STUDENT EXCELLENCE
Achievement Awards:

Achievement Award K-2: Marshall for excellent work in his Term 3 diagnostic maths test. Well done.

K-2 Fish Bit Winners for week 6 were Sierra and Mitchel.

Lexia Awards to Mitchel for successfully completing Level 8, Heather Level 7, and Eshua Level 12. A special mention to Zoey Browning for completing level 18 of Lexia, the FINAL level! Well done Zoey.

No Magic 100 Awards this week.

Achievement Award 3 – 6: Melody for great improvement in mathematics.

3 – 6 Team of the Week……the mighty Blue.

Well done everyone!

Book Week 2015
What a lovely day we had last Thursday celebrating Book Week. The students had some extremely inventive and creative costumes of characters from books. We had Ariel the Mermaid, Queen Lucy, Princess Bubble-gum, Pharaoh Tut, Frodo and Bilbo Baggins, Fabulous Mr Fox, the Highway Man, Dane, Summer, the Enormous Crocodile, Bear Grills, Elsa, Piggy, a Cowboy, Rainbow Horse, the Music Man, A Spy, Pipy Long Stockings and EJ12 Girl Hero. Students had to each give a brief presentation and description of their character and what book they were from. It was a fabulous morning. Please see the school website for lots more fabulous photos. Thank you to all the students and parents for such an enormous effort with your costumes.

[Website link]
Maths Online School Resource
The school is trialling a new maths resource for the next 6 weeks. Maths on Line is a private tuition program in mathematics to assist students to learn independently. All students have a username and password so that they can access the program both at home and at school. Teachers will set tasks for students to work through at their own pace. Each set task has a 4-9 minute tutorial at the beginning using animation which explicitly teaches the concept followed by practice questions where the students need to get a certain average before they can move onto the next task. The average is set by the teacher and in most cases will be around 90%. This week students will be able to access the program at home if they have the internet. To access the program just go to:
www.mathsonline.com.au

P&C Meeting
Please find attached the minutes of the meeting. Thank you for your attendance on the day.

Fishing Day at Boambee Creek Reserve
Please see the school website for lots of lovely photos of the day.
www.orama-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Wombat Golf
As part of the Orama School sports program the 3-6 class will again participate in the Jack Newton Wombat Golf Tournament for small schools on Friday 4th September, at Dorrigo Memorial Golf Course. The format is a 4 person ambrose with one hole played from 120, 100, 80 and 50m intervals. The winning team will be eligible to compete at the District finals in Week 10 – time and venue to be advised.

If you can assist by attending and supervising a group of 4 students during the golf, please let the school know via the attached permission note.

In addition to the golf activity, 3-6 will also undertake an environmental study of the Bielsdown Creek which surrounds the course. It will be a valuable comparative study with the Bellinger River.

The students will travel to Dorrigo by Dorrigo Bus Service leaving school at approximately 9:30 am and returning by 2:30 pm to catch their usual bus home. Students need to bring their recess, lunch and drinks, and wear their school uniform, hats and joggers. Please return your permission notes by Monday 31st August.
Milo T20 Blast Cricket
In week 9, students from the 3-6 class will join with students from Raleigh Public School to compete in the annual MiloT20 Blast Gala Day at Connell Park in Bellingen. This is always a fabulous day and will be another opportunity for the year 4-6 students to get to know their buddies at Raleigh before our excursion next term. Please see the attached permission note and return to school by Friday 4th September.

K-2 News
What a great time we had in Book Week, “Books Light up Our World”. Everyone took a great deal of effort with their costumes and we had a lot of fun talking about our characters. Thank you to Mr K for making it such a special day. We also started our new Maths Online program. Students really enjoyed it and are getting used to navigating the website. In the homework this week, students will find their username and password on the front cover of their booklet. Just go to www.mathsonline.com.au

In Literacy last week, we learned the letter “x”, direct speech (quotation marks), common and proper nouns, conjunctions (joining words, alliteration and compound sentences. We continued with the magic theme in visual literacy reading the book “Magic Beach” by Alison Lester. In science last week the students were working in collaborative learning teams and using uncooked spaghetti and small marshmallows to create a tower. It was another busy week of fun and learning. Tower photos next week.

Mrs Arnold

3-6 News
We have had a much quieter week this week. Students have been trialling a Yates gardening app to use in our gardening program. It is proving a little difficult but we will get there. During this fun, creative and productive outdoor learning session, students have been busy constructing the greenhouse and planning where to plant seedlings in the garden beds. Seeds have now been planted in our new mini-greenhouse. When large enough we will transplant these into various garden beds. By using the greenhouse and planting seeds we hope to reduce our costs as we will need to buy fewer seedlings.

I-Stop motion is an iPad app that allows students to create cartoon like stories. We began to explore this App last week. WOW! Was there a lot of excitement in the room? Yes. The application will be used to learn more “technology” skills as well as develop story telling skills and to demonstrate some other learning. For example they are being encouraged to use this technology to show what they have learnt about night
and day. It is a very young project and a lot of learning is taking place (mostly by the teacher ...) and I am sure we will have some interesting film clips to show at the end.

Another great week 3-6, well done!

**START**
Next START day this term will be next Monday 31st August.
The START program next term will be run over 5 weeks for students who will be attending Orama PS in 2016. We are working towards having students attend on a different day each week so they can become familiar with daily and weekly routines. Dates are yet to be finalised so please watch this space for more news.

**Sydney Excursion**
The cost to parents of the Sydney Excursion for Years 4, 5 and 6 is $250. For those parents who have paid the non-refundable deposit of $50 the remaining cost needs to be paid in full to the school by the end of Week 10, Term 3 (Friday, 18th September). Parents can pay the $200 in instalments if they wish, during Term 3.

**Rewards Programs**
Thank you to all families who have been sending in their Earn and Learn stickers. Ask your friends, neighbours and family members to collect their stickers for us. In the past, our school was able to redeem our stickers on a variety of art, craft and sporting resources. The program will close on Tuesday 8th September.

Bellingen IGA supports our school with its Community Benefits program. When you make a purchase at Bellingen IGA and quote our identifier code of 6029, rewards are allocated to our school. Alternatively, when you are next at Bellingen IGA you can pick up a specially barcoded card at the cigarette counter which can be shown at any checkout when making purchases. Bellingen IGA supports our school with a monetary donation from this program which is spent on programs for our students.

**Father’s Day Sunday 6th September**
To all our Dads this coming Sunday, we wish you a fantastic Father’s Day.
**TERM 4 - WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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**Let’s Play Cricket!**

**Bellingen Junior Cricket Club**

are inviting Boys and Girls from 8-14 years to come and play cricket in our U/12 and U/14 teams for the upcoming 2015/16 season.

**Online registrations are being taken (and encouraged) at www.playcricket.com.au**

Registration and Training days for both teams are being held at Connell Park, Bellingen on **Tuesdays 8th and 15th September @ 4pm**

For more information please contact

U/12 – Tanya – 0414 754 964
U/14 – David – 0434 102 936

**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. These are in the newsletter weekly.