading club award last week and was presented with her certificate by Mrs Martyn at last Tuesday's whole school assembly. 1/2 Yellow swapped roles with their teacher, Mr Hurley, and became the teachers in their very funny performance. They all had a big decision to make—what would they teach Mr Hurley? They came up with lots of fabulous ideas. Mr Hurley was taught many different things. He was taught how to swim, walk on a tight rope, ride a skate board, surf (yes, he fell off—but luckily he had just learnt to swim!) and was also forced to learn some maths! Mrs Thorn finished off the assembly with some school singing which everyone enjoyed.



WHAT'S DUE

- Educational Resources and Voluntary School Contribution Fees
- Yr 6 Bellingen High School Maths Fun Day note and \$2 payment due



NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER JENNY LUXON

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YEAR SIX STUDENTS

We continue celebrating our Year Six students with...



HOLLY MAE MCGUIGGAN

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Don't have one

FAVOURITE FOOD: Lasagne

HOBBIES: Reading, eating drawing, writing and French horn

ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE: Being an inspirational fantasy artist

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: Hollywood

The highlights of my time at UPS have been being in nearly every single class and making everyone happy.



PHALAYNA TUDHOPE-BETTS

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Turquoise

FAVOURITE FOOD: Brownies

HOBBIES: Reading, sculpture and drawing

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: Japan

ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE: To gain a scholarship to Bishop Druitt in order to take the pressure off my mum and eventually to become a zoologist.

The highlights of my time at UPS have been Mrs Eichmann, my time with my friends, school excursions and the knowledge I was given during my time here.



SIENNA KELLY

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Every colour blue

FAVOURITE FOOD: Mango

HOBBIES: Soccer, reading and singing

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: Dreamworld

ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE: To get knowledge and become a sports teacher

The highlight of my time at UPS has been hanging out with my friends.



JAYDEN HARDING

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Purple

FAVOURITE FOOD: Baked dinner

HOBBIES: Fishing

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: Queensland

ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE: I would love to become a fisherman

The highlight of my time at UPS has been playing soccer and playing with my friends

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Thank you to all the Year 2 and 3 families who have returned their notes and payments for the School Swimming Scheme. The scheme is **now full** and everyone is looking forward to heading out to the Bellingen Pool next week and the week after.

Kevin Patterson

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The students and staff at Urunga Public School joined with the community yesterday morning to commemorate Remembrance Day at the Urunga Cenotaph at a ceremony run by the Urunga RSL Sub-Branch. Our school captains Chia and Oliver spoke at the ceremony about Remembrance Day and read the poem "In Flanders Fields". Our school chaplain, "Chappy" also spoke to the crowd that gathered.



UNIVERSITY OF NSW - ICAS - SCIENCE

Another set of results have returned from the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS). Congratulations to all the students who participated in these assessments.

The results for **SCIENCE** are:

Participation: Taylor Emonson-Clyde, Sienna Young, Oliver Rodgers, Imogen Webb

Credit: Emma Marziano, Rhys McGuiggan, Phalayna Tudhope-Betts



SUPPORT FOR FIRE VICTIMS

We are supporting a local initiative coordinated by Paula Tate and Matthew Harding to collect helpful items to be donated to fire victims in our neighbouring area. There is a vital need to make a difference. We would greatly appreciate the donation of items such as bottled water and toiletries including soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant (particularly men's toiletries). Items can be dropped off at the school office and will be collected this Thursday for delivery on Friday. Many thanks to our Urunga school community.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 4 WEEK 4

K RED	3/4 BLUE
Tom Furze	Lacey Davies
Ben Roberts	Mellissa
Harper Kedzlie	Travis Penfold
K WHITE	4/5 INDIGO
Eli Wood	Rhys McGuiggan
Nixon Perry	Noah Konieczny
Mackenzie Smith	Violet Cooper
1 PINK	5/6 MAROON
Jai Doughty	Sonny Arnold
Mason Harrison	Porsha Smallmon
Milly Forbes	Bailey Fraser
William Carter	Lennon Roberts
1/2 YELLOW	5/6 VIOLET
Maddison Smith	Charlie Martin
Kayla Swain	Leah Stone
Tate Cresswell	Bayley Cavanagh-Rose
Noah Perry	Evangelina Gately
2/3 GREEN	OTHER TEACHERS
Charlie Kelsall	Audrey Rampling
Sophie Lamb	Archie Duncan
Harley Aitken	

LIBRARY NEWS

Please save the below dates for our 'Christmas Book Fair'.

The theme of our Christmas Book Fair is **Dino-Mite**, where we hope you will **Stomp, Chomp, and Read!**

It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level, as well as the ever popular novelty items that range in price from \$1 - \$6.

Book Fair Dates:

Monday 18 Nov – Wed 20 Nov (Wk 6) &

Monday 25 Nov – Tuesday 26 November (Wk 7)

Please note I will pack up the Book Fair on Tuesday afternoon (Wk 7)

Shopping hours:

Before school from 8.50am—9.20am, lunch time 11.10am – 11.40am, and after school from 3.20pm

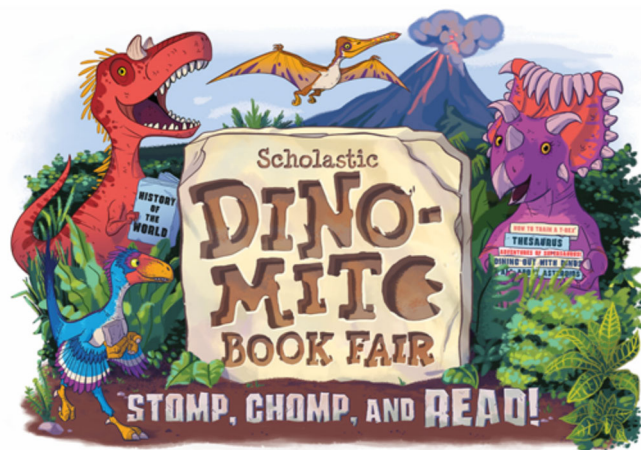
Just a friendly reminder about long outstanding and overdue library books - please assist your child in finding their book/s and return them ASAP.

GALA DAY BOOK FEST

The school library will have a range of second hand books available on Gala Day (Tuesday 26th November) for students to purchase with a single gold coin donation!

Geri Jensen

Teacher Librarian



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Alice Payne
PHOTOGRAPHY

Christmas Holiday special!

For \$200 receive a photography session and 10 high resolution images in colour and black and white delivered on a online gallery
Valid until December 23rd 2019

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0429994707
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**CALL OUT FOR
CREATIVE WORKS**

**FROM ALL RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES
ON THE URUNGA SEABOARD**

**FOR A COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION
At The Art Space Urunga
23—29 November 2019**

**THEME: "HEART OF THE
COMMUNITY"**

**Celebrating
Urunga Neighbourhood Centre's
25th Anniversary**

CONTACT MARIE FOR INFO & ENTRY APPLICATION
Email: community@unc.org.au ~ Ph: 6655 6993
All works to be received by 12 November 2019



Bellingen High School Year 7 2020 Orientation Days

Friday 22 November 2019 - Small Schools (9:00am - 3:09pm)

Friday 29 November 2019 - All Schools (9:00am - 3:09pm)

Monday 2 December 2019 - Parent Information Evening (5:30pm - 7:00pm)

The small schools orientation day is for students from Orama, Raleigh, Repton and St Mary's. All students will attend the All Schools Day. A range of activities are planned to assist with the transition of students from primary school. A letter detailing these events will be sent to all schools in Week 1 of Term 4. Should you require any further information, please contact Bellingen High School on 6655 1315 or email bellingen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.