



# Bellinghen Public School

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Dear parents and carers,

You may already be aware that the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) declared continuance in the El Nino alert <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/enso/>, meaning increasingly warm temperatures are predicted to continue throughout spring and at least until early 2024.

This means that schools and school communities across the state, whether coastal or inland, must remain vigilant and prepared as we enter the warmer months.

The best way for you and your family to do this is to ensure you are familiar with the new warning alerts from the NSW SES [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au) for floods, storms and tsunamis, as well as the new Australian Fire Danger Rating system from the NSW Rural Fire Service <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me>

## How to stay up to date with weather warnings?

The Australian Warning System (AWS) is a national approach to information and warnings during emergencies like bushfire, flood, storm, extreme heat and severe weather.

The Hazards Near Me App <https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/hazards-near-me-app> which replaced the NSW Fires Near Me app, is the best place to view live warnings using the AWS. The app allows you to set watch zones to make it easier to be alerted for emergencies near you.

We would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to download the NSW Education Parent app which will provide you with information on our school and also alert you when the school is required to become non-operational due to an emergency or weather event impacting our school.

I want to thank you for your ongoing support as we prepare for any weather events, together as a school community.

Regards,



*Ness Cavanagh*

**Principal**