Bellbrook athletics

In Week 5 on Thursday, 21 May 2015, our annual school athletics carnival will be held. This is a great day out for parents and community and will be held on the grass next to the Bellbrook Cabins.

The P&C will be operating a canteen on the day so please keep the date free as parent help will be needed for the canteen as well as on the field.

Dental visit

Staff from Durri Dental Clinic have not yet visited the school. We are waiting for a date to be made available for their very busy staff.

NAPLAN testing

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy tomorrow and through to Thursday this week.

It is important that a healthy breakfast is eaten on all three days and that students go to bed early each night.

If parents have any concerns, please let us know.

School camp by Nikia

On Thursday the whole school slept overnight in the classrooms. The girls slept in the 3-6 room and the boys slept in the K-2 room. During the two days we learnt the importance of staying safe on our bikes and in our community. We were even lucky enough to have our local Policeman Troy call in for a chat and some dinner. My favourite part of the camp was playing “spot light”. I hope we get to do it again.

Reconciliation art challenge

Now in its sixth year, the School’s Reconciliation Challenge is the NSW Reconciliation Council’s annual art competition for young people in NSW in Years 5 to 9. The challenge aims to use art as a vehicle to engage students in the reconciliation process and to foster respectful relationships between schools and local Aboriginal communities.

Years 3-6 have been working on their artwork titled “Local Heroes” for the past couple of weeks and plan to have it finished and sent off to Sydney this week.

Winning artworks will be framed and exhibited at The Rocks Discovery Museum in Sydney from NAIDOC Week (5-12 July 2015) until September 2015, with sponsored travel for winners to attend the exhibition launch.

Our 3-6 have loved being a part of this creative project and look forward to hearing results later in the year. A photo of the finished work will appear in our next Babbler.

Establish healthy family habits

- Children are more likely to eat well and be active if they are surrounded by family members working to do this together.
- Talk together as a family – decide on some healthy goals you would like to try as a family.
- Start slowly – start with small changes that are achievable and will give your family success.
- Include children – ask younger children for their ideas and let older children make some decisions about what family activities to try.
- Get going – choose a family activity for a week and have a go e.g. turn off the TV for one night and play a game together or go for a walk after dinner.

Nikia and Lydaesha made sushi in Mr Fly’s cooking groups last week.

More yummy camp food! Rice paper rolls were a healthy favourite and no cooking required!

Some Mother’s Day artwork made in Mrs Stewart’s groups.

Ellie and Nemani made beautiful flowers for their mums in Mrs Stewart’s craft group last week.

What did the digital clock say to the analog clock?

Look, no hands!

Yummy food was enjoyed by everyone at the camp. Thank you Mrs Clarke for making perfect pinwheels (snails)!

Children proudly marching on Anzac Day.
School & Community News
Where are they Now?
A reminder that we would love any pictures, letters or information to display on our walls in the front office. We have a collection of old photos etc along with what our former students are doing and their achievements.

Medicare Local Invitation
Medicare Local recently held First Aid training in your area and now the community is better equipped with skills to help in an emergency. Following this training, we would like to invite you to have a yarn and a cuppa with us, to talk about some of the health and well-being issues that you, your neighbours and friends are facing. The conversation will only take about an hour and, in order to have as broad a cross section of ideas and solutions as possible, we would like to invite everyone to attend and be part of the conversation.

Tuesday, 16 June 2015 at the Bellbrook Hall from 10.30am to 12.00pm
Please RSVP by 10 June by email rlunney@ncml.org.au or by phoning Rowan Lunney on 6659 1800.

Flyers are available in the school foyer. These can be used to RSVP via fax.

Principal’s news
What a fantastic camp we had last week. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in the kitchen during meal preparation. Spot Light was great fun with many parents joining in. Spot Light hiding champion goes hands down to Ellie Prior.

Our local Police officer came to our camp to help reinforce the importance of following all safety rules. The children have conducted a community road safety audit and identified three areas that we need to address. We will be following these up this week.

Thank you also to our school staff for giving up their time to attend the camp and make it possible.

Even though our safety camp is over it doesn’t mean that safety should be forgotten.

Allison Mitchell

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Zeke, Imogen and Mahteece at the Kempsey Museum.

What’s On
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

Week 7
Tues 2 Jun P&C Meeting 3.15 pm
Fri 5 Jun John O’Neill Sports Willawarrin

Week 9
Wed 17 Jun Small Schools Athletics Kempsey
Thur 18 Jun Dance Festival

Week 10
Tues 23 Jun 9.00 am School Assembly

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