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*On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people*

**NEWSLETTER NO. 39 TERM 4 WEEK 10 WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER, 2020**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 16th Dec	K-4 Movie Day 5-6 Fun Day	27th—28th Jan 2021	Staff Development Days
Wed 16th Dec	<b>FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>	<b>Fri 29th Jan 2021</b>	<b>Year 1-6 students return to school</b>
Thurs 17th Dec	Staff Development Day	Fri 29th, Mon 1st & Tues 2nd Jan	2021 Kindergarten Best Start Assessment
Fri 18th Dec	Urunga Public School CLOSED	Wed 3rd Feb	2021 Kindergarten students start full days

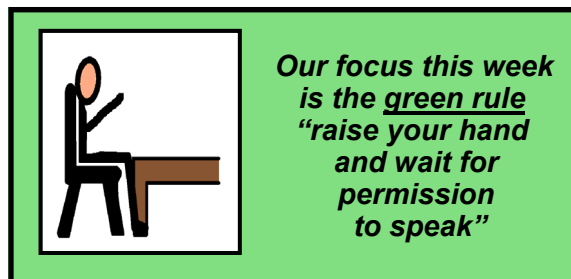
### CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

Everyone loves Christmas craft day and it is always a busy, fun and slightly messy day! This year was no different. Each class spent the day creating wonderful Christmas themed ornaments, craft, pictures, bags and more to take home to their families. We hope all the parents and grandparents enjoy them as much as the kids did. At 2.20pm all the classes gathered in the top cola to show what they had been making throughout the day and also explain how they put all their fantastic creations together.





## NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS JANE MARTYN



### END OF YEAR 2020

This is just a reminder that school finishes for our students today, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Our staff finish on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, so our school will be closed from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### 2021 START DATES

The first day back at school for Years 1 to 6 is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January with our new Kindergarten students commencing whole days after their Best Start introduction on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 will stay in their 2020 classes for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January, with all new classes being formed from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

In 2021 we will be returning to our normal 3.20pm end of school time with no staggered pick up.

### 2020

2020 has been an incredibly challenging year for everyone. Starting with bushfires and floods followed by COVID-19. COVID-19 meant that teachers and support staff needed to develop new ways of teaching remotely, virtually and this needed to be done urgently! It has required our whole staff to be agile, responsive and to collaborate, learn and lead in new ways. As teachers and educators, our values have been challenged as we have always operated by embracing our students being here at school with us and we have always encouraged parents to share in our journey as partners through being here at school as much as possible. For our students, COVID-19 meant that they needed to become accustomed to learning alone, without their peers and friends to interact and talk with. For many of our parents and carers, grandparents and other family members, it meant that they had to make lifestyle and employment changes to become facilitators for learning from home and to become Zoom, Google Classroom and SeeSaw gurus, in addition to their usual roles. For this, we thank you!

As we slowly return to being able to enjoy the inclusion and interaction with our community, we will continue to have high expectations of our learners. We have learned a lot about ourselves this year.

It has been wonderful to be a part of the collaboration, support and genuine kindness that has grown and been nurtured between teachers, students and parents and caregivers. While there have been difficult and uncertain times during this year, there has been much good come from these changed ways. Some new ways will continue on in our schools and some will not. It has certainly been a very interesting time for us all.

The feedback from our Stage 3 students is that they believe that our most outstanding achievements as a whole school this year have been:

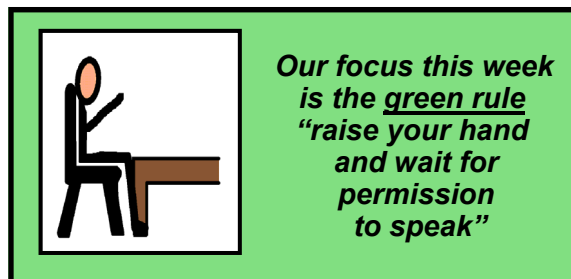
- Whole school assembly via Zoom
- Sporting groups and good sportsmanship
- Whole school Gymnastics program for a whole term
- Pirate Day fundraiser for children with brain cancer
- Swimming Carnival
- NAIDOC Week celebrated with Uncle Mark Flanders and shared on Facebook
- Athletics rotations
- Cross Country Fun Run
- Remembrance Day ceremony at school shared on Facebook
- Kindergarten Orientation with Stage 3 involvement
- New ways to celebrate Grandparents Day – class stories, messages and performances on our Facebook page
- Public Speaking and debating

Every single one of our students is important to us and has been recognised and celebrated for their successes throughout the year – not only regularly in the classroom but also at our whole school assemblies and at special events and celebrations.





## NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS JANE MARTYN



I would like to thank our awesome P&C, led by Roz McLagan who are ever ready to ensure that we are supported in many ways. This year has been very different for us as we have not been able to hold any face to face meetings, functions or events. We are looking forward to being able to meet and work together again next year.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers that have given their time to support our students in many ways – in the canteen, the classrooms, supporting our learning and support programs, and the Kitchen Garden. Our children really appreciate your help. We thank you very much for your time and sincerely hope that you will join us again next year.

We are fortunate to have a very talented, dedicated and outstanding teaching and non-teaching team of people, including our office staff, General Assistant and Cleaners. Many of our staff, including non-teaching staff have made significant and generous contributions of their expertise and time towards the success of our year. I would like to thank all of our staff for making our students the focus of every decision and every action and for ensuring that every student is known, valued and cared for.

I wish our amazing Year 6 students all the best as they embark on their next chapter of their education at high school. I know that they will do well, enjoy new experiences and meet new people, while supporting each other along the way.

We have an outstanding team who are very committed to ensuring that every student is known, valued and cared for and that every student, every teacher, every leader and our school improves every year.

2020 has been a challenging but successful year in our wonderful school community. I wish you all every happiness for the holiday season and look forward to our journey together in 2021.

Below is a photo of our 2020 outgoing leaders standing behind our incoming leaders for 2021. We wish them all the best for the next year.

Take care  
**Jane Martyn**  
Principal





## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER JENNY LUXON

# CHRISTMAS

### LET EVERY DAY BE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,  
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to be put away  
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.  
The good you do for others is the good you do yourself.

**Norman Wesley Brooks**

### MAY YOU HAVE

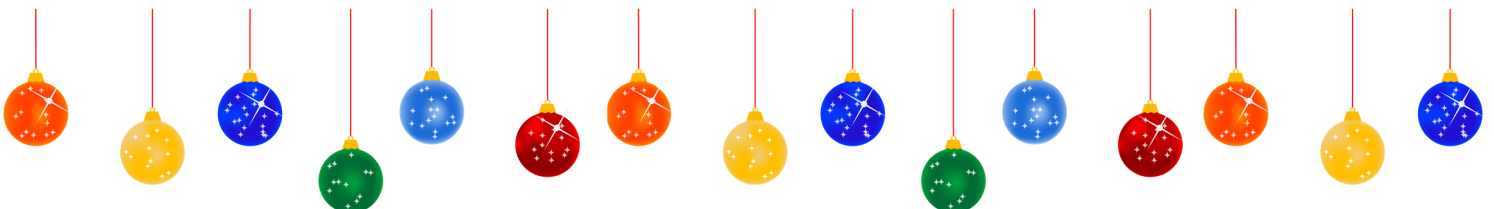
May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope.  
The spirit of Christmas which is peace.  
The heart of Christmas which is love.

**Ada V. Hendricks**

People were created to be loved. Things were  
created to be used. The reason the world is in chaos is because  
things are being loved and people  
are being used.

**Dalai Lama**

**WISHING EVERYONE A JOYOUS AND PEACEFUL  
CHRISTMAS AND  
AN ABUNDANT NEW YEAR!**





## PRESENTATION DAY 2020

Our annual Presentation Day was the final formal assembly for the year and took a slightly different format to previous years and was conducted over two sessions, Years 3-6 at 9.30am followed by K-2 at 11.40am. We congratulated all our students on a fantastic year and presented many of them with awards that ranged from band, sport and citizenship, class and stage awards, all the way through to the Dux of the school and our new school leaders for 2021. Congratulations to our new leadership team of Captains Lucy and Makayla and our four leaders Cooper, Jett, Jayda and Hermione. We look forward to seeing them shine in 2021. It was very exciting to be able to have parents attend these assemblies and they were entertained by the band, the Stage 1 students singing some Christmas songs and our outgoing Year 6 students performing a dance to the well known Queen classic "We Will Rock You". Thank you to our official guests who presented awards and to the sponsors who provided many of the prizes. Congratulations to everyone on the day.



## YEAR 6 FAREWELL

All our wonderful Year 6 students celebrated in style on Monday night at their Year 6 farewell. They have finished the first chapter of their educational journey and are about to embark on the next exciting part at high school. They were all thrilled to celebrate this milestone together enjoying food, fun and dancing. Year 5 students joined in the party and hit the dance floor at 7pm. The theme for this year's farewell was the 80's and we thank the group of parents who organised and decorated the classrooms. A big thankyou to Jodie Wall and her team from Club Urunga who delivered and served all the yummy food. We wish all our Year 6 students the very best for Year 7 and their ongoing schooling.  
**Mrs Prior**





## YEAR 5 & 6 EXPO

After weeks of painstaking work, Stage 3 students finally got an opportunity to display their PIPs (Personal Interest Projects - Yr 6) and autobiographies (Yr 5). The projects were extremely well presented through a variety of modes, ranging from artworks, Power Points, models, large displays, podcasts and movies. Some students even dressed up! Autobiographies were heartfelt, funny, sad, exciting and an outstanding expression of the lives of the Year 5 students. Something to look back on and be proud of for sure!

The Stage 3 teachers are so impressed with the work the kids have done and can't wait to see what students produce next year!!

Mr Ticli



## RALEIGH NURSING HOME CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

A very big congratulations to Emma Swain who won the Christmas Card competition run by Raleigh Masonic Nursing Home. Students were asked to submit their designs and creations for a Christmas card. Emma won a \$50 book voucher from Booktopia as well as the honour of having her design printed up on the Christmas cards that the Nursing home sends out to our local community. Emma also received some of the cards with her design to use herself. Well done Emma!

Raleigh Nursing home also generously provided the school with a \$100 book voucher which will be used to buy resources for our library.





## CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our six Christmas raffle winners who were drawn out of a very big bucket of tickets on Presentation Day. We hope you enjoy all the goodies and have a lovely break!

Thank you to all the families and community members who sold and/or purchased tickets.



## 1000 MINUTE READING CLUB

Very well done to Jet Sticker who received his 1000 minute reading club award on Monday morning's assembly. It is great to see so many students enjoying their reading and we hope you keep read, read, reading over the holidays.



## MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR PRESENTATION DAY





# Holiday Activities

**JANUARY 2021**

## Bellingen Library

Thursday 14th Jan : 3pm

Pico Puppet Show

Tuesday 19th Jan : 10:30am—11:30am

Make your own shadow puppets

Bookings: 6655 1744



## Urunga Library

Wednesday 13th Jan : 10.30-am-11.30am

Recycled paper bunting

Wednesday 20th Jan : 10.30am—11.30am

Dinosaur Doings

Bookings 6655 6444



## Dorrigo Library

Thursday 14th Jan : 10.30am

Pico Puppet Show

Wednesday 20th Jan : 10:30am—  
11:30am

Fun with clay

Bookings: 6657 2234



Bellingen Shire  
COUNCIL



# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per **fortnight**  
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per **week**  
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION



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**THE FUTURE AIN'T  
WHAT IT USED TO BE**



**THE CROODS  
A NEW AGE**

COMING SOON





## 2021 BRAVES TRIALS

**SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER**  
MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Would you like to play basketball at a representative level?

**WE ARE ON THE SEARCH FOR SOME PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR DIVISION 2 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS FOR THE 2021 SEASON.**

**THESE PLAYERS WOULD PLAY IN 4 CARNIVALS OVER THE YEAR COMPETING AGAINST OTHER TEAMS WITHIN THE NORTHERN NSW AREA.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING COME ALONG AND MEET THE BRAVES...**

<b>10am - 11am</b>	Under 18 Men (2004 & 2005)	Under 16 Men (2006 & 2007)	Under 14 Men (2008 & 2009)	Under 12 Men (2010 & 2011)
<b>11am - 12pm</b>	Under 18 Women (2004 & 2005)	Under 16 Women (2006 & 2007)	Under 14 Women (2008 & 2009)	Under 12 Women (2010 & 2011)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT [BELLINGERBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:bellingerbasketball@gmail.com)**



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO SPARE?

Do you enjoy meeting people?

Come & see us at

**St Barnabas Anglican Op shop Is looking for volunteers.**

OPENING HOURS ARE: Tues, Wed, Fri (9.00am – 100pm)  
& Sat Morning (9.00am -12 noon)

If interested, please come into the shop for a volunteer form or  
please contact Leonie on 6655 5342



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## URUNGA FOOD PANTRY

**NEXT TO THE LAUNDROMAT IN  
CARDOWS ARCADE**

Open to anyone with a  
pensioner or healthcare card as  
well as those experiencing  
financial stress

**OPEN IN URUNGA**

**Thursday: 10.00am - 12.00pm**

**Friday: 9.30am - 1.30pm**

**BELLINGEN FOOD PANTRY IS  
ALSO OPEN**

**Tues 10-12 and Fri 10-12**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
School Day	School Day	School Day	Centre Closed	<p><b>CHRISTMAS BAKING</b> Put on your chef hat and make Christmas cookies, gingerbread, and cupcakes. Decorate a gingerbread man or a gingerbread house!</p> 
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	24 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<p><b>CHRISTMAS CRAFT</b> Make presents for family and your own wrapping paper, create baubles and decorations for our Christmas tree</p>  <p><b>COST: \$5.00</b></p>	 <p><b>CHRISTMAS SENSORY EXPERIENCES</b> Explore the sensory experiences of Christmas. <b>COST: \$2.50</b></p>	<p><b>URUNGA FORESHORES CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> Swimming, play at the park and a hot chip lunch at the Urunga LIDO</p>  <p><b>Depart: 9:30am</b> <b>Return: 1:30pm</b> <b>COST: \$2.00</b></p>	 <p><b>CHRISTMAS PYJAMA PARTY</b> Come in your Christmas Pyjamas, settle in with a hot choccie and popcorn for some classic Christmas movies.</p>	<p>Centre Closed</p> <p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b></p>
<b>Closed from 25.1.2020 till 4.1.2021</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
 <p><b>NEW YEARS TIE-DYE PARTY</b> Wear your funkier tie-dyed outfits and celebrate the New Year! We will have multiple options to tie dye. <b>Cost: \$5.00</b></p>	<p><b>BELLO POOL &amp; Connell Park</b> We're heading to the Bellingen pool for a swim, then we will have lunch at Connell park <b>Depart: 9:10am</b> <b>Return: 1:30pm</b> <b>Cost: \$8.00</b></p> 	 <p><b>OUTDOOR SURVIVOR</b> Are you an outdoor adventurer? Can you survive the wilderness? Today we're putting those skills to the test! Complete the challenges to be the ultimate survivor!</p>	<p><b>MINI GOLF &amp; Botanical Gardens</b></p>  <p>Have a hit at Mini golf, with the option of hitting balls on the driving range. <b>Depart: 10:20am</b> <b>Return: 2:30pm</b> <b>Cost: \$22.50</b></p>	<p><b>SENSORY SCIENCE</b> Explore the senses through science and experimenting. Can you create a rain cloud in a jar? Does ice melt faster in the sun or under running water, what happens when you add salt? Test out your theories and experiment with different ideas.</p>
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
 <p>Today we have the reptile man coming in for a live display at Urunga OSHC! <b>Starts at 10am</b> <b>Cost: \$15</b></p>	<p><b>MEXICAN FIESTA</b> Put on your sombrero for a Mexican themed day. We will make tacos for lunch, have a piñata and Mexican themed activities.</p>  <p><b>Cost: \$5.00</b></p>	<p><b>SPRINGLOADED</b> <b>SPRINGLOADED &amp; Bongil Bongil Picnic Area</b> Have a bounce at springloaded! On the way back we will stop at Bongil Bongil Picnic area for lunch and a play. <b>Depart: 9:45am</b> <b>Return: 2:20pm</b> <b>Cost: \$24.00</b></p>	<p><b>DRAMA WORKSHOP</b> Get on stage and perform! Or will you build a set? Do costumes and makeup behind the scenes? A classical romance, a drama or fairytale? Its up to you!</p> 	 <p><b>SUMMER FUN!</b> Can't go to the big banana water slides? No problem! Let's make our own water slide and water fun day! Water guns, balloons and our own waterslide!</p>
18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	19 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2021
<p><b>NINJA WARRIOR</b></p> <p>Today's all about those ninja skills! Traverse the obstacle courses and beat the clock to become the ultimate ninja warrior.</p>	 <p><b>Over 10's ARCHERY and Jetty visit.</b> As a treat, the older children get to go on an excursion to try out archery! <b>Cost: \$15</b></p>  <p>Become a Pokémon master. Battle and trade cards, grab your Pokeballs and catch the hidden Pokémon!</p>	<p><b>ARTS, CRAFTS AND DIY</b> Today is all about getting creative! With lots of different creative options for everyone.</p> 	 <p><b>CULTURAL TOUR &amp; Korora Park</b> Today we head to Sealy lookout for a walking tour with a local Gumbaynggirr guide, who will immerse us in the local culture.  <b>Cost: \$28</b> <b>Depart 10.00am</b> <b>Return 2.30pm</b></p>	 <p><b>80'S DISCO PARTY</b> Travel back in time for an 80's themed party. Think bright, think flared pants and disco balls.</p>
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<p><b>Movie and Popcorn Day</b></p> <p>Enjoy a relaxing day of watching movies while munching on popcorn</p> 	Centre Closed Public Holiday	Centre Closed	Centre Closed	<p>Back to School</p> 



## **Program Information:**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** *Christmas baking;* today we are going to get in the Christmas spirit and do some Christmas baking! Make Gingerbread, Christmas shaped cookies, and then decorate your creations with icing/frosting and sprinkles.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December:** *Christmas craft;* Today we will be getting crafty, making presents for friends and loved ones, create stamps to decorate our own wrapping paper, create personalised decorations for our Christmas tree and your own at home.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** *Christmas sensory experiences;* create Christmas themed slime, scented putty or dough, make fake snow and explore natural resources.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** *Urunga foreshores Christmas party;* Today we're heading down to the Urunga Lido, Bellingen OSHC will be joining us for a swim, a play on the park and hot chips for lunch.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** *Christmas Pyjama party;* get comfy, get cosy, come in your best Christmas pyjamas. We will have hot choccies and popcorn while watching movies. There will be plenty of time to finish up those last minute gifts and wrap presents for family and friends.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** *New Years Tie Dye party;* let's celebrate the New Year, wear your tie dye outfits and let's dance! There will be party games and fairy bread, there will be the option to tie dye using both squirty bottles and dip-dyeing, so choose your favourite or do both. We will provide white aprons to tie dye, you can dye and decorate them and we will use them in OSHC. Bring in your own white clothes to dye if you wish. We also have fabric markers and plenty of glitter/sequins to decorate!

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** *Bello Pool & Connell Park;* we're off to Bellingen pool today, taking the public bus at 9am, we will meet Bellingen OSHC at St Marys Primary school and walk down to the pool together. We will have lunch and a play at Connell Park before heading back to St Marys Primary School to catch the bus back to Urunga Public School at 1pm.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** *Outdoor Survivor;* Are we stranded in the desert? Or on a deserted island? Today we will put our survival skills to the test, complete the challenges, build a shelter, make a fire (with help and supervision!) and can you find water? Today will be a great opportunity for children to learn new skills, think outside the box and problem solve, while having fun in a safe environment, we will be utilising the school grounds to role-play our survivor day.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January:** *Mini Golf and Botanic Gardens;* Today we're going to the house of golf for some mini golf! There is also the option to hit some golf balls at the driving range. After, we will head to the Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens for lunch and a stroll through the gardens.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January:** *Sensory Science;* Today is all about science and the senses, there will be many different questions that need answering and we will test out our theories through experimenting and problem solving. Each experiment will have a sensory element to it, whether its touch or taste or smell.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January:** *Reptile world incursion;* Today Bellingen OSHC is joining us at Urunga for the Reptile man! There will be two shows starting from 10am and we will split into 2 groups. While some children are watching the reptile show, the others will be at the top cola/indoors playing or engaging in reptile themed activities and crafts. Steve brings along many different reptiles and animals for the children to interact with. The show is informative and very interactive with the children.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January:** *Mexican Fiesta;* Mexican for lunch, pinatas, Mexican themed activities and music, feel free to dress up!

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January:** *Springloaded and Bongil Bongil Park;* Today we're headed to Springloaded for a bounce and some parkour! Afterwards we will head to Bongil Bongil picnic area, where we will have a picnic lunch, a walk along the trails, and some surprise activities!

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January:** *Drama Workshop;* Today we will build on our last drama day and hone our skills, the children will choose the play and the actors, or we may make up our own play! We will utilise our craft skills and build the sets out of different items and craft materials, there will be face paints and child-safe makeups to perfect our costumes and characters and we will collaborate on writing the script!

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January:** *Summer Fun;* Today we will be cooling off with a tarp water slide, water fights, with water balloons and water guns. Bring spare clothes, a towel, hat and rash shirt.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January:** *Ninja Warrior;* Traverse through challenges and obstacle courses, there will be timed challenges and you will have to utilise your ninja skills to become an ultimate ninja warrior.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January:** As a treat, today children over 10 have the opportunity to go and try archery, they will go on the Open Arms bus into the archery range (MUST WEAR ENCLOSED SHOES), we will have lunch beforehand at a park before heading to the range. **We will be joining with Bellingen OSHC children and the first 10 children to book will be attending.**

The children staying at the centre will be having a Pokémon day! There will be Pokémon craft and activities, we will battle and trade, then go on a scavenger hunt – Pokémon go style – around the school to find the hidden pokemon!

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** *Arts, craft and DIY;* get creative today with different art, craft and DIY activities on offer

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January:** *Sealy Lookout Cultural Tour and Korora Park;* Today's experience is about Gumbaynggirr people, language and culture and takes place at an important cultural site of the Gumbaynggirr people, the stunning location of "Niigi Niigi" (Sealy Lookout) within the Orara East State Forest. The children will be immersed in the local culture through stories, songs, language and the uses of native plants. We will be guided on a walk through the rainforest and there will be hands on activities for the children to engage in. Afterwards we will head to Korora park, where we will have lunch, play on the park and perhaps a walk on the beach.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** *80's Disco Party;* Blast to the past! Dress up for a 80's disco and get ready to boogie! With Just Dance, dance games, and prizes for the best dressed and best 80's dance moves! We will say goodbye to our friends that are off to high school and send them off with a bang!

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January:** *Movie and Popcorn Day;* Day to relax kick back and enjoy a quiet day watching favourite movies, munching on popcorn, making movie tickets and other movie crafts.



## STANDARD FEES

Max of \$50 day (plus excursion/activity costs where applicable). It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to complete and lodge their Child Care Subsidy (CCS) application with Centrelink Human Services to gain access to fee reductions provided by the government. **Invoices will be sent out weekly. Outstanding invoices will need to be paid before you book your child into vacation care. No charge if 24 hour advance notice of absence is given.**

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is a government subsidy offered to eligible families as a reduction on fees. Applications for the CCS are made through your Centrelink online account through **myGov**. Please apply / update details for CCS if you haven't already done so. For more information on this process, visit [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare)

**PLEASE NOTE: If children have a break between care of more than 14 weeks (e.g. during the school term) their enrolment will be ceased. The Service will update enrolment details with Centrelink. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to check their child's enrolment status (notifications) in their myGov account and confirm enrolment details where necessary to access CCS.**

## DIRECT DEPOSIT INSTRUCTIONS

Bank: Banana Coast Credit Union (BCU)  
BSB: 533 000  
ACC: 32860196

You can also find bank account details on page 1 of your invoices.

Please reference with your child's name and Centre (Bellingen or Urunga)  
. E.g. J Smith Bellingen.

**(if this information is not included we have no way of identifying who made the payment)**

## OUR PROGRAM

Our program provides children with developmental opportunities that are focussed around the children's interests, abilities and needs. Our daily program also offers creative arts, life skills & physical activities, imaginative play, construction, individual, group activities and lots of fun.

## OUR EDUCATORS

The Educators at Open Arms Care Inc. OSHC Services provide a diverse and inclusive environment that fosters all children's developmental abilities and self esteem. Educators are professional and strive for excellence within the service environment, whilst working together as a team. Our accredited services are supported by University and TAFE educated staff.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

**PLEASE REMEMBER ON EXCURSION DAYS TO BE AT OSHC 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE DEPARTURE TIME TO FILL OUT PERMISSION NOTES, MEDICAL FORMS ETC**

**SUN SAFETY:** No Hat, No Play (or play in the shade). Educators will endeavour to ensure that all children apply sunscreen although... please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive, pack a long sleeved rash shirt or a long sleeved shirt for water activities and we recommend a wide brimmed hat for extra sun protection.

**FOOD:** Nutritious foods are essential for growing, playing and learning. Although we realise it's school holidays and that means the occasional special treats, we do ask that parents/carers please provide a healthy and nutritious morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for their children. Children do burn through a lot of energy in our active program so please ensure that your child has enough healthy food to last the whole day. **We also ask that treats such as chocolates, fizzy drink or lollies be left at home until the evening or weekend.** We are also a nut free zone. Please ensure your child/ren come packed with a water bottle.

**CLOTHING GUIDELINES:** Children are encouraged to wear comfortable casual clothing when attending Vacation Care. We ask that children wear covered shoes. **Thongs**, strapless shoes, high heels, slip-ons, etc. are considered **unsafe**.

**SWIMMING:** Please notify the staff about your child's swimming ability if your child is attending on a swimming excursion

**MOVIES/DVDS & VIDEO GAMES:** Please notify the staff if you do not want your child to view G&PG movies or play video games

### To Lodge this Booking Form



#### HOW TO BOOK ONLINE OR VIA THE APP:

[https://qkdoc.secure.force.com/QKDOC/articles/QikKids\\_Support\\_Documentation/Casual-Booking-Management-Parent-Guide-1416289842579](https://qkdoc.secure.force.com/QKDOC/articles/QikKids_Support_Documentation/Casual-Booking-Management-Parent-Guide-1416289842579)

Scan and email to:

oshc@openarms.org.au

Hand deliver to:

Shop 9-10, 31-33 Bowra St Urunga 2455

I acknowledge the service fee policy and agree to abide by it and give permission to OAC staff to email my account for payment and the CCSS usage statement to the email address provided above

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR DAYS CAREFULLY as ALL DAYS NOMINATED WILL REQUIRE PAYMENT: This means that the normal session fee (\$50) will be charged and in the case of excursions, a \$10 no show fee or the cost of the excursion (whichever is less) - will also be charged**

#### Booking Form - Please indicate days required by writing child/rens name next to appropriate days







Thurs 17.12.2020- Bello Pool and Connell Park	
Fri 18.12.2020- Christmas Craft	
Mon 21.12.2020- Christmas Baking	
Tues 22.12.2020- Christmas Sensory Day	
Wed 23.12.2020- Urunga foreshores Christmas Party	
Thurs 24.12.2020-Christmas Pyjama Party	
Mon 4.1.2021- New Years Tie Dye Party	
Tues 5.1.2021- Bello Pool and Connell Park	
Wed 6.1.2021- Ninja Warrior	
Thurs 7.1.2021- Mini Golf and Botanic Gardens	
Fri 8.1.2021- Summer Fun	
Mon 11.1.2021- Reptile World Incursion	
Tues 12.1.2021- Mexican Fiesta	
Wed 13.1.2021- Springloaded and Bongil Bongil Park	
Thurs 14.1.2021- Drama Workshop	
Fri 15.1.2021- Sensory Exploration	
Mon 18.1.2021- Arts craft and DIY	
Tues 19.1.2021- Archery over 10's/ Pokemon	
Wed 20.1.2021- Outdoor Survivor	
Thurs 21.1.2021- Sealy Lookout Cultural Tour	
Fri 22.1.2021- 80's Disco Party	
Mon 25.1.2021- Movie and Popcorn Day	

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION



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