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School & Community News

Dalaigur Preschool & Children Services are celebrating 50 years during the week of Monday, 15 June to Saturday, 20 June 2015. Mon-Wed are open days from 10.30 to 12.30 with displays and morning tea. Thurs-Fri is a culture festival from 10.30am. Saturday is a formal Gala dinner dance at Kempsey High School from 5pm to 10pm (limited tickets available at the office for $25pp). If you have something to display or want more information, phone 6562 4758.

Medicare Local Invitation - A reminder that on Tuesday, 16 June 2015, community members are invited for a yarn and a cuppa at the Bellbrook Hall from 10.30am to 12.00pm to talk about any health and well-being issues that you, your family and friends, or neighbours are facing. RSVP Rowan by 10 June on 6659 1800.

Chicken Vegetable Soup with Cheese Stick

**Ingredients**
- 2 skinless chicken breast fillets
- 1 litre reduced salt chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 leeks, washed and thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 sticks celery, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 6 cups young green leaves (watercress, rocket, sorrel, baby spinach), washed
- 3 tablespoons fresh pesto
- Cracked pepper to taste
- Cheese sticks
  - 1 sheet canola puff pastry, thawed
  - 3 tablespoons finely grated reduced fat cheese

**Method**
1. Put the chicken in a pot, add just enough chicken stock to cover and poach gently for about 10 minutes or until just cooked. Set aside to cool.
2. Heat the oil in a large pot, add the leeks and cook gently for about 2 minutes until soft. Add the carrot, celery and garlic, strain the chicken poaching stock through a fine sieve and add to the vegetables with the rest of the stock. Simmer for 10 minutes. Chop the greens finely, add to the soup and cook for a further 10 minutes.
3. Tear the chicken breasts into fine shreds and add them to the soup. Stir in the pesto and cook for a further 10 minutes.
4. To make cheese sticks preheat oven to 220C. Cut the puff pastry into 2cm thick strips and place on a paper lined baking tray. Sprinkle with the cheese and bake for 20 minutes or until crisp and golden.
5. Serve the soup in wide bowls with cheese sticks.

Source: www.healthykids.gov.nsw.au/recipes

Bellbrook Babbler

**Principal's news**

PLP meetings - Staff will soon be contacting parents to arrange a time to meet and discuss children’s Personal Learning Plans. It is necessary for all children to have a plan that has parent input. Please keep an eye out for the note.

Busy times ahead - Over the last few weeks of this term, students will be participating in a number of different events/excursions. If you would like any more information please don’t hesitate to call the school or come in and speak to a member of staff. Please read and complete all notes enclosed carefully and return to school by Friday. Keep the top section so you know what’s happening on the day.

Allison Mitchell

**WHAT'S ON**

**Week 9**
- Tues 16 Jun: Dance Festival Melville High & Community Helpers Excursion
- Wed 17 Jun: Medicare Local Community Meeting (Bellbrook Hall 10.30-12.00)

**Week 10**
- Tues 23 Jun: Small Schools Athletics Kempsey (only selected students)
- Wed 24 Jun: NAIDOC celebrations Kempsey
- Thur 25 Jun: Daggy Day - Red Nose Fundraising
- Fri 26 Jun: Last day term 2

**Term 3 Dates**
- Mon 13 Jul: Staff Development Day
- Tues 14 Jul: All students return
- Tues 4 Aug: P&C Meeting
- Wed 5 Aug: Lower Nth Coast Athletics Wauchope
- Wed 19 Aug: Get Hooked Fishing Program
- Fri 21 Aug: Premier’s Reading closes
- Tues 25 Aug: Book Week Parade

Our Champions from Bellbrook Athletics: Elena, Ellie, Margaret, Ari, Isimeli, Heidy and Nemanii