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Bellingen High School NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

There are many things I love about Bellingen communities but the one that stands out is our capacity to dig deep into our pockets when the need arises. The Victorian bush fires need no explanation. Our students are doing a wonderful job raising money. They are above \$2,200 and if they get to \$3,000 myself, Phil Lynch and BJ Hearps will be cutting our beards off on assembly. One unkind person said that \$3,000 would be more achievable if I didn't shave my beard!

In this special Newsletter are details of a fundraising concert for Alex Brinklow who is 2 years of age. He has leukaemia and that needs no explanation to all you parents. All the services for the concert have been donated so the Brinklow family who are currently staying in hospital with Alex, will get the maximum benefit from the David Helfgott concert. Please support this cause with your heart and your donation.

Robert Stockton

School Photographs

Our new date for school photos is this Monday 2nd March. All students need to be in full school uniform and bring their photo envelope with them whether they are purchasing photos or not. Remember the correct money goes into the envelope - no change can be given out. Photo times for each year are:

Year 10 9.10-9.35

Year 12 10.25-10.50

Year 9 9.35-10.00

Year 7 11.10-11.25

Year 11 10.00-10.25

Year 8 11.25-11.50

*Declan Horan / Peter Denham
Coordinators*

Year 7 Vaccinations

Year 7 students will be receiving their Hepatitis B (Dose 1) and Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccinations on Monday 2nd March. Teams of specially trained registered nurses will be visiting Bellingen High to offer a free course of these vaccines.

The nurses will check students on the day, children who are suffering from an acute illness with a fever will not be vaccinated.

Consent forms have gone home and once completed in full need to be returned to the Front Office before vaccinations can take place.

From the Year 12 Advisor

HSC and Careers Expo - Are you visiting Sydney in May? If so, it would be well worth going along to the Sydney Morning Herald's HSC and Careers Expo. Details are as follows:

- Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May at the Randwick Racecourse;
- \$10 admission (covers all 3 days);
- Seminars on the UAC process, tertiary courses, revision of HSC subjects, major works, exams and assessments;
- Further details on the Year 12 Notice-board, or you can phone 1300 190 290.

‘Swiping’ In and Out - Due to offline classes, some students may have non-teaching periods throughout their day. Students are welcome to use the Library to study or can ‘swipe’ out during these times. However, if ‘swiping’ out of school, all students are expected to return in time for scheduled lessons (swiping back into school on their return).

Study Skills Seminar - Had to be postponed due to the floods. A new date will be set soon – watch this space!

Frieda Gorman

Sport News **Swimming Carnival**

The swimming carnival was held in very warm conditions this year, with the level of student attendance being disappointing. Those students who did attend are to be congratulated on their behaviour and participation.

A number of records were broken with the Stollery sisters having a very successful day. Older sister Kate broke the 17 years records for 100m and 50m freestyle events as well the 100m backstroke. Younger sibling Louise set new records for the 200m, 100m and 50m freestyle and 100m backstroke and breaststroke. Congratulations to both those two girls on their hard work and dedication to their sport.

The following students were named Age Champions. Three girls Elle, Maggie and Hannah tied for the 15 year old girls!

❖ 12 years	Adam Plim	Tegan McNeil
❖ 13 years	Justin Alford	Abi Davidson
❖ 14 years	Kale Teece	Kalina Bennett
❖ 15 years	Dean Barlow	Elle Sweeney, Maggie Mills and Hannah Condran
❖ 16 years	Billy Mills	Louise Stollery
❖ 17+ years	Linq Griffiths	Kate Stollery

This year's winning house was Kelsey who narrowly beat Dunstan. The lead was swapped consistently throughout the day. The organisation of Sam and Luke Casey in getting their house relays organised probably proved to be the difference.

Hopefully we will have some more good news from the Zone Swimming Carnival being held at Grafton today. Students qualified to swim at the Zone Carnival, by placing either 1st or 2nd in any 100m event or the 200m freestyle. As well the first four swimmers in the 50m freestyle qualify for the age relay team.

There was no bus to the Zone Swimming Carnival due to the poor response to the meeting held recently at school. The cost of any bus would be prohibitive due to the small amount of students who attended our swimming meetings. Also many of those present indicated they were travelling privately.

I would like to congratulate all of those students who participated this year and also the teachers, who did an excellent job in making the carnival run as smoothly as it did. Also a big thank you to the SLR students who helped by performing duties on the day.

Again the behaviour of the students present at the carnival overall was excellent and this made for a very pleasant and trouble free event. I would also like to thank the parents who came to support their children on the day and those who assisted in duties during the carnival.

*Declan Horan / Peter Denham
Sports Organisers*

<i>Dates to Remember</i>			
March		April	
2	School Photographs	1-2	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
2	Year 7 Vaccinations	6-9	Year 12 VET Work Placement
5-9	Year 12 PIP Workshop Sydney	9	End Term 1
9	P & C Meeting	27	ANZAC Day Holiday
11	North Coast Swimming	28	Staff Development Day
12	Year 12 Uni Roadshow	29	Term 2 Commences
13	Youth Services BBQ		
25-31	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams		



David Helfgott and Friends *Fundraising Concert*



Bellingen High School MPC
2.30pm Sunday 8th March

Join international concert pianist, David Helfgott and other outstanding musicians for this very special concert and at the same time help a family in crisis.

Two year old Alec Brinklow was recently diagnosed with leukaemia, his father then suffered an injury that has affected his ability to work. The family must now relocate to Sydney where Alec will receive treatment. The financial burden is onerous and so David and the other musicians have offered their talents to help the family cope.

An irresistible feast of music including:

- ♪ Brilliant flautist, Suzanne Sherrington, who will join David for Poulenc Clarinet and Piano Sonata
- ♪ A repeat performance of the highlight from Camp Creative "Rhapsody in Blue for two pianos" with David Helfgott and Helen Bowie
- ♪ Claudia Douglas Cello - The Swan by Saint Saens
- ♪ Esther Henderson violin - Meditation by Massenet
- ♪ Plus the exciting Bellingen Youth Orchestra and Surco Group

A delicious afternoon tea will be served

Tickets: Adults - \$25 Students - \$15

**Available from: LJ Hooker, High Street Coffs Harbour
Stepping Stone Travel, Bellingen
Belling High School**

For telephone bookings contact Robbie Spence 66559326