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Term 4 - Week 10

Monday, 10 December 2012

## Congratulations Tomas- Young Actor



"Tomas Pocilujko was in the wonderful Peter Pan production held at the Coffs Harbour Botanical Gardens over the weekend. He played two parts - the angry Mr Darling (pictured), and Slightly, one of the Lost Boys. Tomas had a great time and appreciated having three of his friends (Stuart, Finn and Bill) come and support him. As a result of his great performance, and his attitude through the year,

he's been awarded a scholarship by the "Young Actors Studio".

## Congratulations Somali- Young Photographer

Somali Luxford of 5/6M recently won two 1<sup>st</sup> prizes for the photos she entered at the Dorrigo Show!



## Community Connections Program

For the past few weeks students from Year 6 have been visiting the residents at Bellorana Aged Care for over an hour each Thursday morning. They've learnt about their lives and experiences and introduced them to the iPad.



This fantastic program has helped to form friendships between the generations and helped brighten the day for these residents. Gradually they have started to touch and move puzzle pieces or play majong or scrabble with their young friends. This program has been so successful that we will be following up next year !



## From the Principal's Desk

### Simply the Best!

As we move into our second last week of the term, and indeed the school year, this week will be a week of where we look back at our achievements over the year, and celebrate many successes.

Tomorrow evening beginning with our wonderful string group, our Art Exhibition will feature in our hall. This will open at 5pm with an official opening by Jack Maher at 6pm, followed by our 'Opera House' Choir. Jackie Lee and Sonja Stephen have curated the art work with contributions from all students, working with their class teachers and Jackie.

Wednesday, at 9:30am, again in our hall, will be our annual Presentation Day. We have a number of invited guests coming to assist in the recognition of students.

On Thursday, at 6pm, this year's Year 6 will gather for a dinner to celebrate their time here at Bellingen PS. Year 5 will then join them for a disco, after the dinner.

Looking forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

Many people have contributed their time and skills to making this week truly celebratory for all our students, and it's a big thanks to them all.

### School swimming

Our two week swimming program finished on Friday, and was very successful. It goes without saying that when we live in such a glorious part of the world it is important that all students be able to swim.

Kate Sommerville was our organising teacher for this important program, and thank you Kate.

And, our traditional age 8 and up school swimming carnival is Tuesday of week 2, 2013 ie. February 5.

### Leaving our school?

As we continue to plan for our classes in 2013 if you think you may be moving away please let us know through your child's class teacher so we can ensure we have accurate student information on which to plan.

Thank you to those parents who have communicated with us.

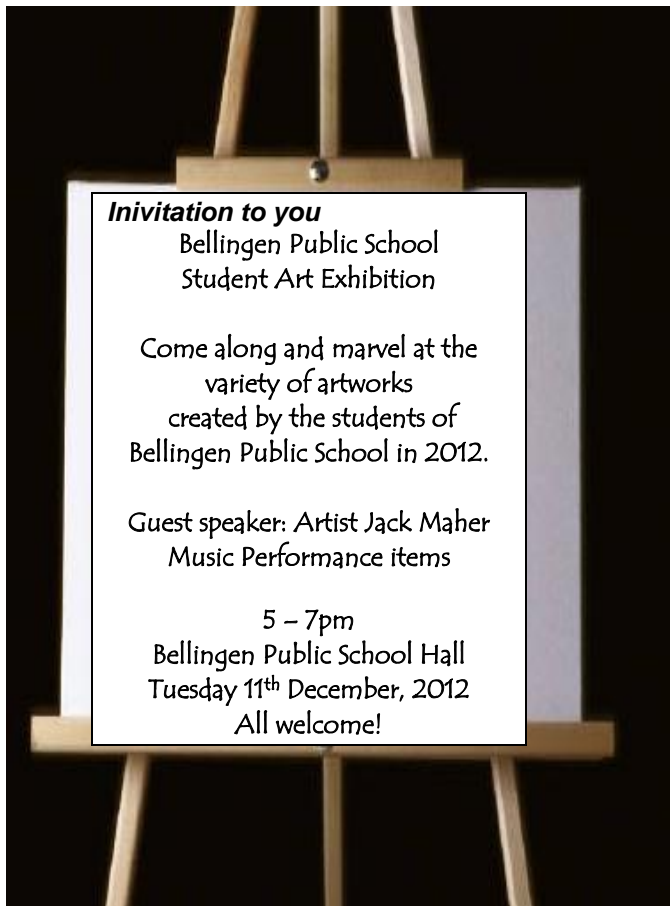
Regards

Graeme Ross, Principal

## Important Dates & Times for the weeks ahead

### December

Mon 10	Information evening for 2013 Year 7 parents & care givers. Refreshments provided 6-7.15pm
Tues 11	Art Exhibition in the hall 5-7pm Senior strings & Bellingen Public Choir to perform at the Art Exhibition. Everyone welcome.
Tues 11	Community Tutor thank you morning tea 9-10am
Wed 12	9.30am Presentation day. Everyone welcome
Thurs 13	Year 6 Farewell dinner 6pm and Yr 5 Disco 7.30pm
Thurs 13	View Club Tutors Thank you morning tea 9-10am
Frid 14	9.30am – 11am K-2 Christmas Concert
Sat 15	String players to busk at the markets 11-12noon
Tues 18	K-6 Beep test 50c fundraiser 9.30am
Tues 18	K-6 Talent Quest, 12-1.45pm
Wed 19	Last day of Term 4 or students
Fri 21	Last day of Term 4 for staff



## Canteen News

It is with no small amount of frustration and embarrassment that I announce that the great Freeze Pop famine has not yet come to an end as I previously thought. This week we only have Vanilla and Orange/Mango Freeze Pops available. So where are all the Freeze Pops, if I can't get any?

I was told by a couple of suppliers that they are waiting on the ship transporting them to arrive. So I checked on an empty container of Freeze Pops to see where they came from. I discovered that they are produced in Indonesia.

The upshot of all this is that some flavours will be difficult to obtain for the rest of this year.

Since Christmas is nigh, to keep with the spirit, this week's special turkey, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce. As usual this will be available on the last two days of the week. Priced as usual at \$5.00 including a drink or \$3.50 without a drink.

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Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

## End of Year Talent Quest is coming

It is time to start practising your act for this fantastic event. Teachers will select 2 acts from each class to compete in the Talent Quest which will be held on Tuesday Dec 18 12 to 1.45pm.

## Canteen Roster - December

Dec	
Tue 11	Anna Joy
Wed 12	Leonie Jennings
Thur 13	Carrie Hain, Rachel Peart, Jo Barr
Fri 14	Gwenda Turner, Leonie Jennings, Regie Bowers
Mon 17	Elaine Thornycroft
Tue 18	Dan Pullinger

## Current Notes – Please return asap

Community Tutor & View Club Tutor Students – morning tea reminder

Year 5 Disco note for Yr6 farewell dinner

Year 6 – farewell dinner details and permission

Stage 3 families – Musical DVD order from

Strings – Gig guide

Milo BLAST school Cup – Yrs 3 & 4 Cricket comp

## Mac Computers For Sale

iMac computers; ex- School; all in good condition sold as is. They all have operating system and other included software. Price ranges \$50 - \$400 please forward enquiries to Mel Wilton through the front office.



## WIN AN iPad MINI JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS\*



This is the last week to enter this competition and the last week for banking. Just make a deposit into your Dollarmite account at school on Tuesday December 11, 2012 and you will automatically be entered into the draw to win 1 of 12 iPad Mini's. Remember banking day is every Tuesday.

## Nutrition Survey Thanks

An extract from a letter received last week: "The visit went extremely well and the students were enthusiastic to complete the surveys. Again we found your students particularly polite and well-mannered and it was a pleasure to spend a day at your school."

# ATTENDANCE AWARD

## Congratulations

**4/5H**

You had the best attendance at our school last week.

**It's cool to be at our school!**

## Meals on Wheels Giving Tree



Each year at the Stage One Christmas Concert gifts are donated to an Open Arms Care representative. These gifts are distributed by Meals on Wheels to our elderly residents on Christmas Day. Could Stage One families please bring in a wrapped gift,

with a label showing if the gift is for a man or woman, to our front office asap. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program which has been a tradition at Bellingen Public School for over 10 years.

## 2013 Elective Program

We are looking for volunteers to help with our 2013 Elective program. The courses we offered last year were Basket Weaving, Hip Hop dancing, Lego Technic master class, Felting, Art, Digital Photography, Radio Announcing, Ballroom Dancing, Clay Gargoyles, Hand Sewing, Aromatherapy, Paper crafts, Candle Making, Pottery, Environmental Structures, Mural Painting & Chess..

Please contact the school on 66551147 if you would like to help run a course for our 2013 program.

## Fantastic Raffle Drawn this Wednesday!

Don't forget to bring your tickets in by this Wednesday December 12. The winners of our fantastic raffle will be announced at our Presentation Day.

Don't miss out on your chance to win one of these fantastic prizes.

- \$50 voucher @ Relish at the Federal
- \$20 voucher from Bellingen Butchery
- \$25 voucher for a sunset trip from Bellingen Canoe adventures
- Gelato Bar - voucher
- The Little Red Kitchen- voucher for 1 large pizza

- Alchemy – 2 x \$35 vouchers
- Valery Horse Trails – 1 free horse ride
- Bellingen Video - \$50 voucher
- Sweet Bellingen - \$10 voucher
- IGA - \$25 voucher
- Bellingen Golf Club – voucher for 2 rounds of social golf incl cart
- RJ's Menz Wear - \$25 voucher
- Roots Records – voucher

Please support these wonderful local businesses who have kindly supported our school.

## Piano & String Concert

A big crowd was wowed by the Piano & String students performing at the concert today



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**Mondays:** 4.30pm-5.30pm Bellingen Youth Hub for 12+ years

**Tuesdays:** “New” Mum’s Class 10am-11am  
Bellingen Uniting Church Hall

**Wednesdays:** 6pm -7pm Bellingen Public School Hall

**For more details: call MAXIE 0415 342 167**