



Bellinghen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 4 Week 8

Monday, 3 December 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 17th December.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program which has been a tradition at Bellinghen Public School for over 14 years.



Making learning meaningful, relationships positive and individuals successful.

From the Principal's Desk

Last week we had the pleasure of holding a thank you morning tea for the volunteers who assist in many ways at our school. It was a beautiful morning tea and a big thank you to both the junior and senior string group for another outstanding performance. We as a school really value and appreciate all community members who give up their time to support the school.





Congratulation to all the year 5 students for their inspiring speeches in running for 2019 school leadership positions. Good luck.



Have a great week
Dylan Harry, Relieving Principal

Save Our School (Frog Bog!!!)

Ms. Scott and Ms. Viv are sending out a callout to the School Community for a Parent/Carer with a Ute or Trailer and an hour or two to load rocks from Black Street, Bellingen to the Primary School so that we can make the Frog Bog meet safety requirements by lifting the water level.

We would greatly appreciate some assistance and of course would be on hand to help throughout. Please ring so we can discuss when is suitable so that we can complete the job before holidays begin.

Thankyou.

Contact Phone Number Ms Scott 0403 686 267, Ms. Viv 6655 2846

Library Stocktake

We will be starting library stocktake next week and need all library books returned.

Please help your children with a search and rescue for library books at home. We currently have over 700 book overdue!

Some of these are from very early in the year so may be mixed up with home books, in toy cupboards, etc so a good search would be appreciated.

We will be sending home notes - please ask your child for these as they often get left in school bags.

The notes are computer generated and we do not check every one so we apologise if the books are not at home. Sometimes they are in the classroom and sometimes they accidentally get returned to the shelves without going via the computer. But more often than not they turn up at home, buried somewhere!

We lose hundreds of dollars worth of books every year so getting as many as possible back is really important.

Thank you

Carole McFaul & Helen Chapman, Librarians

Band Performance

Students involved with the primary school band program will still be performing on Tuesday the 11th of December, at 2:20pm. However, the performance will now be held at the primary school's top shelter due to a clash with another group performing at the same time. The name of this performance will be "Dancing Winds".

Our aim for this performance is for the band to perform a program entirely on their own. The program will open with a drumline performance by the drum students of the school.

We have one more rehearsal before the concert, and we won't have any Year 6 students due to the Canberra excursion. We need to continue to maximise rehearsal time in order to be able to work on the entire program.

The performance order is:

- Canzona
- Get Back
- As Winds Dance
- Popcorn Prelude
- Thunderstruck

Please don't lose your music, and keep up the focus and practice!

Many musical thanks,

Peter Morgan
Woodwind Teacher

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.

Flute Tuition 2019

Has your child ever thought about playing the flute? I have some availability for flute lessons beginning 2019 but spaces are very limited. Flutes are available to hire from the school and tuition runs during class times on Tuesdays.

Please contact Mrs Tanis Huxter at tanis.mcculloch@det.nsw.edu.au or come to the office to complete an Expression of Interest – Music Lessons. Thank you.

Mrs Tanis Huxter (McCulloch)

Flute Teacher

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

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.

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/>

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.

THINKING SKILLS –

Kids are used to strict boundaries and scaffolding. If you give them the freedom and time to be creative sometimes they don't cope. It's a bit like opening the door to a birdcage and the bird stays still. Some kids embrace the opportunity and blossom. Some freeze. Being creative takes confidence and bravery. It also requires that students are not limited by a fear of failure.



According to the work of Bryan Greetham (2016), the ten characteristics we need to cultivate in kids to enable them to be creative thinkers are:

1. The ability to declutter the mind
2. The skills to design solutions rather than just finding them
3. Naïve, childlike thinking that takes nothing for granted
4. The ability to find good problems
5. The skills to look for causes, effects and possible solutions
6. Openness to new ideas
7. The ability to suspend judgement
8. Determination and resourcefulness
9. Courage in their thinking
10. Optimism

PARENTS

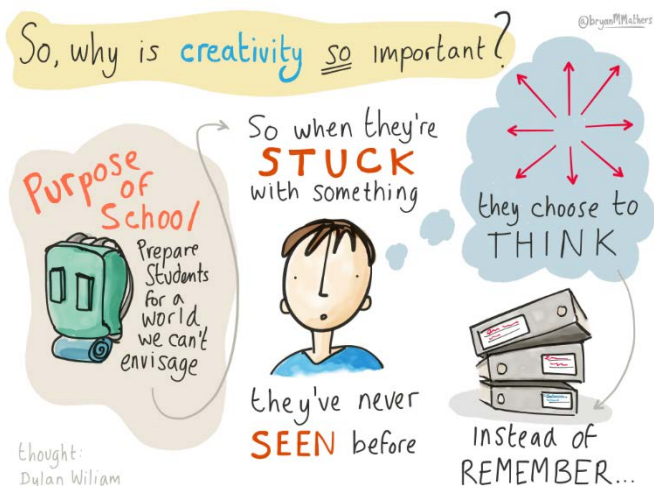
Creative talent varies. It is a skill like any other that can be practised and improved. Parents need to let kids know that and provide environments that allow creativity.

We reinforce the erroneous belief that creativity is purely innate when we say to kids, "Don't worry, I'm not creative either". We also support this false assumption when we assign creativity a gender. There is a perception that creativity is a feminine trait. That's untrue.

Working Together

Developing creative thinking skills in our kids is an area where parents and teachers can work together for great outcomes. Some of the ways we can do that:

- Ask great, 'why' and 'how' questions
- Have a solutions-based approach to problems. I like the idea of a 20/80 approach. You can spend 20% of your time talking about a problem, but 80% on developing solutions
- Create an environment that is non-judgemental but challenging
- Promote mindfulness to clear the mind and create room for creativity



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. 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.

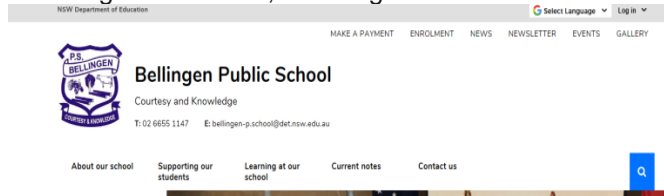
Our final School Banking day for 2018 is Tuesday, 11 December. Any Dollarmites tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2019.

Sandra Ruming, Ashlie Davis & Elektra Macdonald
Student Banking Coordinators

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.

**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.

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.

Week 8. Another big week for the school with the year 6's away in Canberra and with the year 2's and 3's at swimming program makes for a quieter school this week.

This week's winners of our biggest and smallest apple competition are Tahlo Shenfield in 3/4 A having the smallest apple weighing in at 5 grams. Yes 5 grams, can you believe it, we weighed a peel and that was 12 grams. Seems that Tahlo did have a stash of these little beauties. Commiserations go to Lainey also in 3/4 A who left everyone speechless last Monday morning with her 13 grammer. The largest apple belonged to Sakura Taylor in 2A whose apple weighed in at 264 grams. \$2 goes to the both Tahlo and Sakura, which you can collect from the canteen. Watch this space for our weekly winners and keep those apples coming.

Our 2 weekly specials this week are a lean beef lasagne along with a spinach and ricotta quiche using spinach sown, grown and harvested from our fantastic garden club, both specials being \$4 standalone or \$5.00 with a frozen juice popper and spoon.

Enjoy your Week everyone and stay chilled.

Matt Knight

Canteen Supervisor

CANTEEN ROSTER –DECEMBER

Tues 4th Tali Krieger
Wed 5th Sue Travis
Thurs 6th Tanya Donoghue
Fri 7th Thea O'Conner, Jen Di Concelcao
Mon 10th "Rockin" Rob Gale and Rod "Rocco" O'Hara.

P & C Meeting

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

Attachments with this Newsletter

- North Coast Public Health – (Pertussis) Whooping Cough
- Vacation Care Program

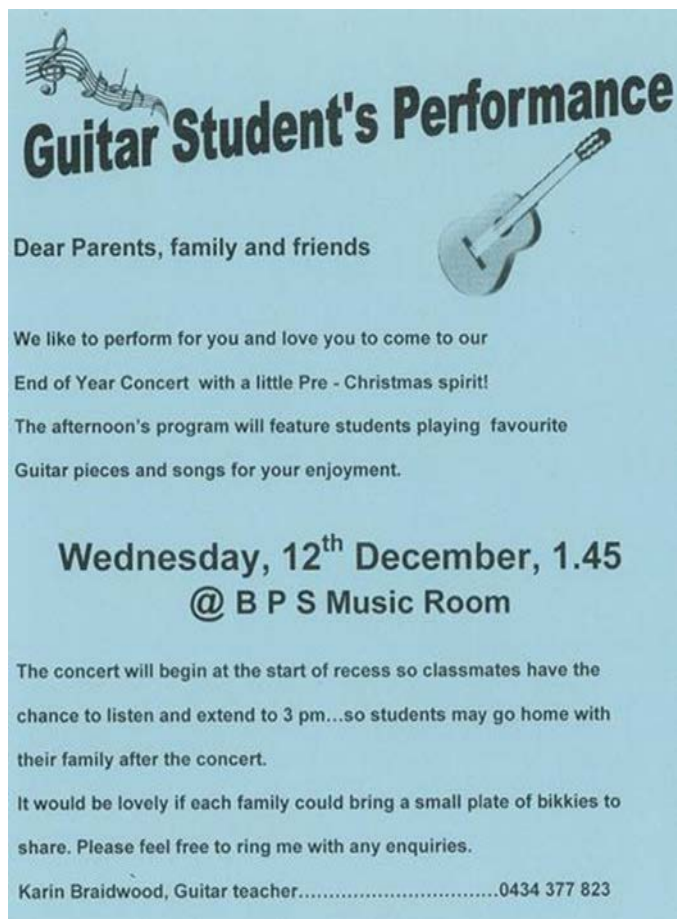
Current Notes

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

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

- Yr 6 Farewell permission note
- Yr 5 attending Yr 6 farewell note
- Stage 3 Excursion to Pool
- Stage 1 Movie and Picnic note
- Meals on Wheels Giving Tree
- Yrs 2 & 3 School Swim Scheme





Guitar Student's Performance

Dear Parents, family and friends

We like to perform for you and love you to come to our
End of Year Concert with a little Pre - Christmas spirit!

The afternoon's program will feature students playing favourite
Guitar pieces and songs for your enjoyment.

Wednesday, 12th December, 1.45
@ B P S Music Room

The concert will begin at the start of recess so classmates have the
chance to listen and extend to 3 pm...so students may go home with
their family after the concert.

It would be lovely if each family could bring a small plate of bikkies to
share. Please feel free to ring me with any enquiries.

Karin Braidwood, Guitar teacher.....0434 377 823

Community Notices - Bellingen 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, Bellingen

Christmas Day 25th 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:

Bellingen Neighbourhood Centre Ph: 66551239

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

Diary Dates

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 – 2.30pm School Hall
Tue 11	Band Concert, 2.20pm Top Shelter
Tue 11	Last day for Student Banking
Tue 11	Drum Concert – 12, Top Shelter
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

January 2019

Mon 28	Australia Day Holiday
Tue 29	SDD
Wed 30	First day back for students
Wed 30	Kinder Best Start
Thur 31	Kinder Best Start

February

Fri 1	Kinder Best Start
Fri 1	Swimming Carnival



2019 BRAVES TRIALS

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Branson Centre, Bishop Druitt College

12PM - 1.30PM Under 18 Men	3.00PM - 4.00PM Under 12 Boys Under 12 Girls Under 14 Girls
1.30PM - 3.00PM Under 14 Boys Under 16 Girls Under 18 Girls	4.00PM - 5.30PM Under 16 Boys

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NICOLE ON 0413 022 934

If you played REP with a different association in 2018 you will need to complete a Permission to Trial form and have signed by your previous association in order to trial.

If you are unable to attend a trial date set, please complete an exemption to trial form and return to bellingerbasketball@gmail.com one week prior to trial date.

Both forms are available from the Braves website:
www.bellingervalleynbasketball.sportingpulse.net

B.V.B.A have obtained a sponsor for the Under 12 Womens Team for 2019. This will cover all Registration fees and season costs.



FREE

Fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier

Help your 7-13 year old child get healthy, active and happy with Go4Fun® Online.

Go4Fun® Online is a free 10 week healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight, and their families.

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



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HOLIDAY SURF LESSONS!

All Lessons 1 hour - \$20 per person Adult and kids groups includes all equipment

DARLINGTON BEACH 1.30pm Wed, Fri & Sun (NSW holidays only)

WOOLGOOLGA 9am & 10.15am Daily (9am only QLD holidays)

SAWTELL BEACH 9am & 10.15am Tues, Thurs & Sat (NSW holidays only)

EMERALD BEACH 1.30pm Tues, Thurs & Sat (NSW holidays only)

*Please note **Sawtell** will operate **everyday** 26th December - January 13th, 9am & 10.15am

CLOSED XMAS AND NEW YEARS DAY

PRIVATE LESSONS

An exclusive surfing experience for individuals or groups. Available all year round for all ages and ability. You choose your day, time and location, or let us guide you with our local knowledge.

All lessons 1 hour

1 person **\$80**
2 people **\$100**
3 people **\$105**
4 people **\$120**
5 people **\$125**
Extra's **\$25 p/p**

Six day SurfGroms (5 to 12 years) option also available!
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Corner Hyde/Oak Streets

THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER
7.15pm for 7.30pm start

* Live Music * Local cafes open

Pedestrians please use designated road crossings and stay safe.

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