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*On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people*

**NEWSLETTER NO. 16**

**TERM 2 WEEK 6**

**MONDAY 3rd JUNE, 2019**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 4th June	Whole School Assembly @ 2.20pm	Wed 12th June	P&C Meeting @ 9.30am in staffroom
4th—6th June	State Hockey Carnival @ Lismore	Mon 17th June	Garden Club @ 11.10am
Fri 7th June	Readers/Writers Festival	Mon 17th June - Wed 19th June	NAIDOC Week Celebrations
Fri 7th June	School Dance Day @ Woolgoolga	Wed 19th June	Mid North Coast Dance Festival Performance
Mon 10th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Fri 21st June	North Coast Cross Country

## 2/3 GREEN VISIT RALEIGH NURSING HOME

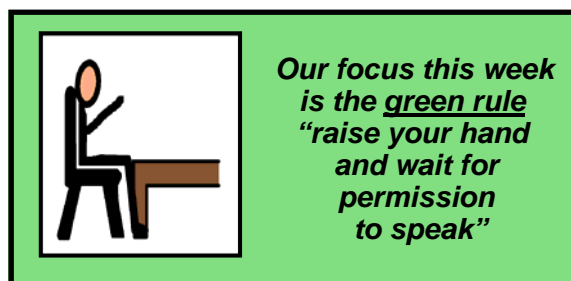
Urunga Public School, over the last couple of years, has been fostering a wonderful relationship with the staff and residents from Raleigh Masonic Nursing Home. One of the ways this has been happening is that each class, at some point throughout the year, has the opportunity to visit and interact with the residents. Sometimes classes may do a performance, sing a song, read stories with the residents or even play some board games. 2/3 Green was the first class this year to visit last week and enjoyed their time. This is what Jade Zmuda wrote about their visit.

*"On Wednesday we went to the Raleigh Nursing Home. When we first got there we did our song, it was called 'Better When I'm Dancing'. We were really good and we got lots of claps. Our next song was "I am the Earth", after that we did "Dinky Di Aussie", we got a little big confused in the middle. The next song was "The Macarena". We were really funny. We all listened to the lovely clarinet my friend Jayne was playing. She was really good. After the clarinet we heard me and Arabella singing "A Million Dreams". We were really good but only sang half of it. Celeste and Lily H sang "Lost Boy" and they were amazing. Finn told some really funny jokes. After that we talked to the residents and we read them a book. We went out on the verandah and ate some really good chockies. After that we went on the bus back to school."*





## NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS JANE MARTYN



### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – MRS PRIOR

This week we welcome Mrs Kim Prior who is our Assistant Principal 3-6. Mrs Prior will be teaching 5/6 Violet along with Mrs Eichmann. We are really looking forward to Mrs Prior joining our team!

### WRITERS FESTIVAL – SCHOOLS PROGRAM

This Friday we are participating in the Schools' Program for the Bellingham Readers and Writers Festival. Aleesah Darlison will be our visiting author. She will be conducting workshops with our Years 3-6 students. Aleesah is the author of *Our Class Tiger* which made the Wilderness Society 2015 children's book award shortlist in the category of non-fiction.

Aleesah will be conducting workshops based on:

- Sizzling Story Starts;
- Dazzling Descriptions;
- Fantasy Fun;
- Ideas are all Around Us.

### NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC Week traditionally falls during our school holidays. This year, we will be celebrating our National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee week a little earlier. We have Uncle Mark joining us for many cultural activities across three days from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June through to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. More details will be sent home closer to the time.

### PARENT PORTAL

We are excited about the new Parent Portal at Urunga Public going live this week. The Parent Portal is a new communication tool that allows the school to confidentially share reports, attendance rates, explain absences, book interviews and have up to date personal information. Please see timeline in the newsletter for the dates of activation and interview booking. If you have any troubles please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Jane Martyn

### ATTENDANCE AWARD WINNERS WEEK 5

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## PSSA BOYS SOCCER ROUND 3

Last Tuesday the PSSA Boys Soccer side played against Nambucca Heads Public School at Nambucca in the 3rd round for PSSA Boys Soccer. We looked like having to forfeit on Monday afternoon due to a lack of healthy players. We had a number of the boys originally on the winning team out due to sickness. Some boys that turned up for game on the day had been away from school trying to recover from the flu, but still played despite not being 100%.

Urunga fielded a team of 12 (one sub). Nambucca had a healthy team of 16. Urunga were up 2—0 at half time and it was very tight at 2 all in the second half. It was only in the last quarter where Nambucca got three quick corners and a penalty, which cost us the game. The Urunga boys were exceptional sportsmen and played hard until the end. A big thank you for the support from the parents with transport and encouragement. A big thank you Mrs Cavanagh-Rose for supplying the most delicious oranges for the team.

**Kaye Arnold**

## BASKETBALL GALA DAY

On Thursday the 30th of May, Stage 3 boys and girls participated in a Basketball Gala Day at Sportz Central. Students had the opportunity to play many schools around the local area including: Korora, Bonville, Tyalla, Boambee, Sawtell, Sandy Beach and Narranga. The student's skills improved throughout the day and they showed great sportsmanship on and off the court. Unfortunately, the girls did not make it to the next round of the competition however, should be very proud of their efforts. Both the boys and girls team showed amazing team spirit and we are very proud of them. If you are interested in playing basketball and enhancing your skills, keep your eyes peeled for the Aussie Hoops program next Term.

**Jade Mitchell**



## P & C Meeting

**Wednesday 12th June at 9.30am in the  
School Staffroom.**

**Come along for a chat. We would love to see you there!**

**For more information:**



## WHAT'S DUE

- Stage 3 Excursion instalment 2 payment of \$100 due Fri 7th June
- Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod permission note due Wed 5th June
- Educational Resources and Voluntary School Contribution Fees



## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER JENNY LUXON

### SPOTLIGHT ON 5/6 VIOLET

**Classroom Teacher:** Kim Prior and Danielle Eichmann

**Number of Students:** 29

We plan to participate in many meaningful learning experiences. We are excited to welcome Mrs Prior and have two teachers to create double the fun and knowledge.

**Our favourite classroom activities:**

Visual art sessions are always fun. We also like doing drama games and small plays. Another favourite is our technology time with Mr Sercombe.

**We are the greatest Stage 3 class to date!**



### WHAT'S CHAPPY UP TO?

Chappy, our cheerful chaplain, has been providing lots of support for our students and their families. He facilitates the passive area play on Thursdays and Fridays during break times. Children can play games and construct Lego creations up at the top COLA and learn some new skills or just have some time spent in a quieter space.

Chappy also helps out in some classrooms with reading and spelling and is still teaching Pidgin English, Motu and Kuanua languages from Papua New Guinea.

He is always available for a chat and students and parents are welcome to spend time with him. He's also full of jokes and funny stories.

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO CHAPPY!**

## COMING UP.....

- Celebrations for NAIDOC Week: Mon 17th - Wed 19th June

## STAGE 3 EXCURSION MEGA RAFFLE

Our Stage 3 students are off to Canberra for their excursion in Term 3. To help reduce the overall cost we are holding a Mega Raffle. So if you know any businesses or organisations that would be able to make a prize donation please let us know. All donations can be dropped to the front office or pickup can be arranged. Please share this information and help spread the word. Thank you in advance!

Raffle tickets will be sent home this week for families to start to sell. Please make sure your child's name is on the envelope when you send in your sold tickets as there will be a prize for the student who sells the most tickets! Also, every student who sells raffle tickets will go into a draw to win a prize.

## SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are moving towards using a new system, the SENTRAL Parent Portal, to provide information about your own child in our school.

Using the following link: <https://urungaps.sentral.com.au/portal/register> please go to and register your family details. However, upon registering you will not have instant access to the PARENT PORTAL. We are hoping to start the approval of the registration process on Monday of Week 6. Once the approval has taken place you will receive an email to confirm access to the portal.

*SENTRAL Parent Portal Timeline:*

**Week 6** - Parent Portal Activated on Monday.

**Week 7** - Monday at 9am Parent /Teacher Interview booking times are open.

**Week 9** - Tuesday at 5pm the Parent/Teacher Interview booking times are closed.

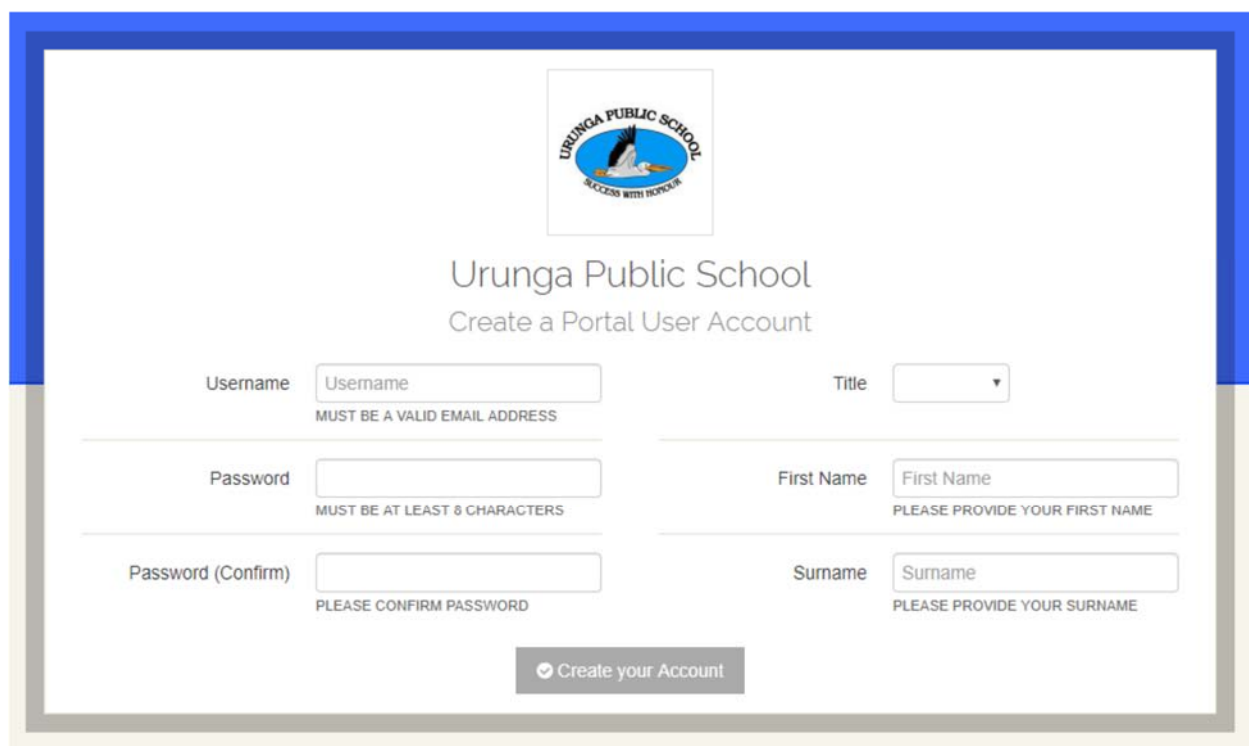
**Week 10** - Parent/ Teacher Interview held across the week.

**What features will SENTRAL Parent Portal have?** You will be able to update your contact details, view school newsletters, book Parent / Teacher interview times and enter absence reasons. We hope to be able to connect your child's school report in the near future.

We are confident that you will see the benefits of your registration immediately and be part of our journey in providing this facility to you.

As we progress this initiative, we are confident that the Parent Portal will become more and more significant in your day to day management of your child's enrolment at our school.

Should you experience difficulties please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance. We also look forward to hearing from you about your experience with our Parent Portal, and any feedback will be gratefully received with a view to adding further functionality and improvement.

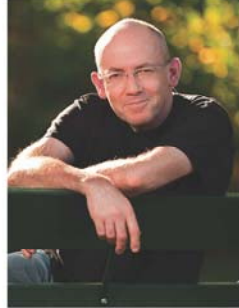


The image shows a screenshot of the 'Urunga Public School Create a Portal User Account' registration form. The form is titled 'Urunga Public School Create a Portal User Account' and features the school's logo at the top. It includes input fields for Username, Password, Password (Confirm), First Name, Surname, and Title. Each field has a placeholder text and a validation message below it. The Username field has a placeholder 'Username' and a message 'MUST BE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS'. The Password field has a placeholder 'Password' and a message 'MUST BE AT LEAST 6 CHARACTERS'. The Password (Confirm) field has a placeholder 'Password (Confirm)' and a message 'PLEASE CONFIRM PASSWORD'. The First Name field has a placeholder 'First Name' and a message 'PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FIRST NAME'. The Surname field has a placeholder 'Surname' and a message 'PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SURNAME'. The Title field has a dropdown arrow. At the bottom, there is a 'Create your Account' button with a checkmark icon.

Field	Placeholder	Validation Message
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Password (Confirm)	Password (Confirm)	PLEASE CONFIRM PASSWORD
First Name	First Name	PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FIRST NAME
Surname	Surname	PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SURNAME
Title		



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION



## MORRIS GLEITZMAN at the 2019 BELLINGHEN READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL!

Featured in:

- [Children's Books: Writing For The Youngest Readers](#)  
Saturday 8 June - 9:30–11:00a.m.  
Bellinghen Memorial Hall  
Single session -\$25, or as part of a Festival Weekend Pass or Saturday Pass
- [Special Kids & Parents Session!](#)  
Sunday 9 June, 9:30–10:30a.m.  
Bellinghen Memorial Hall  
Adult \$20 / Child \$5 (15 years & under)
- [In Conversation: Morris Gleitzman](#) (with Jane Hutcheon)  
Sunday 9 June  
12:30–1:30p.m.  
Cedar Bar & Kitchen, Church Street, Bellinghen  
Single session -\$25, or as part of a Festival Weekend Pass or Sunday Pass

Morris is a bestselling Australian children's author whose books explore serious and sometimes confronting subjects in funny and unexpected ways. He wrote his first children's novel in 1985, and his moving and humorous style has endeared him to children and adults alike. He is now one of Australia's most successful authors, both internationally and at home, and is currently serving as Australian Children's Laureate.

Born in England in 1953, Morris emigrated to Australia in 1969. His early work included being a paperboy, bottle-shop shelf-stacker, department store Santa Claus, frozen chicken defroster, fashion design assistant and sugar-mill employee. Then he gained a degree in professional writing at the Canberra College of Advanced Education.

Morris started his career as a writer for three award-winning and top-rating seasons with the Australian TV comedy series *The Norman Gunston Show*. He wrote a number of feature film and telemovie screenplays, including *The Other Facts of Life* and *Second Childhood*, both produced by The Australian Children's Television Foundation. *The Other Facts of Life* won an AWGIE Award for the Best Original Children's Film Script. He also and became well known through his semi-autobiographical columns in *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald* magazine *Good Weekend*, which he wrote for nine years.

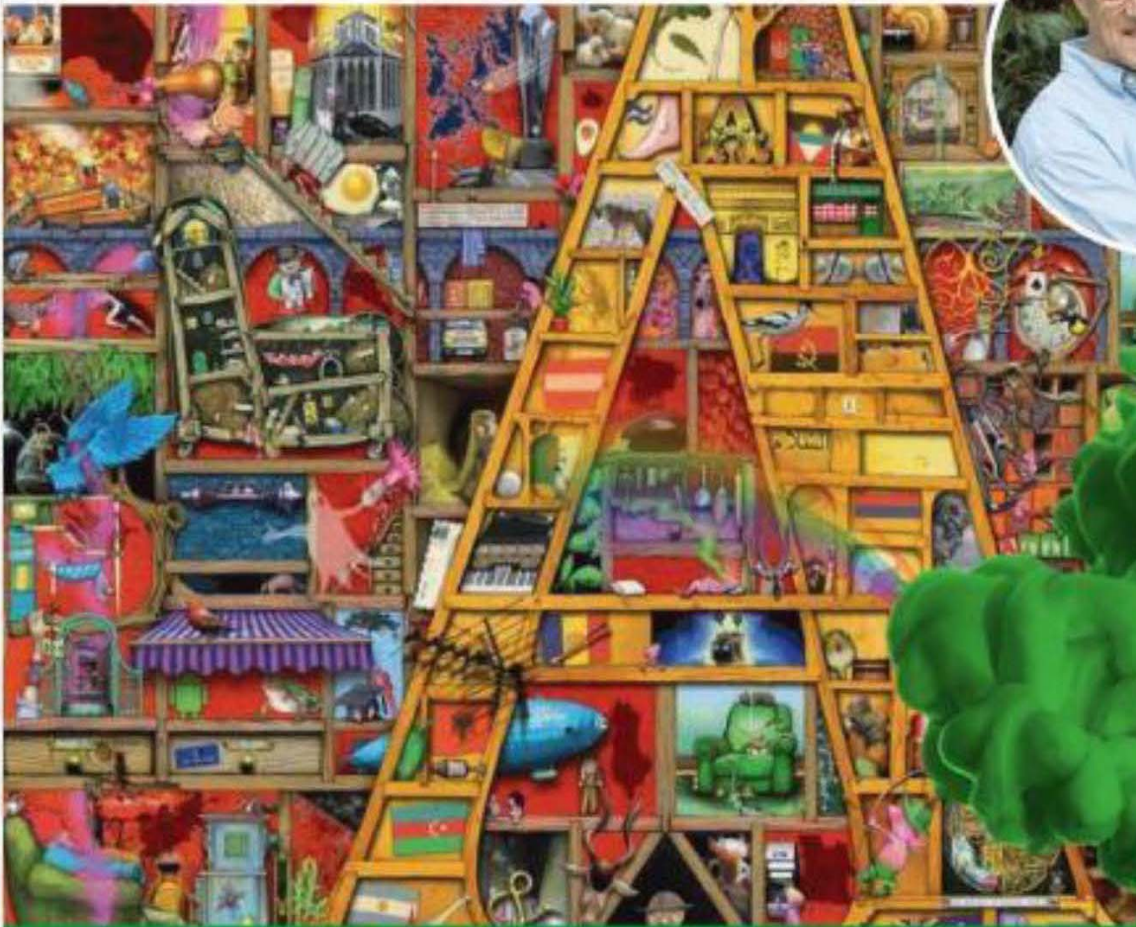
But the majority of Morris' accolades are for his hugely popular children's books, which have been shortlisted for or have won numerous children's book prizes both here and overseas. His titles include *Two Weeks with the Queen*, *Grace*, *Doubting Thomas*, *Bumface*, *Give Peas A Chance*, *Extra Time*, *Loyal Creatures*, *Snot Chocolate* and the series *Once, Then, Now, After, Soon, and Maybe*.



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COFFS HARBOUR  
**LIBRARIES**

*Author Talk*



## Colin Thompson

Author & Illustrator

Thursday 6th June, 4-6pm @ Coffs Harbour Library

Register: [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

BELLINGEN  
READERS &  
WRITERS  
FESTIVAL

Colin Thompson is an English-Australian writer and illustrator of children's books. He has had over 70 works published and also draws pictures for jigsaw puzzles. In 2004, Thompson was awarded the Aurealis Award in the children's long fiction category for his novel *How to Live Forever*. Find out what goes into creating the amazing works by Colin Thompson.

Great opportunity for teachers, educators, parents and students.

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## Family Day Care Educator Recruitment Time!

Our community based non for profit Family Day Care service is looking for more educators to join our team . We provide quality home based childcare in the Bellinger and Nambucca Valleys.

## Interested?

Book in for our August Information Sessions on 65694222 or ask for an information pack.

Email:

[coordinator@nambuccafdc.com.au](mailto:coordinator@nambuccafdc.com.au)



Interested in  
owning your  
own business?

**There are a lot of benefits to having your own Family Day Care business.**

**These include:**

- ◇ **Supported business opportunity**
- ◇ **Local training**
- ◇ **Generate your own income**
- ◇ **Tax Benefits**
- ◇ **Set your own hours/days**
- ◇ **It's a unique opportunity to develop your own educational programs based on the needs and interests of individual children, while building long lasting bonds**

