Relieving Principal's Message

Term 4 is already proving to be an extremely busy one with extra weekly activities such as dance, drama, tennis and/or bowls and those one-off activities such as horse sports, a state relay, public speaking and the Ellerston small schools' fun day. Add to that mix a changing staff line-up with both Ms Fox and myself taking long service leave this term. We are so lucky to have reliable, competent relief staff who can keep regular classroom programs going and who also add their own personal stamp to proceedings.

Relay Team

Congratulations to our relay team who performed credibly at the recent state athletics championships at Homebush. Emily, Darcy, Anekah and Lachlan trained hard and were rewarded with a team best time on the day. Thanks must go to the parents who were able to organise transport to extra training sessions in Scone and to Nicky Western for training the team.

Public Speaking

Four children, Samantha Roche, Henry Hubbard and Camilla and Jack Teague participated in the Small Schools Public Speaking competition at Belltrees today. K,1,2 enjoyed listening to Sam's, Henry's and Camilla's speeches on Tuesday morning. I am sure they will benefit greatly from their experience today. Thank you also to these families for their assistance in helping the children prepare speeches and for transporting them to Belltrees.

Norvill Art Prize

We have been invited to view the Norvill Art Prize exhibition at Murrurundi. I think it is quite important that we support the significant events that occur in our local area as well as broadening our students' cultural experiences. This will be a wonderful opportunity to view the art work of former Blandford pupil, Nicola Pratten. Make sure you are at school by 9am on Friday, 24th October. K-2 will leave school at 9.05 and return by 9.45. 3-6 leave school at 9.30, returning by 10.15 approximately. Please complete the permission note at the end of this newsletter.

Storytelling

If the children or the adults in your household are interested in this craft please read the attached flyer from arts upper hunter.

Vegie Patch

Don’t forget to help yourself to our abundant supply of salad leaves, spinach, radish and kale. Year 2 girls made a lovely salad for fellow students last week but there are still lots of leaves to be used.
**Fun Day**

The Ellerston Small Schools' Fun Day organised by Mr Leayr will take place on Wednesday 5th November, 2014. A note outlining the day's events, a permission note and lunch order form is attached. Please send relevant notes back by Thursday 30th October. Please select the travel arrangement which would suit you and send it back to school this Thursday or Friday at the latest.

**Bowls**

Unfortunately only one parent has offered to transport Years 3-6 children to bowls at Murrurundi this week. No parents have volunteered for the 7th November or the 5th December. Therefore we are hiring the Railway Hotel bus which will be driven by Mr & Mrs McWilliams and all children will be required to pay $3 each Friday. If you are able to assist on either the 7th November or 5th December please return the transport note by Friday.

Because the children will now be travelling by bus you will need to complete another travel permission note. Please return this by Friday.

**Rotary Flower Show**

This event is being held on Saturday 25th in the grounds and building of Murrurundi House. Our students have entered paintings in an art exhibition to be held in conjunction with the flower show.

There is also a children’s competition for floral displays which your child/children may like to enter.

**Tennis**

Both classes have had their first tennis lessons. Please send in payment for this and the remaining lessons as soon as possible so that Mrs Clinch can 'get her books in order'!

**Students of the Week**

K-2 Ella and Jensen — for great work when writing their sounds.

3-6 Quinn— excellent effort in classroom

   Brock— excellent responsible behaviour

**Beersheba**

A small band of students have so far nominated to participate in this significant annual community event on Saturday. Please return your note advising us of your child's/children's availability or otherwise. Sam Watson will be reading the prayer for the Queen during the service. Thank you Sam for accepting this most important job. Students should assemble near the old 'Secretary's box' (opposite side to the grandstand) at Murrurundi oval wearing their summer uniform by 10.45am please.

**No more nits!**

I have it on good authority that a comb that emits a pulse is effective in killing and removing live lice. Ask me for details if you would like to find out more.
Upper Hunter Shire Council invites you to a celebration of the resurrection of the Swinging Bridge at 2.30pm Saturday 25 October on Murulla Street near the old Court House.

Murrurundi’s 2014 Citizen of the Year Brian Hunt will officially re-open the pedestrian crossing over the Pages River.

After the opening we will take an historic photo around the bridge to show future generations (we have calculated we can get at least 50 children on the bridge – make sure yours is one of them).

Dressing in old-world costumes is encouraged if you can. Wear gumboots if you want to stand in the river for the photo...

HOT OFF THE WIRE!

At Belltrees today Sam Roche was the winner in the Stage 1 competition with her speech about her horse. Camilla (au pairs) received an encouragement award and Henry (Wallabada Rock) received a participation award. In the Stage 2 competition, Jack Teague gained an encouragement award.

“TRI-IT” TRIATHLON PROGRAM FOR 6-11 YEARS

Have you ever wanted to have a go at swimming, cycling and running one after the other? Think you might be up for the challenge? Then come and join the 6 week “Tri-It” triathlon program.

When: Wednesday 5th November to 10th December, finishing with a triathlon at Singleton on Sunday 14th December

Time: 4-5pm

Cost: $65, includes membership to Triathlon NSW and junior membership of Singleton Triathlon Club for the 2014/15 season, pool entry fees, instruction by an accredited coach, entry into the Singleton Club race.

Venue: 5th & 19th November and 3rd December—sports complex in Scone
12th & 26th November and 10th December—Scone pool.
Sunday 14th December—Singleton Gym’n’Swim

Bring: To the complex—bike, helmet, joggers, water bottle, hat you can run in.
To the pool—swimmers, goggles, towel, joggers, shorts/shirt and hat to run in, water bottle.

For more information or to book a place (which are limited) please email Nicky Western nwestern@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or call 0414-806074.

Name……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

☐ I will take my own children to the Ellerston Fun day.

☐ I will take my own children and ……. Extra children to the Ellerston Fun Day.

☐ I would like my child/children to travel on the bus to the Ellerston Fun day (only 20 seats available). I accept this will cost me $20 per child.

RETURN THIS NOTE TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY PLEASE.
Beersheba Catering is on this Saturday at Murrurundi Bowling Club. If you haven’t sent your note in please do.

We need more helpers from 11am—3pm time slot.
We need more cooking of cakes/slices or biscuits.
Eggs are also needed.

Cooking can be dropped off at school this Friday or at the Murrurundi Bowling Club between 8.30am and 9.30am, so that luncheon plates can be assembled and wrapped.

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P & C meeting will be postponed until next Thursday, 30th October at 4pm in the library.