

STATE RELAY TEAM

Congratulations to our relay team who made it to the semi finals in Sydney at the PSSA state athletics carnival last week. The team performed incredibly well, despite 39 degree heat! We were all so proud of you for representing our school with speed and determination. It was very exciting watching the race in live from my classroom. You really did look like Olympic stars! Thank you to the parents and carers for supporting your training and for taking you to Sydney. It is the FIRST time Bungwahl has made it to state carnivals in both swimming and athletics. What a TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT!! Fantastic effort Bailey, Carda, Emily and Rani.



Captains Speeches

This week the potential school captains for 2020 will present their Captain's Speech to the students. The Year 5 leaders have participated in lessons about what makes a great leader and they are now ready to tell us why they would make a great leader of Bungwahl PS. Following the speeches all students and teachers will vote for the students who they believe will best fulfil the role. It is an exciting time and I am sure we have a wonderful group of students who will all lead the school with pride next year regardless of who gets the captains role.

I would like to congratulate all candidates on the terrific job they have done in preparing themselves to be great leaders.

2020 Kindy Orientation



Monday Messenger



BETTER HOMES and GARDENS

Nikki and some of our students were given an exciting opportunity last Thursday to be involved in the filming of a cooking segment with 'Fast Ed' in the TV show Better Homes and Gardens. It was a great credit to Nikki to be recognised again for the wonderful success of her Kitchen Garden Program. Our school is no stranger to positive media attention with ABC, SBS and Film by Pebble taking the faces of our students across the nation last year and so it is no surprise a commercial station wanted to film us this year! We will all be keen to see the end result when it is aired in the first show 2020 on Valentine's Day.



RECENT FIRE EVENTS

I would like to begin this newsletter by acknowledging the gratitude we feel, as a school community, for our Rural Firefighters. **THANK YOU to all volunteers and especially to our local heroes Jill and James, who volunteer for the Bungwahl RFS, and Dave who has been away firefighting with NP&WS.**

We know how disruptive this is to your lives, and family, and want you to know how much you are appreciated by those of us relying on you at these times. As we get to the end of a very difficult week I thank all staff, parents, carers and students for your understanding and flexibility during the times our school had to cease operations. Decisions have been made to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been guided by the RFS and Health and Safety directorate. We appreciate the advice we were given and will continue to work closely with them. As present conditions may continue, it **is vital that you can be contacted at all times and that you are aware of our Fire Emergency Plan.** We were fortunate to have Terry Kitching, NSW Rural Fire Service Mid North Coast Duty Officer to our school, with our local RFS team of Jill and James, to present a parent information session last week. They discussed the best ways of keeping children safe during the bushfire season and our school's response in a fire emergency. It was disappointing that only 6 families attended the meeting. During the meeting we discussed our **Fire Emergency Plan** and preferred communication methods. It appears the SMS messages and Facebook reached everyone last week. Thank you to all the parents/carers who responded so quickly. I need to know that you have received the message so please respond with "thanks" or "OK."

For those of you who did not attend the meeting **KEY POINTS** are:-
KEEP CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE and ENSURE YOU CAN BE CONTACTED AT ALL TIMES.

OUR FIRST RESPONSE, if it is not suitable to cease operations early and leave, will be **TO SHELTER IN PLACE AT THE SCHOOL.**

IN A FIRE EMERGENCY DO NOT COME TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL. If this occurs, parents are urged not to try to come to the school. You compromise your own and your child's safety if you are on the road in a bushfire. You also hinder efforts of the RFS.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE THE TOP PRIORITY IN AN EMERGENCY AND YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE SAFER HERE THAN IN A CAR.

We are continually maintaining the school grounds and buildings to be fire prepared.

If you have any questions or would like to go through the Fire Plan with me please contact the school to make an appointment. Your children may be experiencing higher than normal levels of anxiety and worry at this time. Staff have been provided with information from leaders in school counselling about how to best support students. We are mindful of their needs and have been proactive in ensuring routines at school are continuing and student individual needs are being monitored. Special care is provided as needed.

Library News

Two new additions to the library this week – a new shelf to replace the old metal one used for class lessons and two giant pencils from which we will hang pencil boxes. Emily actually suggested this idea after seeing the same idea at Tinonee school recently. Thank you, Emily!



Debating Finished for the Year

We were informed this week that Bungwahl came 3rd in the District Debating Competition for 2019. This was a terrific result. Perhaps we could have finished even higher on the table had the organisers opted to hold finals. Two teams finished with 3 wins each and we had two. But due to time constraints it was not possible to have the competition go any later in the year.

Thank you to all our debaters – Sam, Clare, Emily, Rani and Xannah.
Bring on 2020!

Mrs Hobbs

Outstanding fees

Please find attached your child's Outstanding Fees Account. Payment can be made online at Bungwahl PS website or cash. All outstanding fees need to be finalized as soon as possible. Camp Payments need to be paid by this Friday.

Bike Day Cancellation

Dear Parents,
Due to a number of factors relating to the current bushfire crisis we have been forced to cancel the 'Bike Day' on Wednesday 20th November. We will be concluding the Bike Safety Program this Friday 22nd November. During PDHPE lessons on Friday, we will conduct some of the events that we had intended to conduct at the 'Uni' on Wednesday. We ask that all bikes be taken home, on or soon after, Friday afternoon. I would like to congratulate all children on their engagement in this program. We have had a number children ride without training wheels or ride independently for the first time.

The behaviour and level of participation of the children during this program has been outstanding .

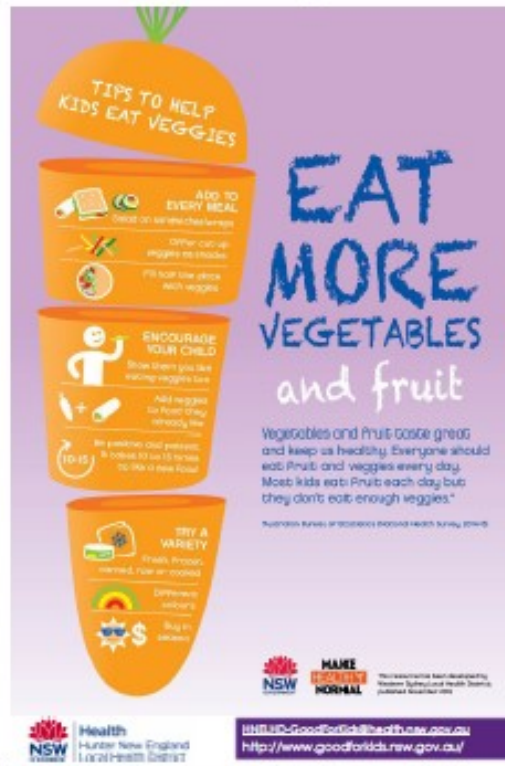
Mr Kelly

A great place to be, a great place to learn

What's Happening

Kindy Orientation	19th November 8.30-11.15am
Aussie Hoops Program	20th November
UD Excursion Meeting	21st November 2.15pm
Kindy Orientation	26th November 8.30-11.15am
Aussie Bush Camp-UD	27th - 29th November
Kindy Orientation	3rd December 8.30-11.15am

Good for Kids good for life



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BULAHDELAH SHOW

Congratulations to all students who received prizes in the Bulahdelah show. I would especially like to acknowledge the terrific job Mia and Bella did in the Public Speaking Competition. It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of a room of people to present a speech and both of the girls showed great confidence and talent.



Our winners: Stories
Lili Avard - 1st Place
Max Collins - Highly Commended
Indigo Laing - 3rd Place

Poetry:
Bella Smith - 1st Place
Keanu Cowell - 2nd Place
Jordan Da Silva - 3rd Place
Carda Stack - 1st Place
Clare Murray - 2nd Place
Rani Meier - 3rd Place
Xannah Harrison - Highly Commended



Art
Marlar Riske - 1st Place
Lily Avard - 2nd Place
Jeremy Leahy - Highly Commended, Yindi Copland - Highly Commended
Bella Smith - Highly Commended, Frankie Leahy - Highly Commended
Jordan Da Silva - Highly Commended, Xannah Harrison - 1st Place
Mia Gemmel-Smith Highly Commended, Rani Meier—3rd Place

KITCHEN COOK OFF

Unfortunately the Kitchen Cook Off will be cancelled this year due to kitchen renovations. The current Yr6 had an opportunity last year to participate in the event.

Aussie Hoops Program



Lonnie Funderburke has been coaching our students in the Aussie Hoops Program