Term 4 – Week 9

STUDENT EXCELLENCE
Achievement Awards:

**Achievement Award K-2:** Heather for consistent hard work and focus in maths. Well done Heather!

**K-2 Fish bits winners:** Eden and Toby

**Lexia awards K-2:** No Lexia awards in the K-2 class this week.

**Achievement Award 3 – 6:** Jayme for great work in her science project.

**Team of the Week ... the mighty BLUE!**

Well done everyone!

**Buddy Leading**
Yes we changed buddy reading to a leadership activity. The 3-6 students learned the steps to create a simple Christmas tree decoration. That was the easy part. The difficult part happened when they had to remember the steps and then calmly guide a K-2 buddy through the same process. Just to make it a bit more difficult we only gave them 20 minutes! Guess what? They were great and here are some of the end products. Hope you like them when they come home because we had fun making them for you.

Ms Anforth

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**Beach Safety Day**
On Friday 11th December we are having our end of term Beach Day at Sawtell Beach. Travel for this excursion will be by private transport and we encourage parents to come along and enjoy this day with us. A permission note is attached which will need to be returned to school by the 7th December please.

**Students will need to bring:**
- swimmers, swim shirt (or ordinary shirt that can be worn in the water) and hat
- sunscreen
- dry set of clothes to get changed into afterwards
- Recess snacks and BIG bottle of water

Students will participate in the Surf Education Australia Program (SEA Program) run by life guards. This means students will be in the water learning about how to swim safely at the beach. This program is suitable for students K-6 and activities will be modified to suit the various swimming abilities. The school will provide lunch for the students and will pay for the cost of the day.
A Change of Play on a Very Hot Day
Due to the very hot days we had last week we introduced a bit of water play at recess and lunch. I hope you didn’t mind that they got a little wet … they certainly didn’t. The children enjoyed playing with the containers so much we left them out for sandpit play on the cooler days. Some great discussions and creativity ensued. I think we might have to do a few repeat sessions.

Polly Plus and Mary Minus visited the K-2 classroom last week for some exciting maths lessons

Kinder Orientation
Our Kindergarten Orientation day involved lots of interesting and fun learning activities. Our new student, Taj, enjoyed working together with his buddies from our current Kindergarten and Year One cohort.
Our current Year Two student, Marshall, also enjoyed an exciting transition day in the 3-6 room where he too worked together with buddies to practise the routines of the ‘big’ class.

Week 9 – Tuesday 1st December
Week 10 – Monday 7th December

2015 Presentation Night Awards
SAVE THE DATE
The End of Year Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 15th December. This is always a fabulous culmination of the school year so we welcome everyone along. As in previous years, there will be a supper after the performance and award ceremony. Could everyone please bring along something to share for the supper. The Presentation will begin at 5.30pm. There will be school as normal on Wednesday 16th December which is the students’ last day. Teachers’ final day is Friday 18th December.

Year 7 Transition Bellingen High School
Hannah and I went to Bellingen High School for an orientation day. First we went on a tour of the school and were told where all the classes are. Then we joined in on some class activities: art, science and history. In art we made two pinch pots out of clay, stuck them together and then cut off the top to make a lid. In science we got into pairs with students from the other small schools and went around the room doing different activities. These included making card towers, a human bone game, testing chemical reactions with magnesium strips and vinegar (this one went off with a bang), learning a bit about animal skulls, looking through a microscope at some bugs in glass cases, making a whirlpool in a bottle and planting some seeds. After science we did a history mystery case. At the end of the day we made newspaper dresses and had a fashion show. It was a fun day and we met lots of people that we will be going to high school with next year.
by Hannah and Eleanor

Friday 4th December All Schools Orientation Day
There will also be a parent information evening on Monday 7th December to introduce staff and key learning areas with a tour of the school and refreshments.

My dear old Dad (89) continues to make a remarkable recovery at Hollywood Hospital in Perth. I was very fortunate to be there for a family reunion and was able to spend the time with him. He is an outstanding man with a very strong will to live and a close family unit to encourage him to keep going. Thank you all for your patience in my absence.

Till next week,
Liz Arnold

If you are brave enough to say goodbye,
Life will reward you with a new hello…
- Paulo Coelho
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TERM 4 - WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Week 9, Term 4
- Tues, 1st Dec
  - START day (Kinder 2016)
- Thurs, 3rd Dec
  - START day (Kinder 2016)

#### Week 10, Term 4
- Mon, 7th Dec
  - START day (Kinder 2016)
- Fri, 11th Dec
  - Surf Safety Awareness and Beach Fun Day, Sawtell Beach

#### Week 11, Term 4
- Tues, 15th Dec
  - Presentation Night 5:30 pm
- Term 4 Holidays
- Thurs 17th Dec

### P&C NEWS...........
The Thora Community Christmas Party will be held this year at 5:00 pm on Saturday 5th December at Thora Community Hall. Raffle prizes have been donated by local Bellingen businesses and Orama Public School P&C will share in the proceeds along with the Thora Community Hall. Prizes will be drawn and collected on the night.

### CANTEEN
There will only be 2 canteen days left for the year (no canteen on Tuesday 15th December, Presentation Night) and our stock is running low. Over the next 2 weeks we have the following items available on Canteen day – lamb & potato pies, cheese & spinach triangles and hamburgers. Orders can be placed on canteen day as usual.

### BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
We have been allocated Saturday 13th February 2016 as our fundraising sausage sizzle. We would like a commitment from parents to spend a little of their time on Saturday 13th February helping out at the sausage sizzle. All money raised goes to supporting your children at Orama. The sausage sizzle will be operating between 9:00am and 4:00pm with a little extra time beforehand setting up and cleaning up afterwards at the end of the day. If you can spare a couple of hours during the day, please let Irene or Rachel Browning know the time you can do so a roster can be prepared. We are hoping that a parent from each family is able to help on the day in some way. Please ring Rachel on 66558776 or 0400244633 for more information. Thank you.

### Absences
A short note of explanation is required when your child is absent from school. This is for legal purposes. Phone calls may be made to explain absences but a follow up note is also required. Please see the bottom of the newsletter for a proforma which can be used.

### Record of Absence

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### YMCA BELLINGEN SWIM CENTRE

- Holiday Intensives
  - 4th – 8th January or 11th – 15th January
  - $55 per child per week

- Term One Learn to Swim
  - Starts Wed 27th January
  - From $130 per term

- Stroke development/Squad
  - Mon, Tues, Wed 4-5pm

Book now on 02 6655 1688
Or call in and see us at the centre
BELLINGER RIVER TURTLE DEATHS

Public information session
Bellinger River Snapping Turtles

WHEN: 5:30-7:30pm Monday 30th November 2015
WHERE: Bellinger Uniting Church Hall

Representatives from the Office of Environment and Heritage, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Department of Primary Industries, Taronga Conservation Society, Bellinger Shire Council and specialists will be in attendance to provide the latest information.

CONTACT
Telephone: 13 10 50 to report any sightings of dead or dead turtles.

www.environment.nsw.gov.au

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT
FREE

Thursday 10th December 6–8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun
• Santa's little helper workshops
• Gift wrapping service
• Meet Santa in store
• Light refreshments will be provided

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book visit one of our stores or visit www.bunnings.com.au

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