SAKG Gardening & Cooking
In the garden we planted broad beans, cleaned up our corn, buried potatoes, cleaned up the steps to the bottom field and did general weeding. We harvested corn, beetroot, zucchini, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, herbs, eggs, leeks and used some of our onion and garlic from storage. In the kitchen we cooked fried rice, bread rolls, garden salad, vegetable fritters and strawberry pikelets. Thank you to Charlene McKevitt and Gail who volunteered this week. Thank you to Abby Not for donating seedlings and Tik Baff for donating lots of cherry tomatoes which we put in our brand new dehydrator (kindly bought by our P&C) to dry them for future use.

WHAT’S ON FOR TERM 1

WEEK 5
Wednesday, February 26th  
Taronga Zoo Video Conference
Year 6 Leadership Meeting at Bellingen PS – 1pm to 2pm

WEEK 6
Sun 2nd - Mon March 3rd  
Year 6 Leadership Conference at Brisbane

WEEK 7
Friday, March 14th  
Harmony Day Luncheon

WEEK 8
Tuesday, March 18th  
Responsible Pet Program
Wednesday, March 19th  
Ride 2 School Bike Day
Friday, March 21st  
Finlayson Cup Sports Day at

WEEK 9
Monday, March 24th  
Preschoolers Morning 10am-11.30am
Friday, March 28th  
Clean Up Schools Day

WEEK 11
Thursday, April 10th  
Easter Hat Parade & Term 1 Assembly

Notes and Money due:
- Term 1 SAKG Contribution
- Workbooks Fees
- Taronga Zoo Clean Up Aust. Day Video Conference Consent Note
- Yr 6 Leadership Payment (full payment due now)
Weekly Contribution of $1 per student for SAKG
The program has ongoing costs each week, such as cooking ingredients, seeds and seedlings. We are asking that parents help contribute towards these costs by sending in $1 each Friday per child or $11 for term 1. Thank you to the families that have already paid.

Welcome Jo Horwood
Congratulations to Jo Horwood who will be our Kitchen Specialist for Term 1 and 2. We are looking forward to cooking delicious things with Jo in our kitchen. Thank you to the other applicants for your interest in this position. It was a difficult decision to make as each applicant had unique and special individual talents.

Preschoolers Morning
We welcomed eight preschoolers today, Caleb, Isabelle, Freya, Quill, Tahlia, Tyson, Wren and Zoe. They had fun making giraffes and listening to animal stories. Our next preschooler’s morning will be Monday 24th March.

Science with Mrs Sangster
Students have been enjoying science with Mrs Sangster on Thursday afternoons. The topic we are studying this term is called “Switched On”. The
students have been learning about circuits and batteries and how science is all about experimentation, making mistakes and trying again.

Taronga Zoo Video Conference this Wednesday 26th February
This Wednesday 26th February students will be participating in a Taronga Zoo Video Conference. It will focus on the importance of Clean Up Australia Day with students looking at animals and their habitat, providing the opportunity for everyone to see a range of exciting animals up close! Please complete the consent note if attached to allow your child/ren to participate.

Year 6 Pre-Excursion Brisbane Leadership Meeting this Wednesday 26th February, 2014
Year 6 students attending the Brisbane Leadership Conference will be attending a group meeting to go over arrangements, meet the accompanying teachers and students and answer questions. The meeting will be this Wednesday 26th February at Bellingen PS from 1pm to 2pm. Students will be driven from Dundurrabin PS (leaving at 11.45am) to Bellingen PS with Mrs Keough. After the meeting Mrs Keough will transport students back to Dorrigo PS where they will catch the town bus and Jim’s High School bus run in the afternoon. Students will need to wear full school uniform and have a packed lunch and water for the trip.

Year 6 Brisbane Leadership Excursion This Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd March
Year 6 students will attend the Student Leadership Conference at Brisbane this Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd March along with student leaders from other schools in our learning community. They will travel by bus to and from Bellingen Public School. Please note that the cost to students is $115.00 due to a $50 school P&C subsidy, and is due now.

Year 6 Parents
Attached for the parents of our Year 6 students is parent information on Year 7 Enrolment Procedures and Public High schools. Also in the information package is an “Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government Secondary School in 2015” form which needs to be completed and returned to school by Friday 7th March 2014. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to phone and ask Mrs Keough.

Harmony Day Feast – Friday 14th March
We will be participating in Harmony Day on Friday 14th March. Students can come to school dressed in mufti (non-uniform) in orange clothes – the official colour for Harmony Day. This is a day where we unite in a celebration of Australia’s many different traditions and cultures. Harmony Day enhances students’ learning of other cultures, provides opportunities for the students to embrace the many things that make them special and to share those things they have in
common. The theme for Harmony Day this year is “Together We Can”. To celebrate the day we would like invite parents, carers and community members to come and join us for a Balinese luncheon feast at 1.30pm. This is an open invitation to the community to come along and celebrate the diversity of our community and to share your stories. Students will be preparing a Balinese feast to share with everyone. Just bring yourself. A small plate of food to share is optional. If you want to be involved, come along and help the students prepare the feast. RSVP by 5th March.

Ride 2 School Day – Wednesday 19th March
Students will be participating in a Ride 2 School Day on Wednesday 19th March, where they bring their bikes and helmets to school. The day will include some obstacle courses, bike safety and maintenance activities. Bikes and helmets brought in prior to the day will be safely locked up, and if your child does not have a functioning bike or helmet, please let us know so that extras can be organised.

Finlayson Cup Sports Day – Friday 21st March
We will be attending Finlayson Cup Sports Day at Chandler Public School on Friday, 21st March. The day will begin at 9:30, and is due to finish by 2:30. More information and consent note next newsletter.

Student Absence Advice
Please remember a note must accompany a student when they return to school after an absence or the time away will be recorded as unexplained.

2013 Workbook Fees
Workbook fees for 2014 remain the same - $30.00 per student. These fees help towards the costs of student items provided by our school e.g. exercise books, pens, pencils, glue etc... Invoices attached. Thank you those families that have paid already.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
2014 competition dates for Years 3-6 are as follows:
Computer Skills - Tuesday 20th May - $8.00
Science - Wednesday 4th June - $8.00
Writing - Monday 16th June - $17.00
Spelling - Tuesday 17th June - $11.00
English - Tuesday 29th July - $8.00
Mathematics - Tuesday 12th August - $8.00
If you would like your child to participate in any of these competitions, return your choices and the competition money fee to school by Monday 31st March (Week 10).

Uniform Reminder
Students are reminded that they must come to school each day in school uniform. New and second hand shirts may be purchased from school.

P&C News & Community Notices
Easter Raffle Donations – Easter Eggs Wanted
The P&C is asking families if they could kindly donate some Easter Eggs or something Eastery for our raffle that will be drawn on Thursday 10th April at our School Easter Hat Parade. Tickets will be sent home shortly.

Thank You
Thank you to Charlene McKevitt, Gigi Pankhurst and Becky Wykes who worked hard giving the canteen a really good clean out today – it was really appreciated.

Tyringham Rural Fire Service BBQ
RFS monthly BBQs is on this Friday 28th Feb at 6pm at Dundurrabin Community Centre. BBQs will be on the last Friday of each month.

Calling all Kids, Teenagers & Adults
Increase your fitness, self-discipline and concentration while learning self-defence at Dorrigo Fuji Karate Club
Bookings: 6657 2525
Wednesday 17 & 24 February

First Community Designed Dance Party!
A 60s and 70s Classic Rock Dance Party designed by our own community will be held at the Old Gazette Theatre on Saturday 1 March, from 7.30pm to late. The dance music will be selected from nominations from community members of their favourite rock classic prior to the party, with participants dressing in 60s and 70s gear. The evening will be an alcohol-free event open to all ages, with music and fun the natural highs! The event is aimed to assist raise funds for a new projector system for the theatre (target is $20,000) so 2014 will see a number of fun happenings for the community to be involved in at the Old Gazette Theatre. Anyone wishing to make a personal donation towards the projector system, please visit Dina at Hickory Wholefoods. Look forward to seeing you there for a dance party to remember!