



# Bellinggen Public School

"Courtesy and Knowledge"

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Term 4 - Week 8

Monday, 26 November 2012

## From the Principal's Desk

### School maintenance

Last week approval was given for about \$30 000 to be spent on school building maintenance over the coming year. The two buildings, currently housing Stage 3 students, behind the new music room will be painted and tidied up and there will be some retaining walls built on the bank side of the big covered area – to prevent the mud and runoff pooling on the concrete play area.

This is great news for us all.

### Last week

I was in Sydney last week for a series of meetings as part of the Primary Principals' Association. The minister, The Hon. Adrian Piccoli, the Director General, Dr Michelle Brunniges, together with other senior Department staff took the time to speak with us.

Of particular note were the changes to the department under the new funding arrangements, and the expectations around the implementation of the National Curriculum, together with flagging for 2013 further strategies around catering for students with disabilities, again within a National framework.



### Movie Night!

Wow! What a fantastic evening last Tuesday evening was. It was all about the community and the school, together, and the buzz was wonderful.

The school raised \$1047.00 and this will be used to fund some more



interactive whiteboard installations.

Thank you to everyone for making this evening the success it was.

Regards  
Graeme Ross, Principal



### Invitation to you

Bellinggen Public School  
Student Art Exhibition

Come along and marvel at the variety of artworks created by the students of Bellinggen Public School in 2012.

Guest speaker: Artist Jack Maher  
Music Performance items

5 – 7pm  
Bellinggen Public School Hall  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2012  
All welcome!

## Important Dates

### November

Monday 26	Years 2 & 3 Swim school starts Year 6/7 Transition camp girls
Tuesday 27	Year 6/7 Transition camp boys & girls Kindy Orientation 2.20 – 2.45pm at Stage 1 assembly
Wednesday 28	Year 6/7 TBHS Transition camp boys

### December

Tuesday 4	Stage 2 Final Assembly 12.45pm
Wednesday 5	Year 6/7 BHS Orientation day
Friday 7	Bellingen Youth Orchestra Concert MPC
Monday 10	Piano & string concert in the hall
Tuesday 11	Art Exhibition in the hall 5-7pm
Wednesday 12	9.30am Presentation day
Thursday 13	Year 6 Farewell dinner
Friday 14	9.30am Stage 1 Christmas Concert Yrs 2 & 3 Intensive Swim school ends
Wednesday 19	Last day of Term 4

## Canteen News

Due to timing problems and the difficulty of keeping cooked food warm and fresh, the canteen cannot provide hot food for lunches for those aquatic scholars from years 2 and 3 who go to swimming. These future James Magnussons and Alicia Coutts may still order their lunches but need to restrict their preferences to sandwiches, rolls or wraps.

There are still supply problems with chocolate Freeze Pops. My supplier assures me that this situation will improve next week. Have you ever had that feeling of déjà vu? Unfortunately the supply problems have extended to other flavours. At the time of writing this I have (or should it be "had") no idea what, if any, flavours would be available this week.

As this issue has become critical, I have undertaken to seek some form of satisfaction from the source. As Iced Mony, the heartless multi nation conglomerate which manufactures Freeze Pops, is based "off shore", I will be hunting down the place of origin and so get to the root of this problem. Watch this space for updates.

This week's special will be "mother and child reunion" chow mien, inspired by the Simon and Garfunkle son of the same name. The noodle component will be entirely gluten free rice noodles. As usual these will be

available on Thursday and Friday for \$3.50 each or \$5.00 with a beverage.

Feeding your children to a better education

Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

## BOOK FAIR on now!

We are having our annual BOOK FAIR in the school library.

Lots of lovely books, posters and other items, ready for Christmas.

The school receives excellent commission from these Book Fairs so please come along and support it.

Thank You, Carole McFaul, Teacher/Librarian



Please note change of date!

## Canteen Roster Nov/Dec

Tue 27	Anna Joy
Wed 28	TBA
Thur 29	Sharon Benelle, Pete Smith, Rachel Peart
Fri 30	Priya Curry, Leonie Jennings
Dec	
Mon 3	Leonie Jennings
Tue 4	Dan Pullinger

## Important Message for School Invoices.

Statement of Accounts were sent out a few weeks ago. There are several music and textbook fees that are still outstanding. It is important that all invoices be finalised before the 23rd November, 2012. If you need to discuss this invoice please contact the office. Thank you. Shireen Gilmore



## Special Offer On BPS Recipe Books

The Bellingen Public School Recipe Books are available to purchase at a discounted price until the end of term. The book is made up of Snacks and Sides, Lunchbox Ideas, Dinners, Sweets and Baking and Handy Hints. Recipes include the now legendary Easy Peasy Chicken, the delicious Sour Cream and Chocolate Slice and Absolutely the World's Bestest Easiest Yummiest Baked Lemon Cheesecake. Even more fabulous are the wonderful works of art done by children of BPS to accompany the recipes. If you are looking for a locally produced and reasonably priced gift idea for Christmas, then this fits the bill! Books will cost \$12 for 1, \$22 for 2 and \$30 for 3. All subsequent orders over 3 books will be \$10 each. An order form has been prepared and was sent home with last weeks newsletter. Families have until the 7<sup>th</sup> December to place their orders and return



them with their payment to the school. A copy of the Recipe Book is available to view in the office.

## Lost Property

Thanks to everyone who has labelled items so they can be returned. We still have **HEAPS** of Unlabelled Uniform in Lost Property. This will be cleared out *this week* so please *get in quick* to reclaim lost items.



We have 2 sleeping bags and heaps of unlabelled lunch boxes, and other miscellaneous left-overs from school camps, etc. This will all go to charity next week and again towards the end of term. Please do pop round regularly to check in case there is anything of yours there. Thanks.

This week is your last chance to find your lost lunchbox as they will be turn into art/paint containers after this Friday.



## Pillow case Donations for Stage 1

As part of our Tools4Learning Sensory Processing Project, we would like to also assist students in Stage 1 with their organisational skills by giving them a chair bag. An inexpensive way of making these is by using old pillow cases. So please, if you have one or more old pillow cases that you no longer need (doesn't matter what colour or pattern) could you please donate to the school.



Many Thanks from the BLAST team.

## Current Notes - Please return asap

Stage 2 - end of year assembly note

Whole School - Invoices overdue!

Whole School - P & C Recipe Book order form

Whole school - Movie night raffle tickets

## Important Notice

All visitors to our school must come to the office to sign in and wear a visitor badge. Whether you are dropping off a lunchbox or coming to help in the classroom. It is a requirement of the Dept of Education under *The Inclosed Land Act* plus an Occupational Health and Safety issue. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

## Uniform Shop News

Quality Waterproof Swim Gear Bags with School Emblem Perfect for the Swimming Programme. Available Now from the Uniform Shop Long-lasting Quality for \$12 each and doubles as a Library Bag! Coming Soon...Girls Hair Accessories, Alice Bands, Hair Ties, Bows and more...Only \$3 each. Save yourself a trip to Coff's...Watch this space...

## WIN AN iPad MINI JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS\*



Make a deposit into your Dollarmite account at school between 19<sup>th</sup> November - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and you will automatically be entered into the draw to win 1 of 12 iPad Mini's. Remember banking day is every Tuesday \*Terms & Conditions will apply, for full details please refer [www.combank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.combank.com.au/schoolbanking).

## Year 6 Photos

Could parents of Year 6 students (particularly those who haven't been in our school family since kindergarten) please send photos of your child to Michelle. These can be emailed to [Bellingen.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Bellingen.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or a CD or thumbdrive. Thanking you in advance.

## A call for Second Hand Uniform:

Any items in good shape that you've finished with will always be gratefully received at the Uniform Shop.

Kindergarten Orientation is in full swing so any smaller sizes you've finished with would now be extra warmly welcome!

The uniform shop will be open as usual Monday and Friday 8:45-9:45.

Order Forms are available any time from the School Office. Remember: Cash and Cheque Payments Only.

## Mac Computers For Sale

iMac computers; ex- School; all in good condition sold as is. They all have operating system and other included software. Price ranges \$50 - \$400 please forward enquiries to Mel Wilton through the front office.



## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations

2/3S

You had the best attendance at our school last week.

It's cool to be at our school!

### Fantastic Raffle extended

You will have more chances to win one of these fantastic prizes as our raffle draw has been extended to December 12 at our Presentation Day. Don't miss out! Buy your tickets today!

- \$50 voucher @ Relish at the Federal
- \$20 voucher from Bellingen Butchery
- \$25 voucher for a sunset trip from Bellingen Canoe adventures
- Gelato Bar - voucher
- The Little Red Kitchen- voucher for 1 large pizza
- Alchemy - 2 x \$35 vouchers
- Valery Horse Trails - 1 free horse ride
- Bellingen Video - \$50 voucher
- Sweet Bellingen - \$10 voucher
- IGA - \$25 voucher
- Bellingen Golf Club - voucher for 2 rounds of social golf incl cart
- RJ's Menz Wear - \$25 voucher
- Roots Records - voucher

Please support these wonderful local businesses who have kindly supported our school.

### Meals on Wheels Giving Tree

Each year at the Stage One Christmas Concert gifts are donated to an Open Arms Care representative. These gifts are distributed by Meals on Wheels to our elderly residents on Christmas Day. Could Stage One families please bring in a wrapped gift with a label showing if the gift is for a man or woman to our front office asap. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program which has been a tradition at Bellingen Public School for over 10 years.

### Community Notices

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

#### Bellingen Men's Shed Garage Sale and Open Day

Saturday December 1 from 7am to 3pm

Great Christmas present ideas!

Loads of wooden toys, desks and stools.

Sausage sizzle and drinks available for lunch.

Ring Bernie on 66550192 or see Michelle in the school office for more details.

Ditch the Workout and

try a Zumba® class today!

with your

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A fitness Party inspired by Latin-Music for all the "Young at Heart"

**Mondays:** 4.30pm-5.30pm Bellingen Youth Hub for 12+ years

**Tuesdays:** "New" Mum's Class 10am-11am Bellingen Uniting Church Hall

**Wednesdays:** 6pm -7pm Bellingen Public School Hall

**For more details: call MAXIE 0415 342 167**



**INVITATION TO**  
local government,  
business, indigenous  
leaders, parents,  
teachers, principals  
and families  
**COME... LISTEN...  
BE INSPIRED**

### DAY 3 - COMMUNITY FORUM

what is YLTW?:

where:

**3 Day Youth Leadership Congress**

Youth Congress - day 1 & 2

Focus | Vision | Change | Action

Participants follow an exploratory process over 2 days to develop "Action Plans for Change" within their own communities.

Community Forum - day 3

An entirely youth led forum where the participants are given the opportunity to present their "Action Plans for Change" to the adults in their communities.

when:

29th Nov 2012

1pm to 3pm

RSVP : chantal\_lennox@ozgreen.org.au | 0412 639 789 | 02 6655 2180



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