



William Street
PO Box 42
Bellinghen NSW 2454

Email: bellinghen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.bellinghen-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Principal: Graeme Ross
Phone: 02 6655 1147
Fax: 02 6655 2615

Term 4 - Week 11

Monday, 17 December 2012

Congratulations to our 2013 Leaders

Congratulations to Our School leaders for 2013 – Our Captains McKye Tucknott & Rosabella Stephen and our vice-captains Teegan & Kelsey Leslie and James Harling & Tomas Pociuljko and all their thrilled parents! (Photo shows Surya Burns standing in for the absent James Harling)



Stage One Christmas Concert

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 brought smiles and tears to their audience last Friday as they performed various Christmas plays and songs.



From the Principal's Desk

Simply the Best!

Very much so after the successes of last week! What a wonderful week to be here at Bellinghen Public School.

Students finish on Wednesday afternoon, with our farewell to year 6 in the hall commencing at 2:20pm approx.

On Thursday and Friday staff will be engaged in further learning centring around the National Curriculum (English), and our key initiative for 2013 and beyond, *Kids Matter* – a mental health initiative for all students, involving many of our existing programs – *Move to Learn* and the new *Tools4Learning* – Sensory Integration program. Together with this we will be looking at how to further encourage students into the right space for learning through *Mindfulness*, and how we can further develop emotional intelligence in students.

2013

School begins for students in years 1-6 on Wednesday 30 January. They will be placed in their existing classes until the following Monday (4 February) when an accurate number of students is known, in order to be able to form 2013 classes. All our new Kindergarten students will have started on this Monday, after their individual *Best Start* assessments the previous week.

Best wishes and farewell

All the very best to everyone for the holiday season. It has been a remarkable year, and I say thank you to everyone for their teamwork, collaboration and openness to new ways of doing business, all in the name of our students.

We wish year 6 all the best at high school, and we say farewell to families that are leaving us.

We also say a special farewell to Jill Robertson, one of our support teachers, who has accepted a transfer to Manly West PS. Her service here at Bellinghen PS has been both caring and well respected, by all she has worked with. We wish her well at her new school. And a special thank you to Terry Sutherland, our relieving General Assistant, who also finishes up this week.

Regards
Graeme Ross, Principal

Important Dates

December

Tues 18	K-6 Beep test 50c fundraiser 9.30am
Tues 18	K-6 Talent Quest, 12-1.45pm
Wed 19	Last day of Term 4 for students 2.20pm Whole school farewell to Year 6
Thurs	Staff Development Day
Fri 21	Staff Development Day & Last day of Term 4 for staff

2013 January

Wed 30	Yrs 1 to 6 Students return
Wed 30	Kindergarten Best Start assessments
Thurs 31	Kindergarten Best Start assessments
Feb 1	Kindergarten Best Start assessments
Mon 4	First day for Kindergarten students. Letter with best start assessment times.
Mon 4	Yrs 1 to 6 2013 classes formed

Congratulations Riley!



Congratulations to Riley Neaves of 5E who recently competed in the Northern Rivers Zone Little Athletics Carnival in Lismore. Riley took part in four events. Riley came 2nd in Javalin, second in triple jump and 3rd in discus. This great effort now takes him to the next level of competition which is the Regional carnival held in Taree in February. WELL DONE...RILEY

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 - \$250 please forward enquiries to Mel Wilton through the front office.



Frozen Letters from Santa arrive!



Year 1 had a wonderful surprise today when they received a reply from Santa today. Their letters were still frozen in a big iceblock!

Canteen News

Alas, all my machinations, trials and endeavours have amounted to naught! There is still a shortage of the beloved Freeze Pops. This, in the last week of the school year, is frustrating to say the least.

The Freeze Pops that are available this week will be: a few Orange/Mango, some Blackcurrant and a modicum of Vanilla. Hopefully this will satisfy demand for the last few days of the term.

In my last newsletter of 2012, I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped in the canteen this year for without these generous souls the canteen could not have operated. Yes, it is thanks to their invaluable contribution that we were able to feed your children to a better education. Regular readers will know the names of these helpers and can also so show their appreciation, when they see these altruistic angels, with a smile or a "thank you", a hearty back slap or grateful hug. Remember, they are helping your little darlings too.

Lastly, assuming the Mayan prediction is wrong, a merry and joyous Christmas, a happy new year and safe and enjoyable holidays to all.

Feeding your children to a better education

Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

Canteen Roster - December

Tue 17	Dan Pullinger
Wed 18	Leonie Jennings, Priya Curry

Current Notes – Please return asap

Stage 3 families – Musical DVD order from

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations

5E & KB

You had the best attendance at our school last week.

It's cool to be at our school!

2013 Elective Program

We are looking for volunteers to help with our 2013 Elective program. The courses we offered last year were Basket Weaving, Hip Hop dancing, Lego Technic master class, Felting, Art, Digital Photography, Radio Announcing, Ballroom Dancing, Clay Gargoyles, Hand Sewing, Aromatherapy, Paper crafts, Candle Making, Pottery, Environmental Structures, Mural Painting & Chess..

Please contact the school on 66551147 if you would like to help run a course for our 2013 program.

Congratulations to our raffle winners!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our raffle. We raised an amazing \$615.05 to go towards an interactive whiteboard.

- 50 voucher @ Relish at the Federal - **Maddie Cross**
- \$20 voucher from Bellingen Butchery - **Kate Pullinger**
- \$25 voucher for a sunset trip from Bellingen Canoe adventures – **Asha Cameron**
- Gelato Bar – voucher – x 4 Pauline Jones, James Ruming, Micky Moore, Neaves Family
- The Little Red Kitchen- voucher for 1 large pizza – **Asha Cameron**
- Alchemy – 2 x \$35 vouchers - Karyn McHugh, Gypsy Rose Egging
- Valery Horse Trails – 1 free horse ride – **Emmaline Bowes**
- Bellingen Video - \$50 voucher – **Carrie Hain**
- Sweet Bellingen - \$10 voucher – **Zac Jones**
- IGA - \$25 voucher – **Asha Erskine**
- Bellingen Golf Club – voucher for 2 rounds of social golf incl cart – **Dianne O'Neill**

- RJ's Menz Wear - \$25 voucher – **Alicia (Leilani Coombes)**
- Roots Records – voucher – **Emma & John Cheers**
- Valley Quality Meats – \$15 voucher x 3 – Clementine Whiteley, Lily Dwinger, Kacey Blackwell

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

Community Notices

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

For Sale

Grape coloured, 2 and a half seater Lounge/Double Sofa Bed. Excellent condition. Extremely comfortable – perfect for all those Christmas visitors! \$600 please phone the school office on 66551147 for photos and more info,.

Bellingen Carols by Candlelight

7:30 pm, Friday 21st, simple singalong.

Bellingen Uniting Church, (opposite the council chambers.)

Carols outside if the weather's cooperative. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

Christmas Day service 8:30am

Also Ecofaith Christmas, Bellingen Park 11am, 23 December, see ecofaith.org/christmas



Join the Summer Reading Club @ Bellingen Shire Libraries

Join the interactive website for online activities such as online chats, book reviews, stories to complete, competitions and recommended reading lists/web links for children and families -

www.summerreadingclub.org.au

The Bellingen, Dorrigo and Urunga libraries are offering children who participate in the club a chance to win some great prizes. Children can register at their local library and receive a reading log, activity booklet and entry forms for our colour-in and rewrite a fairy tale with a twist competitions.

All children who register automatically go into the national draw to win an iPod from Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Please visit your local library in Bellingen, Dorrigo or Urunga to register!

During School Holidays

ZUMBATOMIC® for Kids 4-12 years
with your
LOCAL Zumba® INSTRUCTOR



A ZUMBATOMIC® Class is packed full of energy, fun, games and an array of music that will make kids shake, wiggle and giggle while having a Party with their friends.

Starts in the week of Monday 7th of January 2013

10am-11am Bellingen

Youth Hub

And we continue our Zumba® Fitness for All Young at Hearts:

12+ and onwards! Fathers, Mothers, Sons, Daughter, and Grandparents

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



Tuesdays: Starting Jan 8

10am-11am Bellingen Uniting Church Hall

Wednesdays: Starting Jan 9

6pm -7pm Bellingen Public School Hall

For more details: call MAXIE 0415 342 167



LAST CHANGE TO REGISTER FOR TERM 1, 2013

Go4Fun® is a **FREE** healthy lifestyle club for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier. Go4Fun is fun and interactive and supports 7-13 year old children who are above a healthy weight range and their families to adopt a healthy lifestyle and a long lasting and healthy approach to living.

HOW TO JOIN THE GO4FUN CLUB? To register your family or for more information Call: 1800 780 900 or Visit: au.mendcentral.org

PROGRAMS IN YOUR AREA: Programs will start on February 4th, 2013 at the following locations: Coffs



Harbour: Narranga Primary, Monday and Wednesday and Toormina: Bayldon Community Centre, Monday and Thursday.

FREE FAMILY FUN KIT:

Go4Fun will be offering an exciting limited opportunity for Term 1, 2013 - FREE FAMILY FUN KIT to the value of \$80 when you complete Term 1, Go4Fun Club! **DON'T MISS OUT!**



Amart Sports Community Kickback Program...

an easy way to help our school...

If you are shopping for sports equipment this Christmas, please keep this in mind. Our school has been selected to participate in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as in store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join [Team Amart](#), select our school from the list of participating groups which is displayed on the counter at the store and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. (TIP: Show your member card and nominate our school before you finalise your transaction in the store).

You'll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and our school will receive a 5% credit. We have already received our first credit and the school is currently considering how to spend these funds.

Thanks for your support.

We wish you a wonderful Christmas with your family and a very happy and safe 2013.



We look forward to seeing your beautiful smiling faces at school next year.