



# Bellinghen Public School

*'Courtesy and Knowledge'*

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Term 4 Week 10

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*Making learning meaningful, relationships positive and individuals successful.*

## From the Principal's Desk

Thank you to all who assisted in any aspect of the school, we couldn't do what we do without the support of the community.

Hava a safe and happy holidays, we look forward to seeing you in 2019.

**Dylan Harry, Relieving Principal**

## Kindergarten Farm Excursion

Kindergarten had a fabulous time at the Bellinghen High School Farm last week. They had the chance to feed and pat chickens, sheep, cattle and even have a hand-feeding bottle race with paddy lambs! Students loved seeing how the farm worked and listening to Mr Boyd tell them about how they care for the animals that live there. After all the farm excitement the classes walked through town and looked at local produce and discussed where their food comes from. What a great day, thanks you to all who helped out on the day. A special thank you to Warren Weick who provided free transport to the high school and Mr Boyd for his awesome farm tour.



**Miss Jess Fleming & Mrs Kathy Taylor, Organising Teachers**

## P & C Report

The Bellinghen Public School P&C have had another fantastic year supporting the school students with fundraising and working in the school with the staff and students. We have had a number of successful fundraisers including Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, the Pie Drive and of course the fantastic Fete, which alone raised over \$14,000. The volunteer-run Uniform Shop has also been busy selling more new uniforms in our transition into a new look for the school which has been positively received. Next year should see some of this fundraising money buy the school a long-overdue PA system and more technology for the classrooms.

This year the P&C helped purchase more home readers, update the library space, support the principal with school planning, donated weekly coffee prizes to staff to support wellbeing, worked with the new canteen manager in their transition phase, participated in budget meetings and much, much more. We love our school and enjoy meeting once a month to discuss with the staff and other parents, how we can best support the school and think about how we would be able to achieve the school vision.

An AGM will be held early next year and executive positions will be open and more committee members are welcome. We usually meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the school library. Hope to see you there.

## P & C Committee

### Garden Fundraising

Thank you to Emily Greer who spent time at the markets on Saturday busking to raise money for the Garden Club. Emily raised \$94.60 playing violin.

### Library

Thank you for all the library returns so far. Student borrowing this year has been very busy which is fabulous and I appreciate that some books will go irretrievably missing.

However we still have over 400 overdue loans outstanding. They are all there somewhere so a final search and rescue would be greatly appreciated. As you can imagine the cost of replacement of these is huge. Thank you and happy and safe holidays to all.

**Carole McFaul, Librarian**





### 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.

### Piano Book Award Celebration.

Congratulations to Pacific Hazlett who has completed her Primer Level Piano Studies and now has moved to Level 1 which is very exciting to look forward to for our return to Music next year. The combined Piano Concert had an appreciative audience and the students all chose their favorite pieces to perform, Secret Santas all turned up to surprise the young musicians and to finish off the term we all met under the shade of our beautiful trees to share ice cream and wish each other a Merry Musical Christmas.



Enjoy the Holidays and See you again in 2019.

**Ms Viv, Piano Teacher**

### Stage 1 Choir



Well what a beautiful performance! Stage 1 choir made a lot of noise on Tuesday when they performed 4 of their favourite songs from this years repertoire: 'A Million Dreams', 'We Know the Way' from Moana, 'Feel it Still' by Portugal. The Man, 'Shotgun' by George Ezra and an oldie but a goldie which got the grandmas and grandpas tapping 'Swinging on a star'. Thanks to all those family and friends who made the kids smile with your presence and thanks Stage 1 choir for all your enthusiasm. Happy holidays!

**Mrs Huxter (McCulloch), Stage 1 Choir Teacher**

### 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 appendices 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.

### Kindergarten 2019

Do you have a child at home who will be coming to our school in 2019?

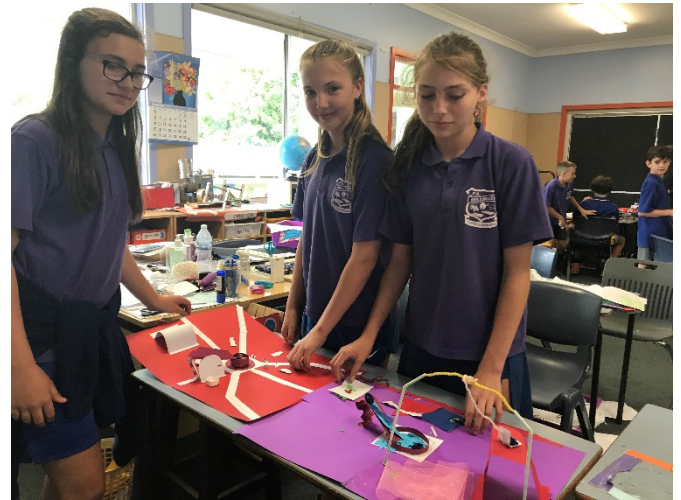
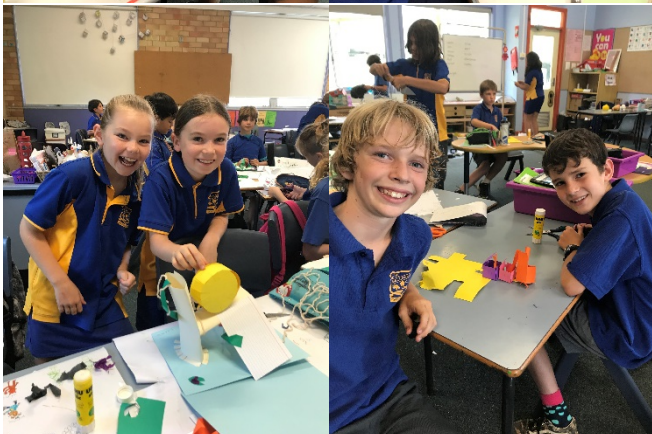
Please drop into the office or call us on 6655 1147 so we can add your child to our 2019

Kindergarten enrolment list. Our Kindergarten Transition Program is now available.

### THINKING SKILLS







Denise Head, RFF Thinking Skills

### 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.

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.

Our final School Banking day for 2018 was **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

### 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.

Our final weekly winners of our biggest and smallest apple competition are Patrick Bell in 5/6P whose apple weighed in at 33 grams. The largest, which belonged to both Echo Divola in 5/6O again, 2 weeks in a row and Jayme Garrett in 5/6 M whose apples both weighed in at 232 grams \$2 goes to all of you, you can collect from the canteen. We will kick off our apple competition again in the new year.

Speaking of the new year 2019 will be upon us before we know it, so if you would like to join us on our exiting journey of enhancing the health and wellbeing of our School Community members. Simply fill in a form, obtainable from the canteen and hand it into myself or into the front office and we can get you onboard the team for 2019

Just a quick footnote the canteen will be open right up until the end of recess on Wednesday the 19th

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year and looking forward to seeing everyone come the 30th of January. Thank you everyone for being a part of and making our school community so awesome.

**Matt Knight**  
Canteen Supervisor





## Live Life Well @ School



### Beat the Christmas Bulge

#### Dodge the party foods

- Avoid chips, chocolates, lollies, cakes, slices & pies
- Go for fruit salads, sandwiches, nuts & vege based dips

#### Stay fit

- Ask for gifts such as gym memberships
- Walk to see sites while holidaying
- Plan fun games & outdoor activities for the family

More Info: <http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/resource/tips-beat-christmas-bulge>



### CANTEEN ROSTER –January/February

**Tue 29<sup>th</sup>** Liz "Gecko" Fowler.

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup>** Maree Martindale.

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>** "Action" Ann Mackerras and Tanya Donoghue.

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** "Action" Ann Mackerras and Jen Di Conceicao.

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** "Rockin" Rob Gale and Rod "Rocco" O'Hara.

### 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.

NSW Department of Education

MAKE A PAYMENT ENROLMENT NEWS NEWSLETTER EVENTS GALLERY



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### Attachments with this Newsletter

- Bellingen Netball Holiday Clinics
- Circus Kids workshop
- Kids Gondwana nature play, Dorrigo National Park
- SURF GROMS SUMMER 2018/2019

### 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>

- Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

### 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.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/590159587777837/>

### Diary Dates

#### December 2019

Wed 19	Talent Quest
Wed 19	Yr. 6 Walk out 2.10pm
Wed 19	Last day for students
Thur 20	SDD
Fri 21	SDD

#### January 2019

Mon 28	Australia Day holiday
Tue 29	SDD
Wed 30	First day back for Yrs. 1-6
Wed 30	Kindergarten Best Start
Thur 31	Kindergarten Best Start

#### February 2019

Fri 1	Kindergarten Best Start
Fri 1	BPS Swimming Carnival Yrs. 2 – 6
Mon 4	First day for Kindergarten
Mon 4	P & C Meeting
Tue 5	Back up day for Swimming Carnival

#### March 2019

Mon 4	P & C Meeting
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#### April 2019

Wed 3	Yr 4 Cascade Excursion
Thur 4	Yr. 4 Cascade Excursion
Fri 5	Yr. 4 Cascade Excursion
Fri 13	Last day of Term 1
Mon 29	SDD
Tue 30	First day back for students Term 2

#### July 2019

Wed 3	School Photos
Fri 5	Last day of Term 2
Mon 22	SDD

Tue 23 First day back for students Term 3

### September 2019

Mon 16 – Fri 20 Yr. 5 Lake Keepit Excursion  
 Fri 27 Last day of Term 3  
 Yr. 6 Canberra Excursion

### October 2019

Mon 14 First day for students Term 4  
 Thur 31 State Athletics

### November 2019

Fri 1 State Athletics  
 Mon 18 – Fri 29 Yrs. 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

### December 2019

Wed 18 Last day of Term 4  
 Thur 19 SDD  
 Fri 20 SDD

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



**Have a Very Merry Christmas**

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

For seniors, single parents and children ...  
 anyone who would otherwise be alone!

**Little Red Kitchen**  
 Hyde Street, Bellinghen

**Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December 12pm**



We'll supply the food and drink while you enjoy  
 some Christmas cheer and entertainment.

\* Special diets catered \* Transport available

If you would like to celebrate this special day  
 with us, or if you know someone else who will be  
 alone, please ring and book as soon as possible:

**Bellinghen Neighbourhood Centre Ph: 66551239**

Organised by: Little Red Kitchen, St Vincent de Paul & St Margaret's Church

### Presentation Day

Congratulations to our 2019 School Leaders.



Back Row L to R Daisy Sully, Ava Vandyke, Della Byrne & Macy Lane  
 Front Row L to R Jack Apanui, Saxon Gale, Zachariah Hawkshaw & Liam Ball