Harmony Day
Our school have been involved with Harmony week activities this week. Harmony Day (Saturday March 21) celebrates Australian Cultural Diversity. It is about inclusive, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.
You can see with these ideals that our students with disabilities have much to celebrate but also we will have much work to do to ensure we are inclusive, have respect and that there is a sense of belonging.
Thanks to Eden Martin who has co-ordinated our Harmony Week activities which have included international cooking, art & craft activities and music lead to our special harmony day assembly on Friday.

Healthy Harold
Yes he is back next week at Bullimbal School. Healthy Harold is the logo for Life Education Australia (LEA). L.E.A is a registered charity and provides positive programs that develop sound skills and knowledge necessary so children can make the right choices with their lifestyle. Students from Bullimbal School will be involved in activities in the Life Education Van next Monday and Tuesday 23rd and 24th. Sue Tockuss has done a wonderful job in organising the Life Education van and Healthy Harold for our school. Thank you Sue!

• FOR A SAFER, SMARTER LIFE.

Sick and Recovering Students
• Parents/Carers have the primary responsibility for the health needs of their children. If a child is too ill to engage in classroom learning and requires monitoring and support throughout the day the parent/carer should make the decision to keep them at home.
• This may include students who:
• Are ill and sleeping for large parts of the day;
• Have high temperatures (fever);
• Have infections (e.g. chest, throat, production of mucus);
• Are experiencing increased seizure activity;
• Recovering from serious seizures, infections or hospitalization;
• Are presenting with vomiting and/or diarrhoea. If a child has had gastroenteritis, the recommendation from the Department of Health is that the child stays at home until 24 hours after vomiting/diarrhoea have ceased.

Absences and Morning Routine
When your child is away you are required to contact the school within 2 days and notify us of the reason. You can do this by phoning, sending a note or writing in the communication book.
If absence reasons have not been received within 7 days, we are unable to enter a reason as the rolls are locked and the reason stays as unjustified. This is why it is very important that you notify the school office or your child’s teacher as soon as possible regarding absences.
Please note that each morning all staff participate in a communication meeting which is important for office staff to attend. Your assistance in phoning before 9am or after 9:10am is appreciated, if office staff need to leave the meeting to answer the phone between 9am and 9:10am they miss out on important information.
If your child arrives late to school it is important that you report to the office, even if a staff member opens the gate and takes your child. Children are marked absent in the morning when the roll is marked and if office staff are not aware that your child has arrived at school late, the absence will remain a whole day absent instead of a partial absence.
School Office is open from 8:30am to 3:30pm.
Thank you for your cooperation in assisting us with our requirements with attendance.

Dates for Your Diary

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Jason Luke
Our thoughts and best wishes are with Jason Luke and his parents Melissa and Troy as he continues to make a terrific recovery at Tamworth Base Hospital. Get well soon Jason and we all miss you!!

Newcastle University Trainee Doctors
Each Friday our school usually hosts four fourth year medical students who are allocated to a class each to work with for two hours each Friday for a six week period. This placement allows these trainee doctors a great opportunity to learn first-hand what it is like to work with, communicate with and play with young people with disabilities. This program has been working at our school for nearly ten years and it is surprising the understanding that these students have of our students with which will affect their attitudes when they must access someone with a disability in the future.

Greg & Niki/Kathy’s class – Class 3
Tamworth Show
Last weekend saw the Tamworth Show held at the Showground. This year Greg’s class had a load a fun collecting, sawing, tying, painting and using chalk and crayons to create works that were entered in the Sustainability, Scrapbooking and Handicraft Sections.

If you missed out on going to the Show, or didn’t get to see our amazing work it is on display in the school foyer.

Ribbon winners were:
9 Yrs & Under Sustainability: Wind Chime from natural materials
   Lincoln Bowen 1st Place
9 Yrs & Under Sustainability: Item made from plastic
   James Coutman 1st Place
9 Yrs & Under Handicraft: Black & White Painting
   Joshua Hooley 1st Place
12 Yrs & Under Handicraft: Dream Catcher
   Milla Dietrich 2nd Place
12 Yrs & Under Handicraft: Crayon/Chalk Drawing
   Dakoda Nean 3rd Place
Bullimbal’s Fifth Birthday
Is being celebrated on Tuesday May 12. This day in 2010 was the day our new school started to operate with classes. To add to the significance of this day we have decided to hold the Bullimbal School Walk-a-thon. This is a fun day and a major fund raiser for the school. We encourage everyone to seek sponsorship from family and friends for students to walk on that day. There are terrific prizes on offer for those who raise money for school through this event. Now is the time to start approaching people to sponsor your student. Family and friends are encouraged to join us at school for the walk!
On-line fund raising is available. This makes it easy for people who live away from Tamworth to support your student in this event. Setting up on-line fund raising call Everyday Hero’s is easy. Just go to the school website or Google, to find out the link and steps to follow to set this up for your child. Remember there are great prizes that you can select for various levels of funds raised. Let’s really get behind this event. Funds raised will allow the purchase of inclusive playground equipment.

Peel High Early Childhood Students
Five Year 12 Early childhood students are now visiting both Trish and Sue’s class each week to learn how to work with our students and most importantly how to organise then implement an activity for young children. Beth Ripley the early childhood teacher from Peel High tells us that these students are just so enthusiastic about their visit at Bullimbal!!

Twilight Boot Sale
Saturday 2nd May 5.30 – 8.00.
Please put this in your diary, going on how wonderful on last Twilight Boot Sale was received this one will be fantastic.
Bring your family friends and neighbours.

BULLIMBAL P & C
Annual General Meeting
1.00pm Thursday 30th April 2015
At the school

Easter Raffle
Just a reminder to have your raffle tickets back to school by next Thursday 26th March. This raffle will be drawn at Friday Muster 27 March.