

Monday Messenger



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What's on this week term 4 week 7

Week	21.11.11
Monday	Monday Messenger Zumba No Scripture UD Religion Presentations Principal Assessment Review Schedule (PARS) - Sue
Tuesday	Taekwondo LD Diwali Celebrations SAKGP – Stage 3 only
Wednesday	Kindergarten Orientation – Day 3 Sue RFF UD Library
Thursday	CANTEEN - Grant & Monique Greg RFF LD Library School Spec Performance for Parents (see invitation below) Taekwondo Scholarship entries due Election of School Leaders for 2012 – Year 5 students present speeches to the school student body
Friday	School Spectacular – UD, Tyler & Hayley

Signing Of Joint Agreement With The Aboriginal Community

On Friday the schools from the Great Lakes Learning Community signed an historic agreement with the Worimi people of this area. Between us we jointly commit to respecting, valuing and supporting each other to assist Aboriginal students achieve successful education and training outcomes through 4 key focus areas: leadership, planning and accountability; ongoing learning and professional development; relationships and pathways; and teaching and training.



Diwali Celebration

Tomorrow Lower Division will be modelling a Diwali Celebration. As previously stated, children will be encouraged to dress up. If children can bring flowers to decorate the room especially marigolds it would be greatly appreciated.



School Spectacular Performance

Parents are invited to the final rehearsal of our performance for the School Spectacular.

We will be rehearsing at 10:30am on Thursday 24th November.

A reminder of the details for our trip on Friday morning:

Schedule:

- 6:00 Students arrive at school & board bus
- 6.15 Depart Bungwahl PS
- 8.15 **Ferndale Rest Area** Breakfast
- 10.45 **Arrival at Sydney Entertainment Centre/** Recess
- 11.15 **Set-up Designated Area**
- 11.45 **Performance commences**
- 12.45 **Performance Concludes/ Move to allocated seats in auditorium**
- 1.00 **Schools Spectacular concert commences (if possible, lunch to be eaten in auditorium)**
- 4.00 Schools Spectacular concert concludes
- 6.30 Dinner Olivers' Family Restaurant
- 7.15 Depart Olivers
- 9.00 (approx.) Commence Bush Telegraph
- 9.30 (approx.) Arrive Bungwahl PS

Dress:

All children come dressed in school polo top with boys in green sports shorts, girls in skorts.

Girls: hair braided if possible. Green scrunchies etc, no jewellery or nail polish
We have purchased $\frac{3}{4}$ length bike pants for all, but if girls have their own (plain black) they may bring them.
White socks, joggers

Boys: green sports shorts, white socks, joggers. No jewellery

Children will wear special Schools Spectacular T-Shirts.

Children to bring their own plastic bags that are labelled With the child's name and morning tea and lunch. As we are representing the Heart Foundation children should have food which fits within the Heart Foundation guidelines.

Breakfast and Dinner will be supplied.

Long Shoelaces OHS Hazard

Last week we had a number of younger students tripping on laces. We noticed although the laces were done up in double knots, the laces were oversized for the shoes, dangling on the ground. It would be appreciated if parents could check the laces are suitable for the shoes to which they are attached.

School Sleepover – Meal Orders

With our sleepover less than a fortnight away we need to begin to take orders for the meals. Nikki will provide dinner and breakfast meals, pre ordered please. (see menu attached)

Please complete the attached order form and return it to school by **Monday, 28th November**.

So far we have 17 families who have indicated that they will be staying the night with us!

Parent Planning Meeting – Wednesday 7th December

The annual parent meeting will be held at 'Budda By The Beach' on **Wednesday 7th December from 9:00am**.

Since we initiated this parent planning day, an average of 44% of families have been represented at the day. This is great but this year we are aiming to have that figure increase further! Parents are encouraged to be part of the decision-making process for our school. At the meeting the results of all the data we have collected will be made available to parents. We will also be discussing strategies for our school for the coming year. The day is fully catered. If you are able to attend please complete the note below. As we need to let the restaurant know numbers, it would be appreciated if you could return you note by **Wednesday 30th November**.

School Evaluation Time

Term 4 is the traditional time for evaluation of the programs, procedures and practices within the school. We collect data all year round, but with NAPLAN results and other student assessment information we can begin planning for the next year.

A critical data collection point is our parents. Each year we send out one group of surveys for all families to complete. We do try to get 100% participation rate by offering student the choice between a canteen ice block voucher or a stamp on their treasure chest when they hand in the survey. (each child in the family gets the reward). Parents or children of course may opt for no reward. While this is generally not the ideal way to encourage participation we feel we will get a wider representation of opinion within our very small parent base.

Attached to this Messenger is the complete set of 3 surveys. Please enjoy a cuppa on us while you complete them! This year we are evaluating the use of technology, the quality of school life and school leadership. **Please return them to school by WEDNESDAY 30th November.**

School End Of Financial Year – 30th November

The end of the school's financial year is fast approaching – 30th November. If you have outstanding money owing for excursions or uniforms it would be appreciated if they could be settled prior to next Wednesday. If you are having difficulty, please don't hesitate to contact me personally.

Reminder: Taekwondo Scholarship

Fay Shacklock, our Taekwondo instructor is once again offering a full scholarship to one of our regular participants. The guidelines were given to the group at last week's lesson. Please ensure applications are returned by this **Thursday 24th November**.

Tips for Parents

School facilities standards review

You can now have your say on the classrooms of the future by participating in an online survey as part of a comprehensive review of the School Facilities Standards. The standards, developed during the 1970s, outline how school facilities are designed and built. The review will consider changes in the way education is delivered, technological advances and increased community expectations.

Your ideas will be used to assist in creating design standards that will inform the development or refurbishment of schools that are appropriate for the future. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is open until November 28.

www.surveymonkey.com/sfparent

Short film competition

Bicycle NSW is calling all budding film makers to submit a three-minute video to promote bike riding as a sustainable, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport and recreation. The film does not have to have dialogue and is free for all schools and students under 16. The prizes are \$1000, \$500 and \$250. Entries close 3 February 2012. For more information and to register:

<http://bicyclensw.org.au/content/calling-all-budding-film-makers>

Before School Screening - For children entering school in 2012

The screening process involves testing of vision, hearing and speech. Early detection of problems will enhance your child's learning and development. This service is free, and only takes 20 minutes. Certificate of results will be issued on the day. If a problem is identified, your child will be referred to the appropriate service.

Screening will be at **Bulahdelah Community Health Centre on 30 November 2011** only. This is the last clinic.

Appointments: please phone 6592 9315

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Notes Week 7

Parent Planning Day – Budda On The Lake

- ◆ Yes, I will be attending the parent planning day at “Budda By The Beach” on Wednesday, 7th December.

Any Dietary Requirements: No Yes

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- ◆ No, I will not be attending

Name: _____ Signed: _____

School Sleepover

Yes, our family will be camping at the school on Thursday night 1st December.

Name: _____ Signed: _____

Sleepover Menu

All meals need to be pre-ordered
 You must supply your own plates, knives & forks .

Dinner..... **Kids \$7.00** **Adults \$10.00** **\$**

Chicken Korma Curry			
Vegetable Curry			
Beef Curry			
All Curries are accompanied with Rice and Poppadums			
Spaghetti Bolognese			

If children will want a large serving adult size is recommended.

Dessert..... **\$**

Pavlova	\$2.00 each		
Chocolate Cake with ice cream	\$2.00sm \$4.00lg		
Canteen Ice Blocks	\$1.00 each		

Drinks **200ml cup \$1.00 per cup** **\$**

Orange Juice		
Apple & Mango Juice		
Breakfast Juice		

Breakfast..... **Quantity** **\$**

Big Pancakes (lemon & sugar, honey)	\$2.00 each	
Fruit Salad	\$2.00	

Tea and Coffee will be available for Adults only. Cost gold coin donation.

Name: _____

\$ _____

Note and money due back Monday 28th November.