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*On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people*

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 10th Dec	Presentation Day: Yrs 3-6 @ 9.30am, Yrs K-2 @ 11.45am	Tues 15th Dec	Have-A-Go Show Finals
Fri 11th Dec	Christmas Craft Day	Wed 16th Dec	K-4 Movie Day 5-6 Fun Day
Mon 14th Dec	Have-A-Go Show Heats	<b>Wed 16th Dec</b>	<b>FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>
Mon 14th Dec	Year 6 Farewell @ 5.40pm	Thurs 17th Dec	Staff Development Day

### STAGE 1 MINI BEASTS

The office foyer is crawling with Mini Beasts! There are all sorts of colourful bugs, bees, flies, wasps, butterflies and also flowers for them to feed from.

This term 1/2 Teal and 1/2 Yellow have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and learning about minibeasts. The integrated unit "Schoolyard Safari" allowed students to explore small animals, which has led them to have a better understanding of how adaptations help animals survive their habitats. By observing the features and behaviour of small animals, students were able to glimpse the diversity of animal life. Students also learnt how minibeasts move, feed and protect themselves through investigating and researching. They then presented individual projects or wrote reports on minibeasts.

The school foyer has come alive with the wonderful work that both classes have created.

More photos of the research projects from 1/2 Teal are further on in the newsletter and also on Facebook.

**Mr Hurley, Mr Sherwood and Ms Arnold**



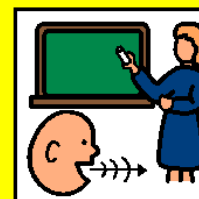


## NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS JANE MARTYN

### 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.



So, it's Week 9 already with only one week to go. We have many celebrations planned for the next week: Presentation Assemblies; Year 6 Graduation; Have-A-Go Show; Stage Party Days and the end of a very unusual but successful year at Urunga Public School.

### PRESENTATION DAY

Our K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Day ceremonies are all organised and we are all very excited that we are now able to have parents attend adhering COVID-19 safe measures. Our 3-6 ceremony from 9.30am and the K-2 ceremony from 11.45am tomorrow. We look forward to seeing you here and celebrating with you. For social distancing measures, please keep the number of family members attending to a minimum. Ensure that you sign in at our top or bottom gate using our QR code or paper version. **Please do not attend if you are unwell.**

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Our emergency procedure rehearsals went well last week. All students and staff participated in lockdown and evacuation drills.

### HAVE A GO SHOW

Our Have-A-Go show preparations are in full swing, with our contestants participating in heats on Monday, followed by finals on Tuesday. Good luck everyone. We are really looking forward to witnessing some great talent!

### SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

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

### 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 '*Building deep connections with kids*' This is an article that focuses on positive parenting.

Take care  
**Jane Martyn**  
Principal





# NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER JENNY LUXON

## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR SIX

Last, but certainly not least, we present our final Year 6 spotlights.....



### JACKSON BRIGGS

**FAVOURITE COLOUR:** Blue  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Burgers  
**FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD:** Australia  
**HOBBIES:** Football, riding scooters and gaming



### SAMANTHA KYOTO KENNEDY

**FAVOURITE COLOUR:** Blue, green and purple  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Any food except McDonalds  
**FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD:** Japan  
**HOBBIES:** Art, music, swimming, surfing and reading  
**ASPIRATIONS:** I would like to become an artist or a vet and travel to Hawaii

The highlights of my time at UPS are the food, teachers and the excursions.



### TAKYLA PEARL ROSE HARDS

**FAVOURITE COLOUR:** Purple  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Lasagne  
**FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD:** Bowral  
**HOBBIES:** Netball, dancing, singing, gymnastics and swimming  
**ASPIRATIONS:** I would like to become a teacher.

The highlights of my time at UPS are playing with my friends, meeting new people, meeting new teachers, playing on the fort and going to the passive play area.

*We wish all our wonderful Year 6 students the very best that life can offer and hope that their educational journey fulfils all their expectations.*

## FABULOUS READERS

A big congratulations to Zoey and Savannah who are our latest pair of students to gain their 1000 minute reading awards. They were presented with their certificates at Monday mornings' school assembly. We hope they keep reading and enjoy some great stories over the Christmas holidays!



## 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 tomorrow, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## SENIOR GIRLS FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCH

On Tuesday, our Senior Girls Cricket Team took on Narranga Public School in a friendly match at Narranga's Cricket Field. Our girls were keen to get out there as PSSA sport this year was cancelled due to the pandemic. With a few school training sessions they improved their performance from their first outing in Term 1. The Urunga girls batted first setting a total of 52 in the first innings. Inara was one of our opening batters who was immovable and held our innings together. Great bowling performances from Eibhlin, Lucy and Jorja showed their backyard cricket practice has definitely been paying off. The match was very close with Narranga winning the match with a late boundary to get 56 runs in the last few deliveries!

The girls had a positive attitude and continually encouraged their team mates and opponents during the match which was very pleasing to see. Unfortunately, the girls did not win the match but had great fun.

Well done girls!  
**Mr Sercombe**



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Books 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, tomorrow, Thursday 10th December.

Good luck in the draw! We hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe lead up to the festive season.



## YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The Year 6 farewell will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This year due to restrictions at venues, the Year 6 farewell will be held at the top COLA at school. Year 6 are asked to arrive at 5.40pm. Year 5 are asked to come at 7.00pm to enjoy the after dinner festivities. The evening will finish at 8.00pm. The theme for this year's farewell is the 80's. Year 6 will need to have their RSVP's returned with payment of \$30 to the office by this Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Year 5 will pay \$5 at the door on the night.

**Mrs Prior**



## HAVE-A-GO SHOW

The Have a Go Show will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of December in Week 10. Students are welcome to share their talent with the school and may want to dance, sing, act, perform magic tricks etc.

The students will be performing in front of other students in their year levels on the Monday. Some students will be chosen to perform on Tuesday at the finale.

**Mrs Thorn and Mrs Ashworth**

## K-4 MOVIE DAY

To celebrate the end of another successful year, Kindergarten and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be having a Movie Day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December—the last school day for 2020. They will be travelling to Nambucca Heads Majestic Cinema to watch the 2020 release movie "Trolls World Tour". The cost of the excursion is only \$6. The school is subsidising the movie and fully covering the cost of the buses. A permission note was sent home last week. Please return it with \$6 payment to your classroom teacher before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Mr Patterson**



## YEAR 5 & 6 FUN DAY

A note was sent home last week with Year 5 and 6 students regarding their Fun Day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Big Banana. They will be going to the Giant Slide and the Water Park. The cost will be \$12 for entry fees. Again, the school will be subsidising the entry fee and will be fully covering the cost of the bus transport. Please return your permission note and \$12 payment to your classroom teacher before Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Mrs Prior**

## STUDENT BANKING

A reminder that school banking finishes for 2020 today. There will be no school banking next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## CANTEEN CLOSED NEXT WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER

The canteen will be closed on the last day of school—Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December due to the K-4 Movie Day and 5-6 Fun Day.

If you need to purchase any uniforms before the end of term, please see Sharon or make an order through the office THIS Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

**Sharon Hearps**

## MORE MINI BEASTS FROM 1/2 TEAL



## WHAT'S DUE

- Sold Christmas Raffle tickets and money before Thurs 10th Dec
- Yr 6 Farewell permission note and \$30 payment by 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  
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

# Building deep emotional connections with kids



Imagine your child comes to you upset that a sibling or friend has cheated in a game. There are a number of ways to respond, including telling them not to worry (“Let it go!”), advising them how to handle it (“Next time you keep the score.”) or empathising emotionally (“You must feel disappointed.”)

Each is a legitimate response for a parent and teacher to make, but only the latter builds a deep emotional connection. Importantly, the empathetic response builds a child’s or young person’s emotional intelligence as it taps into their ability to recognise current feelings.

### How emotional connection works

Kids crave to be understood by others, especially by the people they love or respect. When you accurately feed back how a child or young person is feeling you demonstrate that you really care. Strong relationships are formed on the bedrock of care, kindness and compassion.

### How to give emotional feedback that connects

Giving accurate emotional feedback to an upset child or teenager takes practice. It requires that you pay attention, move into the present moment, listen to a child and identify the feeling behind their words. High or loud emotions such as anger, annoyance and panic are often easier to identify than low or muted emotions such as worry, discouragement or loneliness.

An effective way to connect on emotional level is to listen to what a child has to say, and then think back to a time you were in a similar situation. Imagine if a child says they feel horrible because their friends laughed at them when they made a mistake in class. Rather than respond immediately, think back to a time when you made a mistake in front of others and identify how you felt. Embarrassed, ashamed, or annoyed? “I bet that you felt embarrassed and annoyed when your friends laughed at you.” Your child may tell you that you’re off the mark, but they’ll more than likely appreciate the empathy you show.

### Feed back the positive emotions too

You don’t have to wait until something challenging happens to connect with a child on an emotional level. Accurately mirror positive feelings such as relief (after a stressful situation has passed), enthusiasm (as they begin something they love doing) and chilled (as they put their feet up at the end of the day). We all experience many emotions throughout the day. The ability to accurately recognise and feed back the emotions of children and young people is a wonderful way to build connections of quality and depth.



# 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

**THE WAR  
WITH  
GRANDPA**



## 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 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](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



## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



### Contact

your local Saver Plus Coordinator

### Phone

1300 610 355

### Email

CoffsHarbourSP@thesmithfamily.com.au

### Online

saverplus.org.au

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\* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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