P&C news

Raffle tickets need to be returned by 9.00 am tomorrow morning for your chance to win one of three great Easter prizes.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5 May 2015 (Week 3, Term 2). All positions will be declared open and nominations made, followed by voting by current members.

A reminder that Recess Packs are available tomorrow for those students who have ordered a hot cross bun and milkshake.

ANZAC ceremonies

In the first week of term 2, on Thursday, 23 April 2015, the whole school will be travelling by bus to the Kempsey Museum to participate in an Anzac education program. Note is enclosed and must be returned as soon as possible.

On Saturday, 25 April, 2015 we will be holding an ANZAC day parade and ceremony, starting at the Bellbrook Park at 10.30 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend and children should wear school sports uniform.

Library news

Everyone should have returned all library books and home readers by now. Please have a look around at home.

We have some great new books ready for next term and it’s great to see lots of students already starting on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge. Books can be read at home or at school and students need to enter each book on-line using their school log in.

Why is pineapple good for kids?

Pineapple is rich in vitamin C and dietary fibre, which is important for intestinal health. It is also a good source of manganese, which is vital for bone, joint cartilage and brain function.

School spending

Lots of new resources have been ordered recently including class readers and science experiment packs. This will give students a new variety of readers and the science packs will make teaching science quick and fun for everyone.

Our sand pit has been moved to the front of the school and refilled, and some more garden beds are soon to go up ready for more planting. A small garden shed is also being built for garden storage.

Furniture for extra storage around the school will arrive shortly along with some new office furniture for visitors and a low chair for each classroom so that teachers can sit amongst the students on the floor for group work.

Sports report

On Thursday 19th, Years 5 & 6 travelled down to the netball courts in Kempsey to compete in the Netball cup.

We played a total of six schools from the Nambucca valley and the Macleay. We managed to beat three teams but unfortunately we did not progress through to the next level of the competition. We learnt a lot about the game and also some new skills on the day. It was great fun!

Genevieve had a great day at the Lower North Coast Soccer trials recently. The competition was very tough and the weather was very hot. Only 12 out of 24 girls from other schools made it through to the next level.

Zucchinigreat ways to add grated zucchini

This mild tasting nutritious vegetable compliments more pronounced flavours of other foods so it can easily be added to kids’ meals to meet that 5-veg serves a day requirement.

Grate zucchini on a course grater, firmly squeeze the grated flesh to remove excess juice then simply...
• combine with mince for burgers or patties
• fold through a sweet muffin mix
• add to Bolognese or lasagne sauce
• stir through an omelette before cooking

More cosmic yoga in K-2.

Heidy and Lea-Ann enjoy holding our chickens. Each week we check and photograph their changes.

Children at school early last week were lucky enough to catch the vehicles raising money for Sids for Kids before they headed off. They had their photo taken with Mater from Cars.
School & Community News

FIRST AID COURSE - Upper Macleay Preschool is running a First Aid course for ‘Providing first aid response in and education and care setting’ which is also relevant to parent of children. This is a national and Workcover recognised course valid for three years.

Cost: $170 - Date: Tuesday 14th April (during school holidays)
6.5 hours and a pre-course assessment is required.
Anyone wanting to do only CPR, will cost $60 and will take just under 2 hours. To book in contact Pam at Preschool on 65671491.

Principal's news

Tomorrow’s activities - We hope to see lots of parents at school tomorrow morning for our School Assembly at 9.00 am where children will receive their awards. This will be followed by our Easter Hat Parade at 9.30 am.

Camp - We are hoping that the kitchen will be completed in the holidays ready for our camp. We would like to run the camp in week 3. As it will be getting cooler, we will camp inside the classrooms. Over the holidays please check your bikes to make sure they are in working order. We will be focusing on safety and this will include road and bike safety, food handling, safe use of equipment and tools in the gardens.

“What to do when we can’t get you?” - It is disappointing that only six cards have been returned to school. We have more than double this number of families in the school. Please return the cards as they are very important. If you have misplaced your card please come in and get a new one.

School Mobile Phone - Please ring the school on 6567 2049 if you have important messages that need to get passed onto the students by 3.00pm. This might include catching the bus home, walking down to the park or being collected by another person. The schools message bank is checked by all staff at 3.00pm and will ensure the message gets passed on.

Allison Mitchell

Bellbrook Babbler

Term 1 - 31 March 2015

WHAT’S ON

TERM 1
Week 10
Tues 31 Mar
9.00 am Assembly
9.30 am Easter Hat Parade
10.30 am Scripture

Thurs 2 Apr
Recess P&C Easter Pack

Week 1
Mon 20 Apr
Staff Development Day
Tues 21 Apr
Students return
Thurs 23 Apr
Whole School Excursion Kempsey
Sat 25 Apr
ANZAC 100 Years Commemoration

Week 2
Wed 29 Apr
Durri Dental Checks (tentative)
Thurs 30 Apr
Mrs Mitchell Science Training

Week 3
Tues 5 May
P&C AGM 3.15pm
Wed 13 May
NAPLAN
Thurs 14 May
NAPLAN

Week 4
Tues 12 May
NAPLAN
Wed 13 May
NAPLAN
Thurs 14 May
NAPLAN

Week 5
Tues 19 May
School Assembly 2.30 pm
Thurs 21 May
BPS Athletics

Week 6
Tues 26 May
School Photos
Wed 27 May
P&C Meeting 3.15 pm
Thurs 28 May
John O’Neill Sports Willawarrin

Friendship, responsibility, life-long learning