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On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people

NEWSLETTER NO. 37 TERM 4 WEEK 8 WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 4th Dec	Yr 6 to Bellingen HS for Yr 7 Orientation	Mon 14th Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Mon 7th Dec	Garden Club @ 11.10am	Mon 14th Dec	Have-A-Go Show Heats
Tues 8th Dec	Friendly Cricket Match vs Narranga PS	Tues 15th Dec	Have-A-Go Show Finals
Thurs 10th Dec	Presentation Day: Yrs 3-6 @ 9.30am, Yrs K-2 @ 11.45am	Wed 16th Dec	K-4 Movie Day 5-6 Fun Day FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS

‘BRILLIANT AT BEING RESILIENT’

It was fantastic to be able to have a visiting performance at school again. Last week School Performance Tours came with their show “Brilliant at being Resilient”. It was a high energy performance which kept the students engaged throughout. The presenter was very funny and used various methods to get his message across to everyone. There were poems, props, jokes and even some role plays. A few lucky students were chosen to hop up on stage and act out some scenarios. This brought plenty of laughter from the audience! While the show was lots of fun, it also had a serious, yet easy to understand, message about resilience and what is needed to be a resilient person when faced with various different situations in life.





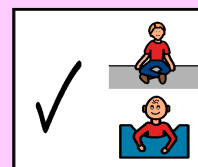
NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS JANE MARTYN

WEEKLY SCHOOL RULE

The focus this week is the pink rule

“be in the right place
at the right time”

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



The end of this unusual year is fast approaching and we have an action packed couple of weeks ahead.

PRESENTATION DAY

The finishing touches are being organised for our K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Day ceremonies and we are all really excited that we are now able to have parents attend adhering to COVID-19 safe measures. Further details and guidelines for our 3-6 ceremony from 9.30am and the K-2 ceremony from 11.45am on Thursday 10th December are contained later in this newsletter.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

We will be rehearsing our emergency procedures during this week. This includes evacuation and lockdown drills.

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY – BELLINGEN HIGH SCHOOL

Our Year 6 students are looking forward to their orientation day at Bellingen High School this Friday.

HAVE A GO SHOW

Students are excitedly preparing for our annual Have-A-Go Show to be held in the last week of school. Heats will be held on Monday 14th December and the final will be held on Tuesday 15th December. We look forward to seeing some great performances.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Teachers are currently completing student progress reports which will be sent home during the last week of school.

END OF TERM 4

Our students’ last day for 2020 will be Wednesday 16th December.
Staff will participate in a Staff Development Day on Thursday 17th December.
Parents are reminded that our school will be non-operational for Friday 18th December.

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The advice for families regarding the updated guidelines can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

PARENTING IDEAS ARTICLE

This week’s article is titled ‘*The power of sorry.*’ This is an article that focuses on positive parenting and parenting boys.

Take care
Jane Martyn
Principal



NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER JENNY LUXON

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR SIX

Continuing our Year Six student spotlight.....



INARA GREEN

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Black

FAVOURITE FOOD: Pork

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: My house

HOBBIES: Reading, listening to music, drawing and playing volleyball

ASPIRATIONS: I would like to travel Australia, help as many people as possible and join a volleyball team.

The highlights of my time at UPS are meeting my friends, last year's Year 6 Farewell, Questacon plus the Canberra trip in Year 5 and going to Cascade in Year 4.



RICKY REEVES GIBSON

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Lime green

FAVOURITE FOOD: Hotdogs

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: Japan

HOBBIES: Gaming

The highlight of my time at UPS - it was fun and all.



ARCHIE DECLAN WALL

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Green

FAVOURITE FOOD: Nachos

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: Urunga

HOBBIES: Fishing, rugby, model plane making and playing soccer with my dog.

ASPIRATIONS: I would like to play for the Wallabies and be in a movie.

The highlight of my time at UPS was becoming School Captain.

NRL MIXED TAG GALA DAY

Last Tuesday 24th, students from Stage 2 and 3 participated in the NRL Mixed Gala Day held at Urunga Soccer Fields. This was the first time the event was held locally and hence attracted a huge participation rate of 6 full teams! Awesome. This included seasoned warriors who were very familiar, to newbies who had never touched a footy. All students had a great day and sportsmanship remained at the highest levels. There were far too many standouts to mention, but if you are a student with a story to tell of your great on-field battles, make sure you pass the story on for newcomers in next year's competition. Well done to everyone for the day and a big thanks to Gary Stevenson for organising the day despite multiple setbacks.

NRL Mixed Tag Coordinator
Mr Ticli

PRESENTATION DAY 2020

This year's Presentation Day will look a bit different in 2020. We are holding two separate presentation day assemblies both being held on Thursday 10th December 2020 in the bottom cola. Stage 2 and 3 will start at 9:30am and conclude at 10.30am. Kindergarten and Stage 1 will start at 11.45am concluding at 12.30pm.

We are happy to announce that parents are allowed on site for the assemblies, following Department of Education Covid-19 guidelines. In order to adhere to Covid-19 guidelines and social distances restrictions, we ask that numbers of people attending our Presentation Day Assemblies are kept to a minimum number per family. **Do not attend if you are unwell or are waiting on Covid-19 test results.**

Parents are to only enter the school grounds through the top gate or the bottom gate at the bus shelter. All parents will be required to sign in on arrival, hand sanitiser will be provided and all adults are to adhere to the 1.5m distance rule at all times.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION AT BELLINGEN HIGH SCHOOL

A reminder to all Year 6 students who will be attending Bellingen High School for Year 7 in 2021, that the Orientation Day is on this **Friday 4th December**. Students are asked to arrive at 8.45am and meet at the MPC (hall) for an assembly. The day will conclude at 3.14pm. Students need to make their own way to and from the high school on the day and will not come to Urunga Public School. Students will participate in a range of activities including group activities, a tour of the school, meet the teachers, an orientation 'treasure hunt' and some mini-lessons in practical subjects including Science, TAS, Food Tech and PDHPE.

FAREWELL MISS SHIRLEY

The school farewelled Miss Shirley at Monday morning's assembly. Miss Shirley has been coming to our school for 12 years! She has taught Scripture for all of those years as well as helping in the classrooms with reading and mentoring. She started off many years ago as a "grandparent mentor". She has always enjoyed the love and respect of the staff and students over all these years. While we are sad to see her go and will miss her, we hope she enjoys the next chapter of her journey, moving to be closer to and spend more time with her family. Thank you so much Miss Shirley for all your wonderful work over the years.



YEAR 6 FAREWELL ZOOM MEETING

We will be having our final Year 6 farewell meeting through Zoom this afternoon, 2nd December at 2.00pm to finalise all the last minute details to make this special event a wonderful experience for our Year 6 students. This year the farewell will be held in the top cola at school starting at 5.40pm. If you can spare anytime on Monday 14th December from 3.45pm to help set up tables and decorations it would be much appreciated.

Topic: Year 6 Farewell

Time: Dec 2, 2020 02:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/65908089862?pwd=MmdwbGcwWU0xM3RIS0lsYmxtSzUydz09>

Meeting ID: 659 0808 9862

Passcode: 928624

Thank you
Kim Prior

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all our fortnightly award winners who were presented with their certificates on Monday mornings assembly. Reece also received his participation certificate for the ICAS Digital Technologies test. Lennon received his certificate from the Department of Education's Art Unit for participating in the Stage 3 Premiers Debating Challenge while Jade received hers for being involved in the Stage 2 Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition. Well done to them all.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 4 WEEK 8

K RED	3/4 BLUE
Arlo Hardy	Bree O'Connor
Mason Markham	Siobhan Kealy-Banks
Sorren Smith	Ricky Skewes
K WHITE	Marc Tate
Sage Hobson	Sebby Tate
Paige Garrad	4 RUBY
Harley Bell	Arabella Porter
1/2 TEAL	Mellissa B
Zak Simpson	Lauren Bourke
Ciara Tate	Ruben Devai-Clark
Sophia Tate	5/6 MAROON
Harper Kedzlie	Sharni Salmon
Izzy Gilmore	Bayley Cavanagh-Rose
Grace Harding	Mollie Young
1/2 YELLOW	Lucy Rodgers
2/3 GREEN	5/6 VIOLET
Sophie White	Archie Wall
Chelsea Turner	Makayla Day
Elise Pagulayan-McCabe	Savannah Ryan
Harley Aitken	Lachlan Davis
MS LUXON	MR SERCOMBE
Levi Adams, Arlo Hardy	Declan Williams
Honey Danzey	
Christopher B	



STUDENT BANKING

The last day for student banking will be next Wednesday 9th December. We will not be accepting bank books on the last day of school. We look forward to another great year of student banking in 2021.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Last week a book of ten raffle tickets for our Christmas hamper raffle was sent home with every child.

Tickets are 50c each and the winners will be drawn on Presentation Day, Thursday 10th December.

This year we will NOT be asking for donations to fill the hampers. The school will be supplying the goodies for the Christmas hampers. We hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe lead up to the festive season.

More tickets are available from the office.



KINDERGARTEN NEEDS ICE CREAM CONTAINERS

Kindergarten will be using **ice-cream containers** as part of their assembly item. If you have any spare ice cream containers at home, we would love to have them! Please send them in with your child or drop them into the front office. Thank you!

Mrs Wickham and Mrs Ashworth

WHAT'S DUE

- Sold Christmas Raffle tickets and money before Thurs 10th Dec
- K-4 Movie Day permission note and \$6 payment due before Fri 11th Dec
- 5-6 Big Banana Fun Day permission note and \$12 payment due before Mon 14th Dec



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Urunga Public School

**URUNGA PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTATION DAY**

Thursday

10th December

Years 3-6 at 9.30am

Years K-2 at 11.45am



**2021 School Captains and
School Leaders to be announced.
Christmas Raffle will be drawn.**

**Parents and carers are able to attend. We ask that
numbers per family are kept to a minimum in
order to adhere to social distancing guidelines.**

All visitors will be required to sign in due to COVID regulations.



INSIGHTS

The power of sorry



Our boys tend to get into trouble more than our girls. There are lots of cultural and biological reasons for this but much of it boils down to the fact that boys are still soft-wired to be ‘mammoth hunters’, ready to react to any threat.

Generally, boys have more muscle than girls and, with that, a physicality that gets them in strife. There’s also brain research that shows that, while females tend to quickly shift emotions from the brain’s limbic system to the word centres of the brain, males tend to shift them into their bodies.

This is more obvious as our boys become teens as they can be as big and strong as men, but their brains are under construction and their bodies are flooded with testosterone.

Author and counsellor Michael Gurian writes that boys tend to seek external measures of success to feel good about themselves. It is critical they maintain credibility and status in the eyes of the ‘tribe’... that’s their peers, not you.

Inevitably, all this means your son will probably make many mistakes; or hurt himself; hurt someone else; or make a very poor, thoughtless, seemingly stupid or cruel choice.

React with compassion not shame

How you react as a parent can significantly impact how your son recovers from mucking up. Your first reactions may be anger, disappointment or the urge to discipline harshly. However, there are other ways of reacting that can strengthen your bond with your son and ensure he learns from the experience through growth rather than shame.

Listen to him, guide him to see the impact of his poor choice, help him make it right, forgive him and ask him what he might do next time he’s in the same situation.

Break down the old male-code

This code told us that men don’t apologise as it’s a sign of weakness. One of the most powerful things we can teach our boys is that when we make mistakes, we own up to them and we apologise if need be. Teach your boys that saying sorry when they really mean it is a sign of courage and strength, not the opposite. It is also about taking responsibility for your actions, which is important for boys to learn. They need to see the men in their lives – particularly dads – apologise.

Don’t force an apology

Forcing a boy to apologise can be problematic. A genuine apology is very different to a forced apology. A genuine apology has a real sense of remorse attached to it. Coach your son to see the situation through the other person’s eyes. If someone has been impacted, he needs to apologise and make amends even if he didn’t intend for the consequences of his poor choice to happen. It doesn’t mean he’s wrong. It just means his choice affected someone.

Embrace failure

To help your son better learn about failure, have conversations about things you hear in the media where boys and men have experienced failure and recovered. Steve Smith, the former captain of the Australian cricket team who was involved in a ball-tampering scandal, is a great example. He owned his mistake, publicly apologised and he went on to have a very successful return to cricket.

Your son is going to make poor decisions repeatedly until he has enough myelin in his brain to be more mindful of the choices he makes. That is just a fact of life. As parents, your job is to, day-by-day, help your son learn a culture of accountability without a need for severe punishment, shaming or ridicule.



Maggie Dent

Commonly known as the 'queen of common sense', Maggie Dent has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience. She has written seven major books including the bestselling *Mothering Our Boys* and her 2020 release, *From Boys to Men*. Maggie is host of the ABC podcast, [Parental As Anything](#). For further details visit maggiedent.com

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

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 th December 2020	15 th December 2020	16 th December 2020	17 th December 2020	18 th December 2020
School Day	School Day	School Day	Centre Closed	<p>CHRISTMAS BAKING Put on your chef hat and make Christmas cookies, gingerbread, and cupcakes. Decorate a gingerbread man or a gingerbread house!</p> 
21 st December 2020	22 nd December 2020	23 rd December 2020	24 th December 2020	25 th December 2020
<p>CHRISTMAS CRAFT Make presents for family and your own wrapping paper, create baubles and decorations for our Christmas tree</p>  <p>COST: \$5.00</p>	 <p>CHRISTMAS SENSORY EXPERIENCES Explore the sensory experiences of Christmas. COST: \$2.50</p>	<p>URUNGA FORESHORES CHRISTMAS PARTY Swimming, play at the park and a hot chip lunch at the Urunga LIDO</p>  <p>Depart: 9:30am Return: 1:30pm COST: \$2.00</p>	 <p>CHRISTMAS PYJAMA PARTY Come in your Christmas Pyjamas, settle in with a hot choccie and popcorn for some classic Christmas movies.</p>	<p>Centre Closed</p> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>
Closed from 25.1.2020 till 4.1.2021				
4 th January 2021	5 th January 2021	6 th January 2021	7 th January 2021	8 th January 2021
 <p>NEW YEARS TIE-DYE PARTY Wear your funkier tie-dyed outfits and celebrate the New Year! We will have multiple options to tie dye. Cost: \$5.00</p>	<p>BELLO POOL & Connell Park We're heading to the Bellingen pool for a swim, then we will have lunch at Connell park Depart: 9:10am Return: 1:30pm Cost: \$8.00</p> 	 <p>OUTDOOR SURVIVOR 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>MINI GOLF & Botanical Gardens</p>  <p>Have a hit at Mini golf, with the option of hitting balls on the driving range. Depart: 10:20am Return: 2:30pm Cost: \$22.50</p>	<p>SENSORY SCIENCE 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 th January 2021	12 th January 2021	13 th January 2021	14 th January 2021	15 th January 2021
 <p>Today we have the reptile man coming in for a live display at Urunga OSHC! Starts at 10am Cost: \$15</p>	<p>MEXICAN FIESTA Put on your sombrero for a Mexican themed day. We will make tacos for lunch, have a piñata and Mexican themed activities.</p>  <p>Cost: \$5.00</p>	<p>SPRINGLOADED SPRINGLOADED & Bongil Bongil Picnic Area Have a bounce at springloaded! On the way back we will stop at Bongil Bongil Picnic area for lunch and a play. Depart: 9:45am Return: 2:20pm Cost: \$24.00</p>	<p>DRAMA WORKSHOP 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>SUMMER FUN! 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 th January 2021	19 th January 2021	20 th January 2021	21 st January 2021	22 nd January 2021
<p>NINJA WARRIOR</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>Over 10's ARCHERY and Jetty visit. As a treat, the older children get to go on an excursion to try out archery! Cost: \$15</p>  <p>Become a Pokémon master. Battle and trade cards, grab your Pokeballs and catch the hidden Pokémon!</p>	<p>ARTS, CRAFTS AND DIY Today is all about getting creative! With lots of different creative options for everyone.</p> 	 <p>CULTURAL TOUR & Korora Park Today we head to Sealy lookout for a walking tour with a local Gumbaynggirr guide, who will immerse us in the local culture. Cost: \$28 Depart 10.00am Return 2.30pm</p>	 <p>80'S DISCO PARTY Travel back in time for an 80's themed party. Think bright, think flared pants and disco balls.</p>
25 th January 2021	26 th January 2021	27 th January 2021	28 th January 2021	29 th January 2021
<p>Movie and Popcorn Day</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 18th 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 21st 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 22nd December: *Christmas sensory experiences;* create Christmas themed slime, scented putty or dough, make fake snow and explore natural resources.

Wednesday 23rd 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 24th 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 4th 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 5th 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 6th 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 7th 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 8th 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 11th 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 12th January: *Mexican Fiesta;* Mexican for lunch, pinatas, Mexican themed activities and music, feel free to dress up!

Wednesday 13th 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 14th 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 15th 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 18th 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 19th 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 20th January: *Arts, craft and DIY;* get creative today with different art, craft and DIY activities on offer

Thursday 21st 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 22nd 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 25th 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

PLEASE NOTE: If children have a break between care of more than 14weeks (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

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	

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