Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Well done to Charlotte, Darcy, Joe, Lachlan and Nicholas who travelled to Bellingen to participate in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival last week. They all received places in various events, with our boys relay team coming second. Congratulations to Nicholas who was Senior Boys Champion on the day. They had lots of fun and represented our school proudly.

District Swimming Carnival – Friday 19 February

Congratulations and good luck to Nicholas and Lachlan Gough who qualified for the District Swimming Carnival at Macksville this Friday.
SAKG Gardening & Cooking

Week 1 - Last week students spent time weeding our gardens after the holiday growth spurts, and Lachlan’s group began making their bread. We harvested tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, herbs, shallots and carrots. In the kitchen we cooked zucchini slice, lentil and green bean salad, cucumber side dish, tomato and shallot tart and summer berry muffins. Thank you to Gail, Matthew and Samantha who volunteered in the garden and kitchen.

Week 2 - This week students dug, fertilised and planted lettuce, kohlrabi and purple broccoli seedlings. We also fed and mulched our corn plants. Joe’s group started making their focaccia bread during gardening. We harvested tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, herbs, shallots and carrots. In the kitchen we cooked courgette fritters with chilli jam, warm roasted beet and carrot salad, Mediterranean vegetables stuffed with spicy rice, focaccia and courgette and double ginger cake. Thank you to Tyrie who brought in potatoes, cucumbers and beetroot, and to Gail, Julie and Matthew who volunteered in the garden and kitchen.

Preschoolers Morning

What a wonderful way to begin our preschool mornings with 7 children joining the K-2 class for some fun. Benjamin, Charlie, Henry, Hunter, Kimberley, Lucy and Sunny all enjoyed some play outside, a story, fruit, threading necklaces, making butterflies and some creative play.

Looking forward to our next preschool morning on Monday 7th March at 10am.

Trash Free Tuesday

On Tuesday every week, our school will have a low waste lunch box day where we will try to have no rubbish in our lunch boxes. Food packaging can be left at home or taken home for reuse or recycling. Class bins will remain available for non-food/packaging waste and we will feed our food scraps to the chooks.

PLP Meetings – Personalised Learning Plans

Twice a year we have 3 way meetings with students and their parents / carers to discuss student progress and determine learning goals for their Personalised Learning Plans. If you do not already have an appointment, please fill in the attached timetable.

Students K-6 are joining the Clarence Regional Library

Student's in both classes will be using iPads to access electronic books as part of their literacy work. In order to do this, students will need to become members of
the Clarence Regional Library. A junior membership form is attached for parents/caregivers to complete and return to school. There is no charge to join the library and parents/caregivers do not need to be members of the library in order for students to join as it is being organised through school (ignore the requirement to enter a membership number under ‘Guarantor’s Details’). Clarence Regional Library will issue each member with a Barcode Number and PIN Number and we will use these in class to log into the library system. If students are members of Dorrigo Library, they will already have access to the Clarence Regional Library and parents/caregivers can just write the Barcode Number and PIN Number on the form and return to school.

**Combined Schools Swimming for Sport Afternoons – Tuesdays Week 4 to Week 10**

Even with light drizzle last week, we had a great start to swimming for sport with all students enjoying being active in the pool. We will still participate in swimming if it is raining on Tuesday, the only reason we will not is if there are lightning storms. We will depart school on Tuesdays at 12.45pm and return in time for normal bus / pick up routine. Students will need to pack a big recess, lunch and plenty of water as swimming can make students extra hungry. An extra snack for the way home could be a good idea. The school will provide sunscreen each day. Students may come to school dressed in their swimmers (rash shirt and swimmers) or get changed at school before we leave. They must have a packed uniform (shirt / shorts / trousers / jumper / underwear / socks & shoes) to change into, as well as a towel to dry themselves with. Students will not be able to buy from the shop. If parents need to contact the school for any reason on these afternoons, please phone the school mobile: 0400 475 673 or the swimming pool 66572 578.

**Hernani Combined Schools Day – Friday 26 February**

On Friday 26 February we will be attending a CAPA / Drama combined schools day at Hernani Public School. Mrs Winkel has planned an exciting day for our students. There will be no cost to families for this excursion. Travel will be by Jim’s bus and Mrs Sangster, departing school at 9am and returning for normal bus routine in the afternoon. **Please sign and return the attached consent note and lunch order form with money.**

**Schools Clean Up Australia Day – Friday 4 March**

On Friday 4 March the students will be participating in Schools Clean Up Day. They will be cleaning up in the school grounds as well as out the front of the school. Inspiring children to care for the environment is a vital part of Clean Up Schools Day. If any parents or community members would like to volunteer to come and help us, we will be starting at 9.20am.

**Ride 2 School Day – Friday 4 March**

Students will be participating in Ride 2 School Day on Friday 4 March, where they bring their bikes and helmets to school. The day will include some obstacle courses and road safety activities. If your child does not have a functioning bike or helmet, please let us know so that extras can be organised. **Bike and helmets can be brought into school ready for this event.** They will be stored in the old Library and can be collected after the day.

**Year 6 Pre-Excursion Brisbane Leadership Meeting**

Year 6 students attending the Brisbane Leadership Conference will be attending a group meeting to go over arrangements, meet the accompanying teachers, students and answer questions. Parents may attend the meeting as well to find out more information about the excursion. Date is to be confirmed.

**Year 6 Brisbane Leadership Excursion – Sunday 13 & Monday 14 March**

Year 6 students have been invited to attend the Student Leadership Conference at Brisbane on Sunday 13 March and Monday 14 March along with student leaders from our other small school communities. They will travel by bus to and from Bellingen Public School to Brisbane. Parents will need to drop off and pick up their child from Bellingen on these days. **Cost to students is $150 due to a $50 school P&C subsidy. Money is to be paid in full by Tuesday 8 March. Consent Notes and Information attached.**
Homework and Online Learning Programs
As in past years, homework will be negotiated at parent teacher meetings which are planned to be held this week and next week. We have continued our online learning subscriptions including, Mathletics, Spellodrome and Reading Eggs. If families have internet access and wish for their child/ren to access these subscriptions at home please speak with Mrs Sangster to get passwords and user names.

Library – Change of Day
Library will be on Wednesdays this term due to swimming. Students can bring their books in their library bags each Wednesday and borrow new ones for the week. New students have been supplied with a library bag to use.

Recorders - $8.00 each
K-2 students will be learning recorder this year. If your student does not already have a recorder at home or school, they are available from the office at a cost of $8.00.

Hat Reminders
Students must bring a broad brimmed or flap hat to school daily to wear outside during playtimes. Unfortunately students without hats will not be able to participate in outdoor activities. Please remember to label all your child/ren’s hats and jumpers with their name so they can be easily found and returned to them.

School Shirts Available at School
School or sport shirts are available at the office. School Shirts - $16.00 / Sports Shirts - $22.00 each.

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 Wednesday per child or $10 for term 1.

2016 Workbook Fees
Workbook fees for 2016 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, hand towels etc…. Thank you to those families that have already paid.

BookClub Issue 1 – Due back Tomorrow
Bookclub Issue#1 is due back tomorrow. If you wish to place an order, please have your order forms and money (cash or cheque made to Scholastic) back at school by tomorrow.

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