STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Achievement Awards:

Achievement Award K-2: Eden for always putting so much effort into all her work. Well done!

Lexia awards K-2: Congratulations to the following students for successfully completing a new level – Elijah Level 2 and Heather Level 8.

K-2 Fish Bit Winners for week 2 were Heather and Mitchel. Congratulations!

Achievement Award 3 – 6: Jorja for a sustained high level of effort in mathematics.

3 – 6 Team of the Week ... pontificating purple!

Well done everyone!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The winds soaring, the children falling asleep,
The teacher sleepy, the midgys nibbling our toes,
The temperature rising, the number of things awake disgraceful.
The people hot, the midgys nibbling our toes,
THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

By Zeek Mattarollo

Royal Freemasons’ Benevolent Institution (RFBI) Christmas Card Competition

Residents from Bellorana Aged Care Facility, Bellingen visited the school on Friday to present a very important award. Earlier in the year the students from the 3-6 class entered a competition run by Bellorana to design and produce a beautiful Christmas card. All the students participated enthusiastically in the activity and had some fantastic results. One of our entries was chosen by the residents of Bellorana as the winner of the competition. Our school received a $100 voucher from Dymocks and the winner received a $50 voucher. Congratulations to Hannah Smith for her outstanding entry. Thank you to all the residents who made the effort to travel out to our school. We thoroughly enjoyed your wonderful company. Thank you to Paul and Kelly for bringing the residents out to meet us and spend some valuable time with our students. We look forward to Grandparent’s Day when they will join us again for morning tea.
Leadership Training Day
Our Year 5 students have been invited to attend a leadership training day at Bellingen Public School with other Year 5 students from our community of schools tomorrow 13th October. This day will involve a range of activities aimed at developing student confidence, self-esteem and cooperation skills. The day will start at 9:30 am and finish at 2:00 pm. Students will need to wear full school uniform and take a packed fruit-break, recess, lunch and water bottle. Students will travel with Ms Anforth to and from the venue and be back in time for afternoon buses.

Sydney Excursion
With the Sydney excursion quickly approaching I would ask that all permission notes be sent in by Wednesday this week. If you have lost or misplaced your requirements list or itinerary please see the office for a new one as it will be handy for you to know what we are doing each day while we are away. Any questions about the excursion please contact Liz at school.

Big Banana Excursion
“It’s on again!”
The Big Banana excursion is on again this year for all students from Kindergarten to Year Three and any younger siblings. We have decided to have the excursion during week 3 when the older students are away at camp in Sydney. The excursion is funded by the Orama Public School P&C Association however; there will be no bus for the occasion so parents will need to provide the transport. Please see the permission note attached to be returned to school by Friday 16th October (this Friday).
The aqua play area session begins at 11:45 and finishes at 1:15. As the renovated Big Banana park is not operational yet and due to height restrictions we will only have access to the aqua play area. Students, younger siblings and parents will meet Ms Anforth and Mr K at Brelsford Park Adventure Playground (cnr Earl and Albany Streets, Coffs Harbour) at 10:30 for a play on the equipment and time to eat before the aqua session. We will leave Brelsford Park around 11:20 to arrive at the Big Banana before start time. Students need to bring their own packed lunch and recess, water, hats, rash vests and towels. At the conclusion of the session students will travel home with parents. If you are unable to attend on the day please indicate on the permission note that you require a lift for your child and we will see if we can accommodate your request.

Kinder Orientation
Kinder Orientation will be held over 3 weeks this year due to swimming scheme being held in weeks 5 and 6 of Term 4. A flyer will go over to the pre-school this term. Any students who will be attending Orama Public School in Kindergarten in 2016 will be able to join us on 5 days over 3 weeks in Term 4. The dates are as follows:
Week 8 – Wednesday 25th November
Week 9 – Tuesday 1st December and Thursday 3rd December
Week 10 – Monday 7th December and Friday 11th December.

Ukulele and Rhyming with Mr K
Students in the K-2 class had some fun time this week practicing their rhyming in the form of a RAP song accompanied by the ukulele. Fantastic!
NSW Grandparents Day is a state funded initiative that celebrates the vital role that grandparents play in our society, as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents Day recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will have to change the date of our celebration at school to **Monday 26th October**. We would love as many grandparents as possible to come along for morning tea specially prepared by our students at 11.30 in the school library followed by some story time with our students. We hope to see you there.

*Till next week,*

*Liz Arnold*