



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic!

What joy as Liz Scott hosted a teddy Bear's picnic for all Kindergarten students last Thursday!

Honey sandwiches and much singing, and lots of our Kindergarten parents and carers joined in. Even the police came to enjoy the delights of the picnic!



Bellinggen Readers and Writers' Festival

Gay, a visiting author for the Festival, led a wonderful day of learning for many of our students across all Stages 1, 2 and 3 in how to construct 'rich' texts that 'grab' readers.

This was her feedback....

I hardly know here to begin I had such a wonderful time in Bellinggen.

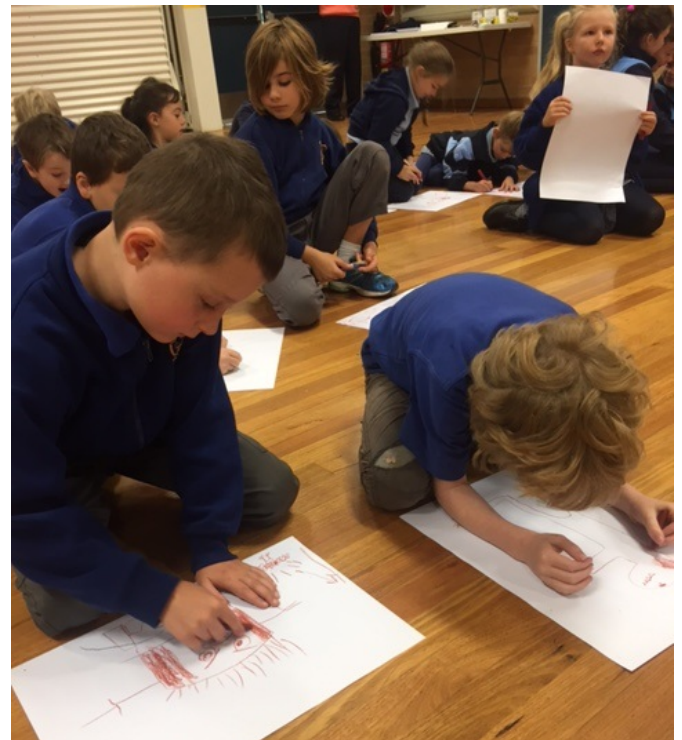
Bellinggen Primary School: A special thankyou to Elizabeth Mulligan. And to all the staff who were warm, welcoming and thoughtful, Elizabeth especially during a busy day gave me a super selection of materials to work with, made everything so easy and the venue was wonderful.

What a bright, enthusiastic, multi-talented and delightful dynamic bunch of children I had to work with. They kept me on my toes, were curious, inventive, engaged, polite and cheeky.

Loved them. I hope they were as happy with my workshops!

I would have liked to have had more time with each group to explore our rapid fire ideas further.

I was also treated to an exquisite concert of music in the hall – sheer delight and highly professional performance by the children.



Stage 3 Public Speaking

Grant Watson is leading some Stage 3 students in preparation for the Public Speaking competition.

**Staff professional learning**

Katharine Sutherland, Denise Head and Jackie Lee all attended a two day workshop on Project Based Learning (PBL) at Alstonville PS (near Lismore) last week.

All came back from the learning focussed on where to next for our students in our school, so stay tuned – some great stuff will emerge from this opportunity.

Yours in partnership

Graeme Ross, Principal

YEAR 1 GARDEN

Parents are welcome to come and help plant and paint tyres in our garden on Thursday afternoons from 2:15. We have some paint and brushes, we just need big hands!

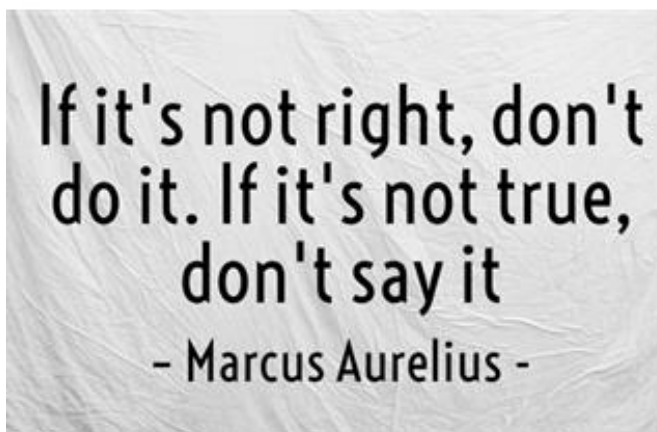
Thank you to all the parents and families who have donated their time and plants so far.

A special mention goes to Kim Childs-Haslam and Scott Filmer. The kids, Miss Byrne and myself are so excited to get out and garden each week and we really appreciate all the help and donations.

All parents welcome,

See you Thursday

Belinda and Courtney

**Kindergarten 2018**

Do you have a child at home who will be coming to our school in 2018? Please drop into the office or call us on 6655 1147 so we can add your child to our 2018 Kindergarten enrolment list. We will send you our Kindergarten Transition Program when it is available

MNC CROSS COUNTRY

Malachi Bailey, Josh Upsall and Ava Vandyke

A great day was had in Murwillumbah. The sun was shining, a little bit of wind, but all 3 ran extremely well.

Josh Upsall finishing 2nd in the 10 boys.

Ava VanDyke finishing 18th in the 8/9 girls.

Malaki Bailey finishing 15th in the 12/13 Boys.

Josh will now progress to the State All School Championships at Eastern Creek Raceway, Sydney on Friday 21st July.

Tania Upsall, Proud Mum

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open every Monday and Friday morning, 8.40am-9.30am.

Parents/Carers are welcome to complete an order form which will be filled and sent home with your child/ren or you will be phoned for collection.

The Uniform shop is CASH or CHEQUES ONLY.

Haylee Rose

P & C Uniform Co ordinator

STILL TIME TO ORDER PIES!



There is still time to order your pies! Pies are family sized, made fresh to order, freeze well and are from Urunga Country Oven Bakery. They are selling them to the school at very reasonable prices and we are able to sell them on to families







and raise funds for important equipment and resources for the school. All order forms (available from the office) and the correct money (cash or cheques payable to Bellingen Public School P&C) need to be returned to the school by **Wednesday 14th June 2017**.

All pies can be collected on Wednesday 21st June between 3.00pm and 5.30pm from the canteen at the school. (NOTE: We urgently need people to help hand out the pies in the school canteen on 21st June between 3pm and 5.30pm. If you are able to assist us please contact us on the numbers below).

Children can collect pies for their families and we are asking if parents whose children are collecting pies can put a canvas bag in their child's school bag for easy carrying. For all further information please contact Elektra Macdonald on 0412 336 090 or elektra@elektras.com We look forward to receiving your orders and serving you pies!

Thank you for your support!

**THINKING SKILLS – Six Thinking Hats
Meet Fidget Spinners**

PROCESS		Blue Hat - Process Thinking about thinking. What thinking is needed? Organizing the thinking. Planning for action.	CREATIVITY		Green Hat - Creativity Ideas, alternatives, possibilities. Solutions to black hat problems.
FACTS		White Hat - Facts Information and data. Neutral and objective. What do I know? What do I need to find out? How will I get the information I need?	BENEFITS		Yellow Hat - Benefits Positives, plus points. Why an idea is useful. Logical reasons are given.
FEELINGS		Red Hat - Feelings Intuition, hunches, gut instinct. My feelings right now. Feelings can change. No reasons are given.	CAUTIONS		Black Hat - Cautions Difficulties, weaknesses, dangers. Spotting the risks. Logical reasons are given.



Amidst the controversy around the world about fidget spinners, this week Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be using De Bono's Six Thinking Hats to think about and discuss the issues around fidget spinners in the classroom. They will then be asked to 'put on' their green hats to explore creative ideas and the possibilities to design new kinds of spinners, and

systems to eliminate problems with their use in the classroom. This is an example of how we can use critical and creative thinking to solve real world issues.

"There's a way to do it better - find it." *Thomas Edison*

Denise Head (RFF Thinking Skills)

UNIFORM UPDATE

It's time to have your final say in proposed uniform change. This can be done either via Survey Monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M5TLX6R>

or via note that has gone home with your child.

Please let us know by Friday 23rd of June.

The proposed changes, based on this survey and feedback are:

JACKETS: dark royal blue with yellow stripes on collar and cuffs; stud buttons

SHIRTS: royal blue with yellow panels; a cooler material

SHORTS & SKORTS: royal blue



Proposed uniform is on display in the office, if you are interested in having a closer look.

Please note that if a uniform change is voted on there will be a 2 year transition to the new uniform.

LOST PROPERTY

Label, Label, Label!

The School cannot return any items of lost clothing or lost lunch boxes if they are not labeled. Please ensure all lunchboxes and items of clothing are labeled so they can be returned and check that labels are clear and still easily read.

There are currently a number of non uniform items and lunch boxes in lost property that cannot be returned as they have no labels. If they are not collected by the end of the week they will be sent to the Op Shop.

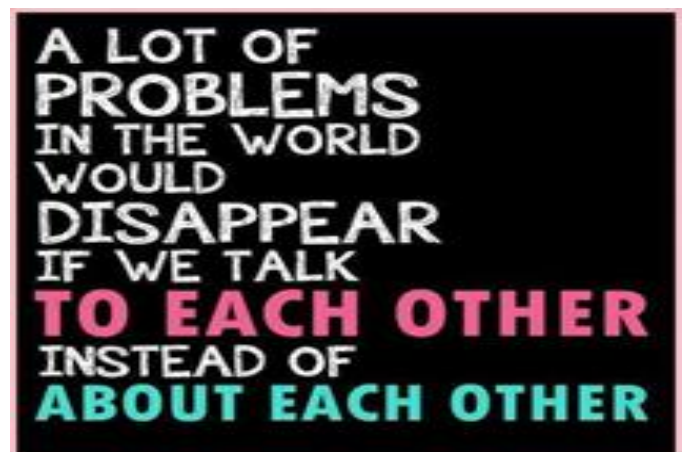
SCRABBLE

We would love some Scrabble games for the tutor program and games hub at school.

If anyone has one that they are happy to donate we would really appreciate it.

Thank you,

Carole McFaul



CANTEEN NEWS

This past weekend saw us all celebrate the birthday of Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth, Queen of Australia. Fireworks were set off all over the nation from Coober Pedy to Coffs Harbour and from Tangalooma to Tamworth. Now after enjoying the long weekend of celebrating this contemporary and by no means outdated occasion, our royalist renditioners of readin', writin' and 'rithmatic can return to the joyous experience of expanding their minds.

As the next part of the on-going explanation of the Healthy Canteens policy, we will discuss the requirement that all "occasional" foods have a minimum health star rating of 3½ stars. This may be confusing to some who haven't realised that the health star rating is category specific. To explain this in a way that would make Sir Humphrey Appleby proud. That is to say that the health star rating only compares like foods. For example, the rating on cheese and spinach rolls compares only cheese and spinach rolls with other cheese and spinach rolls and does not compare them with say iced chocolate cakes. In this case therefore, an iced chocolate cake with a 4½ star rating is probably the healthiest iced chocolate cake you could get but it is not healthier than a cheese and spinach roll with a 3½ star rating.

The philosophy behind this 3½ star health rating requirement is that all foods deemed to be "occasional" foods are healthy enough to serve in school canteens but only the healthier of these should be available.

The special this week will again be Thai chicken meat balls on a bed of Thai salad and noodles. The special will be available on Thursday and Friday only for \$4.00 or \$5.00 with a drink.

Feeding your children to a better education,
Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

Canteen Roster – June

Tue 13 Sue Travis
 Wed 14 Laurie Rosa
 Thu 15 Elizabeth Joyce
 Fri 16 Gabrielle Tindall
 Mon 19 Anne Towns, Alicia Prevost
 Tue 20 Liz Thacker,

Diary Dates

June

Fri 16 WSA
 Fri 16 Stage 2 Eisteddfod, Life House Church, Orlando St, 11pm
 Fri 16 Show & Tell – Concert for all String players, 2- 3 pm
 Mon 19 Daniel and Viv's Music play-in 1.45 – 3.10. Music Room
 Thur 22 School Photos
 Fri 23 Athletics Carnival, BHS
 Fri 30 Last Day of Term 2

July

Mon 17 SDD

Tue 18 First Day back for Students Term 3

August

Mon 7 P & C Meeting
 Fri 11 WSA
 Thur 31 Stage 3 Musical – Dress Rehearsal

September

Fri 1 Stage 3 Musical – Matinee & Evening Performance
 Mon 4 P & C Meeting
 Fri 8 WSA
 Mon 11–15 Year 5 Lake Keepit Excursion

October

Mon 9 P & C Meeting

November

Fri 3 WSA
 Mon 6 P & C Meeting
 Mon 27- Yr 6 Canberra Excursion

December

Fri 1 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion – return home

CURRENT NOTES

- P & C Pie Order Forms
- Stage 2 Choir Eisteddfod

Community Notices - Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

UKULELE LESSONS with Daniel

Starting term 3 2017

All Ukulele players will be working towards performing for an end of year concert.

Book in your child at the front office - limited places.



private lessons \$30
 shared lessons \$20

Daniel 0477477640



Worried about your child's hearing?

Have they had lots of colds and ear infections?

Do they seem like they are ignoring you?

Then come along to

Otitis Media Awareness Day

Thursday 22nd June

Park Beach Plaza

10am – 5pm

FREE

Ear Health Checks for Children (0 – 18years)

No Appointment Necessary

Each ear check will take approximately 5 minutes