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Term 4 Week 7 Monday, 26 November 2018

**Meals on Wheels Giving Tree** 

Each year gifts are collected by a representative from *Open Arms Care* for distribution by Meals on Wheels to our elderly residents on Christmas Day.

Families are asked to supply a wrapped gift with a label showing if the gift is for a man or woman to our front office prior to Presentation Day, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program which

has been a tradition at Bellingen Public School for over 14 years.



Making learning meaningful, relationships positive and individuals successful.

#### From the Principal's Desk

#### Week 7

This week we have our year 5 students presenting their leadership speeches (Tuesday 9:30am hall) in a bid to become a leader for 2019. Good luck all year 5 students involved in speeches. Year 6 are off to the high school for transition to high school on Friday, reminder to year 6 to go straight to the high school on Friday.

Swim scheme starts next week for years 2 and 3 and will go for two weeks.

Have a great week

**Dylan Harry, Relieving Principal** 

All String Students
Please bring music and instrument
for entertaining guests at 'Thank
you' Morning Tea tomorrow,
Tuesday November 27. Meeting at
the Hall after lunch bell.

#### **School Banking Volunteer Opportunity**

Would you like to help out and volunteer at the school? Next year we would like to train another School Banking Coordinator. It is not necessary for your child/ren to be part of School Banking but it would assist with an understanding of the process. Please come to the office and enquire if you are interested.

#### Stage 1 Choir

Family and friends of Stage 1 students are welcome to join us for our end of year choir performance on Tuesday the 11th December at 2:30pm in the hall (Week 9). This Semester, Stage 1 choir students have been learning new vocal techniques such as blending and using dynamics, telling stories through music and words and gaining a more solid grasp of rhythm, beat and movement. Singing helps promote positive emotions and Stage 1 are very excited to sing some of their favourite songs to you.

## Mrs Huxter (McCulloch), Stage 1 Choir Teacher "PASSION PATCH" GARDEN CLUB.

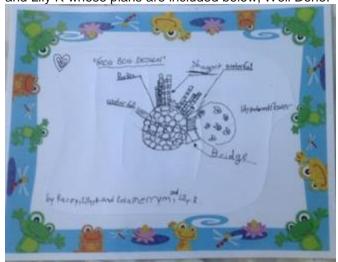
From Little Things, Big Things Grow......Excitement mounted as our keen lunch time gardeners gathered around the Frog Bog for our official opening last Wednesday.



Ms. Scott, Ann, Waveney and Ms Viv celebrated the cutting of the rope with our Garden club students, making a fuss over Ross who has been instrumental in giving up many hours of his time to lend his expertise in making sure the foundations were balanced and wouldn't have to be re-done at any stage.



This newly created serene space has been long awaited by all involved and it really started way back in the beginning of the year when a group of enthusiastic girls gathered with pen and paper, ready to draw up a plan that they thought would enhance the school grounds and for everyone to share. Thanks to Kacey Blackwell, Lilly Bowen, Lola Brading, Merryn Staheyeff and Lily R whose plans are included below, Well Done.



From there, the dream was plotted and planned, and over the many months so many people have contributed and transformed the area bringing the "Frog Bog" to its present state. We have observed Max gently encouraging students to enjoy the time they have outside in the gardens and excavating the initial ponds, planting water side vegetation and working as a team together. Working Bees, Donations, having funds to spend on essential pond items through our Spring Plant Fair all helped enormously to now have that special area which draws in students each day to either watch and sit quietly observing, classroom study time, video making and discussion, or just generally creating that happy feeling watching the flowers drifting into each section of the pond, listening to the water trickling and music being practiced nearby.

All we really need now is an abundance of local frogs to move in and I am sure this won't take long!!! Thankyou

to everyone who shared the dream, watched it grow and can now enjoy this amazing area at School.



Ms. Viv

### Kindergarten 2019

Do you have a child at home who will be coming to our school in 2019? Please drop into the office or call us on 6655 1147 so we can add your child to our 2019 Kindergarten enrolment list. Our Kindergarten Transition Program is now available.

#### **Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform shop is open 8.40 am to 9.30am, Monday & Friday only. Payment is by cash or cheque only. Order forms are available from the office or can be downloaded at:

http://www.bellingen-

p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/9200384/9206657/20 170831\_bps\_uniform\_order\_form\_version\_20\_kb.pdf Completed orders can be left at the office to be filled, sent home with your child/ren or collected when ready.

#### **Student Banking**

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program. School Banking day is on Tuesday.

If your child has collected 10 Dollarmites tokens and would like to redeem them for a School Banking reward item this term, please fill in your child's redemption slip and bring it along to one of our School Banking days before 30 November 2018. This will ensure the reward item will arrive before the school holidays.

Our final School Banking day for 2018 is Tuesday, 11 December. Any Dollarmites tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2019.

Sandra Ruming, Ashlie Davis & Elektra Macdonald Student Banking Coordinators

#### Photography at School

Parents/Carers are reminded that when taking photos at school events they should not post these photos online when they include other students. If you would like to post a photo of your child please take an individual photo.

#### **Volunteers**

#### Do you volunteer at Bellingen Public School?

All volunteers need to complete a Volunteer application together with appropriate volunteer appendicies and provide 100 points of identification. A Working With Children check is only required for overnight excursions or if you do not have a student relative at this school.

All volunteers need to sign in at the office or other designated sign on site. Applications need to be updated annually. Please see the office for more information.

# THINKING SKILLS – Applying Past Knowledge

What is it? – Using past experiences as a source of information and help.

Sounds like – "this reminds me of....This is just like the time when 1....?"

Looks like – Explaining what is happening based on previous experiences.

Feels like — I am able to move forward with...... because I know that last time..... (making connections) Too often, students begin each new task as if it were being approached for the first time. Students that are good at applying past knowledge to new situations recall how they have solved a problem previously. These students make connections and understand the relationship between the previous problem and the new one. They are able to encapsulate their experience and apply it to new learning. They are able to draw forth from one event and apply it in another context. This habit builds confidence and allows students to understand new learning much faster than students that do not apply this habit as well.

"I've never made a mistake. I've only learned from experience." Thomas A. Edison

Information on Habits of Mind is taken from the book Habits of Mind by Costa and Kallick.



#### Denise Head, RFF Thinking Skills

#### P & C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is our end of year dinner upstairs at the Federal Hotel, at 6.30pm on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. Please RSVP to Elektra Macdonald on 0412 336 090.

#### **Canteen News**

To cater for the students and other members of our school community, providing the healthiest and most nutritious food in a responsive, courteous and impartial manner.



Yo, Yo, Yo,

Week 7! Where has the time

gone. This week we will be having a get together for all our fantastic volunteers across the school, with a morning tea on Tuesday morning. Your contributions of not only your time but life experiences that you bring have been fantastic.

A special thank you goes out to Harmony Dillon this week whose suggestion that we should add wooden stirrers to our big ice cups, just awesome Harmony, this has saved the usage of approximately 8000 single use plastic spoons over the course of a year well done.

Don't forget we have our own BPS sausage rolls available every day with the pies being \$4.00 and the sausage rolls at \$3.50 in line with our current menu offerings made in Bellingen by the awesome team at Hearthfire.

This week's winners of our biggest and smallest apple competition are Laney Humphries in KP and also Pepper Macdonald-Coles who both had apples weighing in at a teeny 69 grams. The largest, which belonged to Ruby Thorn in 1A whose apple weighed in at 213 grams \$2 goes to the 3 of you, you can collect from the canteen. Watch this space for our weekly winners and keep those apples coming as there is something special coming in this category next week.

Our 2 weekly specials this week even if they look very similar to 2 weeks ago are a lean beef lasagne along with a pulled chicken enchilada supplied from Louis and his fantastic crew at Valley Quality Meats at \$4.00, what a bargain. Or you can meal deal the whole lot for \$5.00 and include a frozen juice popper, just the thing for a sunny Bello lunchtime.

Thank you everyone for being a part of and making our school community so awesome

Matt Knight, Canteen Supervisor

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER – NOVEMBER**

Tues 27th Liz "Gecko" Fowler

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Sue Travis and "Action" Ann Mackerras Thur 29<sup>t</sup> "Action" Ann Mackerras and Tanya

Donoghue

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> "Action" Ann Mackerras, Jen Di

Conceicao and Laura Armesto

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> "Rockin" Rob Gale and Rod "Rocco"

O'Hara.

#### **Attachments with this Newsletter**

Symphony Under the Stars

#### **Current Notes**

Copies of current notes can be found on the Bellingen Public School website.

https://bellingen-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/current-notes.html

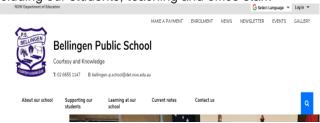
- Stage 1 Movie and Picnic note
- Year 5 Leadership speeches note
- Meals on Wheels Giving Tree

- Yrs 2 & 3 School Swim Scheme
- Personal Development Years 5 & 6
- BHS Yr 6 to Yr 7 Orientation note
- Year 6 Farewell, parent helper request
- Final Year 6 Canberra excursion note

#### **Payments online**

All school student related payments can now be made on-line. Just go to our school's website and look at the top menu bar for the MAKE A PAYMENT sign, and click from there.

I encourage all parents and carers to use this facility as it is far more secure and easier for all concerned, including our students, teaching and office staff.



#### P & C Notice

Facebook - P&C often try and connect with the community and give reminders about upcoming events or fundraisers. If you join the group on Facebook you can ask questions, make announcements and share your support of the school and your children. Thanks for your participation.



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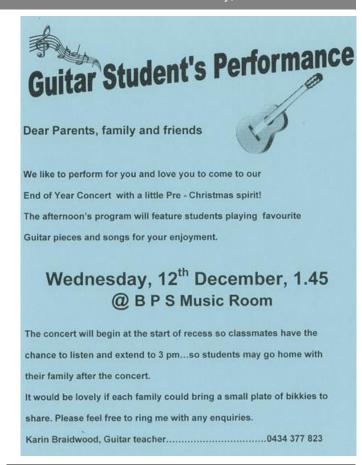
**Diary Dates** 

#### November

Tue 27	Yr 5 Leadership speeches, 9.30 – 10.30am
Tue 27	Thank You Morning Tea, 11.15 - 12
Fri 30	BHS Yr 6 to Yr 7 Orientation Day

#### **December**

Mon 3	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm – Federal Hotel
Mon 3	BHS Yr 6 to Yr 7 Parent Orientation Evening
Mon 3 -7	Yr. 6 Canberra Excursion
Mon 3-7	Swim Scheme. Years 2 & 3
Fri 7	Whole School Assembly, 9.30am
Mon 10	Piano Concert - 1.30 – 2.30
Mon 10- 14	Swim Scheme. Years 2 & 3
Tue 11	Stage 1 Choir concert
Tue 11	Band Concert, 2.20pm School Hall
Tue 11	Last day for Student Banking
Wed 12	Guitar Concert- 1.45pm, Music room
Thur 13	Yr. 6 Farewell
Mon 17	Presentation Day
Tue 18	Stage 1 End of Year Movie & Picnic
Tue 18	Stage 3 End of Year Pool
Wed 19	Last day for students
Thur 20	SDD
Fri 21	SDD



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





Registrations are now open. Call to find out more about the program, or visit our website

TO REGISTER: VISIT www.go4funonline.com.au

SMS 0427 218 523 for a call back FREE CALL 1800 780 900



