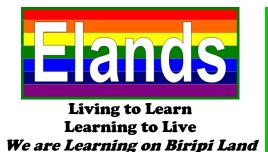
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«Students\_Name» «Street\_Address»

Term 3, Week 9, Friday 15th September 2023

#### Dear «ParentCarer\_Name»

This will be the last newsletter for the term, so I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Over the past two-week students have been very busy completing units of work and end of term tasks such as independent informative writing, reading, numeracy and science assessments. Again, this term, we have been plagued with various illnesses so completing units of work has been quite onerous. I hope with the holidays ahead there will be time for recuperation for students and staff alike.

A big shout out and thank you to Athol, Charlie, Venessa, Finn, River, Tim, Heather, Sue and Tara for volunteering their time on Saturday at the working bee. Your hard work was greatly appreciated the vegetable garden is ready for new fencing and revamping of garden beds.

Bobin School students joined us yesterday to complete pieces of artworks they have been collaborating on over the past few months as part of the Art Home Program. This included planning and working on how their joint exhibition will be viewed as a digital installation in readiness for the Home Art Program exhibition being held next term at Taree Art Gallery. Watch this space.

Next Wednesday Mt. George and Bobin school students will travel up the mountain, to see a performance of Peter and the Wolf at Bulga Hall from 10:15am. Parents and local community members are most welcomed to join us for the performance. Three members from the Armidale Symphony Orchestra will then conduct two workshops for the school students after their performance. The P&C (Venessa and Sarah) will be organising lunch for the three schools.

The school is hoping to host the Mobile Flying Fox Preschool, either next year or in 2025. To be viable the preschool needs to have 5 or more children aged between 3 and 6 years in attendance. If you have a preschool aged child and would like to access this great service, please register your interest with Wingham District Preschool on phone number 02 6553 4884.

Notes went home this week for senior students who want to attend next term's annual school camp. Elands, Bobin, Mt. George and Krambach Schools will be combining for this year's camp to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. The camp will be held between Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The cost for the camp has been heavily subsidised by the school and P&C. Great to see that some families had the foresight to use their government student vouchers before the cut off date towards payments for the camp. You can also make weekly/fortnightly payments just speak with the office to make payment arrangements. Please note that 75% of the full cost will need to be paid before the camp for students to attend.

The K-2 class will also be having a special excursion while the older students are at camp. More information next newsletter.

Next term students and staff return on the same day, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We will also commence drumming with Chris on the first Friday back as well.

Regards

Jo Boland Principal

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#### Choose water as a drink!

#### Drinking water is the best way to quench thirst!

Encourage your child to choose water as a drink by:

- Packing a water bottle in the school bag everyday. In summer, try
  packing a frozen water bottle in the lunchbox
- Encouraging your child to drink water rather than sports drinks when playing sport
- Serving plain water in a jug. Try adding ice-cubes and fresh fruit pieces such as lemon, orange, blueberries or strawberries for flavour
- . Using a re-usable drink bottle that your child has chosen





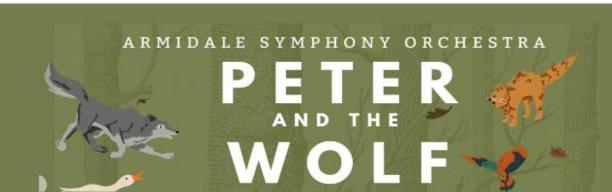
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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



## Dear Parents and Community

Come and enjoy a wonderful musical experience with Elands, Bobin, and Mt George Public Schools. The event will feature three talented members of the Armidale Symphony Orchestra who will be performing the classic children's tale, Peter and the Wolf.

Wednesday 20th September 10.15am - 11.15am at Bulga Hall



### Parent Portal

The Department of Education has launched an exciting digital communication tool, the NSW Education Parent App to help support good school-home communication.

The app is a convenient way our school can keep you up to date with latest news, school updates, newsletters, school operational status and upcoming events which you can add to your personal calendar.

The app becomes particularly important during times such as bushfire season, so our parents and community can be kept up to date with the school operational status.

You can choose to receive instant notifications when there is an update from the school and access the same content that's on our school website in an accessible way when you are on the go.

The app has advanced privacy and security features, and it won't store any identifying data. It is free and available for iOS and Android users so you can download the NSW Education Parent App in Apple <a href="https://apps.apple.com/au/app/nsw-schools-parent-app/id1494658146">https://apps.apple.com/au/app/nsw-schools-parent-app/id1494658146</a> or Google <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.nsw.education.nswschoolsafetyupdates&hl=en\_AU&ql=US">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.nsw.education.nswschoolsafetyupdates&hl=en\_AU&ql=US</a>.

Once you download the app, you will need to complete the onboarding process in the Parent App to select the school(s) you'd like to follow and enable your push notifications in your phone's settings and in the app's School Settings to make sure you never miss an important update.

#### **IMPORTANT !!!!**

The school has recently partnered with School Bytes for their finance system. As a result, you will receive more correspondence, including permission notes, via email. School Bytes simplifies the process of responding to permission notes and making payments by allowing you to do so online. To access this convenient service, you will be receiving an invitation to join the School Bytes parent portal. Once you join, you can link the portal to the NSW Education Parent App, which will enable you to access everything from a single app.+

As always, we are here to help with the setup and use of these systems.

Vanessa

**NSW Department of Education** 

## **Never miss an important** school update or event.

The NSW Education Parent App makes it easier than ever to stay up-to-date with the latest information from your child's school. Featuring latest news, newsletters, personalised feeds by year group, events calendar, push notifications, instant updates and alerts, advanced security



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# Working Bee





















## Elands P&C Minutes



OF

# ELANDS P&C MINUTES MEETING Date: 5.9.2023

Present: Jo Boland, Vanessa Byma, Sarah White, Venessa Franckin. Apologies: Nil.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting opened	3.15pm	
Minutes of previous meeting	Read and accepted.	Accept- Venessa Sec- Jo
Correspondence IN	<ul> <li>Bank Statement received. (See treasurer's report).</li> <li>Letter from Vanessa Byma concerning Conflict of Interest.</li> </ul>	Accepted by P&C.
Correspondence OUT	NIL	
Business arising from the minutes of previous meeting	Working Bee went ahead on Sat the 9 <sup>th</sup> .  Thanks to all those who came along.	

Treasurer's Report	<ul> <li>Final payment made by Comboyne Community Center of \$22 for raffle tickets sold.</li> <li>Insurance Fee`s paid.</li> <li>Little Plains Hall paid.</li> <li>Statement attached.</li> </ul>	
Principal's Report	<ul> <li>"Music on the Mountain" 20<sup>th</sup> Sept presented by Armidale Symphony Orchestra performance of "Peter and The Wolf" All student and staff lunch orders must be in by Friday 15<sup>th.</sup></li> <li>Bus confirmed for Aussie Bush Camp next term for pick up from Wingham. Parents will be expected to take students down to meet the bus on departure and arrival.</li> <li>Day trip planned for K-2 class. More details to come.</li> <li>Early Presentation Day planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> November. More details to come.</li> <li>Bush Fire Plan information in newsletter.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>P&amp;C to cover half cost of bus.</li> <li>Awaiting Review from Fire Brigade</li> </ul>
General Business	<ul> <li>School water tank has been cleaned. New filters and chlorinator have been fitted.</li> <li>Drinking water should still be provided for students from home Please.</li> </ul>	
Next P&C meeting/ AGM	Tuesday 24.10.23. (To be Confirmed).	
Meeting Closed	4.05pm	
Minute taker	Sarah White	

# Everybody has a responsibility to help children

# Families, caregivers, the student, the school and the community

- All kids in NSW must go to school by the time they turn 6.
- They must go to school or be involved in training or employment up to the age of 17.
- The law says they must attend school every day.
- If they do not go to school they will fall behind in their learning.
- Children who go to school every day do better and have more opportunities.

## Missing school matters and EVERY DAY counts



## Community News



From the first of September, fire permits will be required for any outside fire, except for small cooking fires. A small cooking fire is a fire just sufficient to cook the food, not a fire of any size that you can cook food on.

Fire permits can be obtained free on request from the Bulga Plateau captain, **Rob Cowley**, **Ph 0418 416 458**, and a visit to your property will be made at a suitable time. What you intend to burn will be examined so that any necessary alterations can be carried out before you light up. Once satisfactory, the proposed burn will then be photographed and the permit issued. Permits can be issued for up to twenty one days, depending on conditions. No piles are to contain building or industrial waste, tyres, or any plant material thicker than 150mm.

Permits will be suspended on all days of HIGH fire danger, and cancelled if the conditions reach EXTREME or CATASTROPHIC, or a Total Fire Ban.

During a total fire ban, ALL SOLID FUEL FIRES, and ALL OUTSIDE FIRES are banned, also things like welding and grinding. It is the PERMIT HOLDER'S responsibility to find out the current fire danger rating. Neighbours and anyone else nearby that may be concerned must be notified at least 24hrs before lighting up.

Midcoast Fire Control must also be notified, either by phone on 1300 643 262 during normal office hours, or the preferred method is to use the QR code on the fire permit.

Breaching conditions on the permit can result in prosecution

Thanks from the Bulga Plateau Rural Fire Service





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AT: Ellenborough Falls ON: Sunday, October 1, 2023 FROM: 10.00am to 3.00 pm



Gourmet bar-b-q with bacon & egg rolls, sausages and lovingly homemade cakes, scones and biscuits.

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR BRIGADE

BULGA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL AND LITTLE PLAIN HALL ARE CELEBRATING

# 100 YEARS OF HALLS ON THE BULGA PLATEAU

Fun, Games, Stalls, and Food followed by Dinner and Music into the Night

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 20023 AT LITTLE PLAIN RESERVE AND HALL 11 AM UNTIL LATE

For information about stalls - contact Mel 0401402173

To book a camp site contact Sheridan 65504 552



and Bobin Maintenance Crew

Supported by MidCoast Council, Manning Valley Neighbourhood Centre
and the Womenkind Collective. Enquiries to Jarra 0401 952 805

Held on Biripi Country at The Mill, Elands (6 Glenwarrin Rd).