What a Week!
What a fabulous variety of learning experiences our students had last week. First we had the opportunity to meet Sam Bailey and be inspired by his life experiences. Then, on the same day we spent an hour at the Dorrigo and Guy Fawkes Museum listening to what life was like in the past and seeing many everyday items from the past. On Friday, at our Combined Schools Day at Hernani, students enjoyed the drama performance by Starrs Production about loneliness, as well as sport in stage groups and created fantastical creations with staff from Grafton Gallery.

“We heard Sam. We went to swimming. We went to the Museum. We saw old things. It was very interesting”.

Recount by Isabelle Cartmill

Congratulations
Congratulations to Lachlan Gough who competed at the Mid North Coast Swimming Carnival at Coffs Harbour last Thursday. Also congratulations to Nicholas and Lachlan Gough who tried out at the District PSSA Boys Soccer Trials on Friday at Urunga. They have both made it through to the Mid North Coast trials.
SAKG Gardening & Cooking

Week 1 - Last week students spent time weeding and preparing beds for planting in coming weeks. We harvested tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, herbs, shallots and carrots. In the kitchen we cooked stuffed cabbage rolls, vegetable curry, pickled zucchini, Thai cucumber, coriander and sunflower seed salad, flatbread and zucchini and apple muffins. Thank you to Gail and Matthew who volunteered in the garden and kitchen.

Week 2 – Due to the Rugby League Skills clinic we did not garden last week. We harvested tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, herbs, shallots and carrots. In the kitchen we cooked mixed bean burgers, freshly grated coleslaw, Navajo flatbread, crepes and fruit salad. Thank you to Gail and Matthew who volunteered in the garden and kitchen.

Cook Books
We have printed our 2015 Best Recipes Cook Book and they can be purchased at the office for $5.00 each.

Yummy Honey
Thank you to Leonie Wright who kindly brought in some of their honey and honeycomb from their bee hives. The students and staff really enjoyed it.

National Rugby League Skills Clinic
Jessie from the NRL Development held a fun skills session with all students. Everyone learnt some football handling skills and applications. The skills and skill development games the students participated in were lots of fun and are designed with the emphasis being on a fun non-contact Rugby League experience. Thanks to Jessie

7’s NRL Oz Tag Gala Day – this Thursday 3 March – Bellingen
Years 3 to 6 will be participating in the 7’s Oz Tag Gala Day at Connell Park in Bellingen this Thursday 3 March. We will need to be there at 9.30am. The day will finish approximately 2.30pm. Students will need to either catch Jim’s High School bus run in the morning or met at school by 8.15am. Students will catch either the high school bus run home or can be picked up at the shop at 3.50pm. Students will need to wear their school sports uniform, appropriate footwear and bring a hat. Students will also need to bring water bottles, recess and lunch. Please pack extra food and water as students can get hungry and thirsty while playing.
K-2 students will remain at school with Mrs Sangster for a normal day.

Change of Bus Routine – this Thursday 3 March
Due to the Year 3-6 Class utilising the bus for Oz Tag this Thursday 3 March, we are asking K-2 students
parents if they would drive and collect their child from school on this day. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Thank you

Combined Schools Swimming for Sport Afternoons – Tuesdays Week 4 to Week 10
Swimming for Sport continues each Tuesday. Students are enjoying the water and improving their skills while having fun. We depart school on Tuesdays at 12.45pm and return in time for normal bus / pick up routine. Students need to pack a big recess, lunch and plenty of water. Students may come to school dressed in their swimmers. They must have a packed uniform to change into, as well as a towel to dry themselves with. If parents need to contact the school for any reason on these afternoons, please phone the school mobile: 0400 475 673 or swimming pool 66572 578.

Special Canteen Lunches – this Friday 4 March
Special canteen will be held this Friday 4 March. The order form is attached. Orders and money must be returned to school by this Wednesday 2 March.

Schools Clean Up Australia Day – this 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 – this 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. 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.

Preschoolers Morning – Monday 7 March
Our next Preschool morning on Monday 7th March at 10am.

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.

Harmony Day Feast – Monday 21 March – 1.30pm
We will be participating in Harmony Day on Monday 21 March. Students can come to school dressed in mufti (non-uniform) in orange clothes – the official colour for Harmony Day. To celebrate the day we would like to invite parents, carers and community members to come and join us for a special Middle Eastern Picnic luncheon at 1.30pm. This is an open invitation to the community to come along and celebrate the diversity of our community. If you want to be involved, come along and help the students prepare the feast. Please bring a blanket to sit on.

Easter Hat Parade – Wednesday 23 March – 2.45pm
We will have our annual Easter Hat Parade and Egg Hunt on Wednesday 23 March at 2.45pm. The hat theme will be a “nature crown” and students will be making their hats at school. Please come along and watch the children parade their creations. Preschoolers can also join in the egg hunt.
Finlayson Cup Sports Day – Friday 1 April
We will be attending Finlayson Cup Sports Day at Chandler Public School on Friday 1 April. We will be travelling by Jim’s bus on the day. Cup days are always enjoyed by all as they are about participation, giving it your best and socialising with other students. Everyone has the opportunity to try each event, and points earned throughout the day will go towards our school’s total score. This is a whole school excursion. More information and consent note next newsletter.

Term 1 Assembly – Friday 8 April – 2.30pm
We will hold our Term 1 Assembly on the last day of term, Friday 8 April at 2.30pm. Please come along and see what the children have been doing throughout the term.

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.

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.

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.

P&C News & Community Notices
AGM/P&C Meeting–Wednesday 2 March – 2.00pm
Our AGM and first P&C meeting for this year will be held this Wednesday 2 March at 2.00pm. We would like to have as many people as possible attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out about and get involved with what is happening within the school.

Please come along and enjoy a relaxed friendly gathering in the staff room.