Thank You

My thanks to Trish Carr who has done a terrific job in my absence over the past three weeks. I am always stressing to staff the importance of your health and after my recent bout of Ross River Virus, I am now really understanding that our personal health can’t be taken for granted. That being the case I’ve taken the liberty of including some prevention methods regarding the spread of Ross River from NSW Health. See last page.

DID YOU KNOW

The curriculum used by our teaching staff to program teaching and learning activities is provided by the NSW Board of Studies. Students in Kinder to Year 6 work in the following syllabus: English, Maths, Science and Technology, Human Society & It’s Environment (HSIE), Personal Development/Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Creative Arts, Languages.

Students in Year 7 to 10 work through Life Skills Outcomes in English, Maths, Science, HSIE, Creative Arts and T.A.S. These students work towards a Record of School Achievement by the end of Year 10.

Students in Years 11 and 12 work through Life Skills Courses in English which is compulsory and selected subjects including Maths, Science and Technology, HSIE, Creative Arts and T.A.S. These students then work towards the award of a Higher School Certificate at the end of Year 12.

REDNECK AND FERAL NIGHT

Bullimbal School will be hosting the 2013 Variety Club Bash which will be stopping over night in Tamworth on Monday night the 11th of March.

This event will be held at the Tangaratta Winery on Monday night the 11th of March. Tickets are on sale now for $40. Cost of your ticket also includes bus travel to and from the Winery. Pick up points will be the Tamworth Railway Station at 6.30pm and Bullimbal School at 6:45pm. Expected time for busses to return is approx. 10.15pm

Next P&C Meeting is Wednesday 27th of February at 10am.
Red Cross B.B.Q. Final Reminder

Please complete the enclosed slip for catering and return it to school as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing you all for this great fundraiser.

FRIDAY 8TH OF March
5pm to 7pm in B Block
Sausage Sizzle $2 each
Drinks available
Gold Coin Donation
All proceeds to RED CROSS

This BBQ is for all parents/carers and students and their families.

CHANGES TO TRANSPORT

If your child is away from school or not requiring their usual drop off or pick up, you are required to contact their transport provider and let them know.
Unfortunately, it is not enough just to let school know.

Also, remember that all variations to transport such as respite drop off or pick ups need to go through Assisted School Travel and they require a minimum of 7 days notice.
All the best

Brett has been appointed as a Senior Education Officer with the Every Student Every School Project for the remainder of 2013. We congratulate Brett in this appointment and wish him well as he works with schools around the region. We will be publishing an Expression of Interest for our Assistant Principal's position at school which we hope to fill over the next four weeks.

BULLIMBAL BOOT SALE TIME AGAIN

Don’t forget to tell your friends about our Boot Sale/Market Days.

Dates for 2013 are:

6th of April
1st of June
7th of September
And 2nd of November

Why not book a stall and make some fun money.
Ross River Virus
How is it prevented?

Avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. Mosquitoes that carry the virus are usually most active in the hours after sunset and again around dawn.

* When outside cover up as much as possible with light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and covered footwear.
* Use an effective repellent on all exposed skin. Re-apply repellent within a few hours, according to instructions, as protection wears off from perspiration, particularly on hot nights or during exercise. The best mosquito repellents contain Diethyl Toluamide (DEET) or Picaridin. Botanical based products (e.g. Eucalyptus, Citronella etc) provide only limited periods of protection.
* The stronger the concentration of an insect repellent, the less frequently it will need to be applied to stop mosquito bites. Repellents containing low concentrations of DEET or Picaridin provide shorter periods of protection and need to be reapplied more frequently so it’s important to read the product information.
* Cover your clothes with repellent as mosquitoes can bite through material, but be careful, some repellents stain clothes.
* Topical repellents are not recommended for use on children under 3 months.

Use of physical barriers such as netting of prams, cots and play areas is preferred. Repellents containing less than 10% DEET or Picaridin are safe for older children if applied according instructions. Parents or carers should apply repellent.
* Note that prolonged or excessive use of repellents can be dangerous, particularly on babies and young children. Avoid putting repellent near eyes and mouth, spread sparingly over the skin.
* Use mosquito coils outdoors and use vaporising mats indoors. Note, however, that devices that use light to attract and electrocute insects have not been proved to be effective in reducing mosquito numbers.
* Cover all windows, doors, chimneys, vents and other entrances with insect screens.
* Sleep under mosquito bed nets at night.
* When camping, use flyscreens on caravans and tents or sleep under mosquito nets.