



Bellinghen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 4 Week 9

Monday, 10 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

Classes for 2019

In 2019 we welcome two new permanent staff members to the team. Fiona Davis joins us from Palmers Island Public School and will teach Kindergarten/ Year 1. Narelle Kelly joins us from Curry Curry Public School as Assistant Principal for stage 2 and will teach year 3/4.

2019 classes with the current numbers we have at this stage are-

Stage 1 will be made up of Mrs Mathews - Kindergarten, Mrs Mellalieu - Kindergarten, Mrs Davis - Kindergarten/Year 1, Mrs Taylor will be on year 1 for term 1 and Miss Byrnes returns in term 2. Mrs Mulligan will be the Assistant Principal on stage 1 and the Learning and Support Teacher

Stage 2 will be made up of two year 2/3 classes- Mrs Hood and Mrs Vardabasso, three 3/4 classes- Mrs Sommerville, Ms Bugden and Mrs Kelly (Assistant Principal).

Stage 3 will be made up with a 4/5 class- Mrs Everson and four 5/6 classes Mrs Lee, Mrs McFarlane, Mr Ellem and Mr Harry (Assistant Principal).

Please contact the office if you are not attending Bellinghen Public School in 2019.

Thank you

Dylan Harry

Relieving Principal

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

String News

Friday, December 14, Senior Strings 12.40

Junior and Senior Strings 'Farewell to Miss Meagan Party and play-in' 2.10.

Please send small plate of goodies for this party. We have appreciated and loved having Meagan Davis continue to develop the playing skills of our students in her Gap Year.

Monday, December 17, Senior Strings will perform for Presentation Day.

Liz Scott, Music Co ordinator

CANBERRA EXCURSION – PACER Rebate

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward travel expenses incurred. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

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 – remaining open to continuous learning

I have so much more to learn!

Having humility and pride when admitting we don't know; resisting complacency.

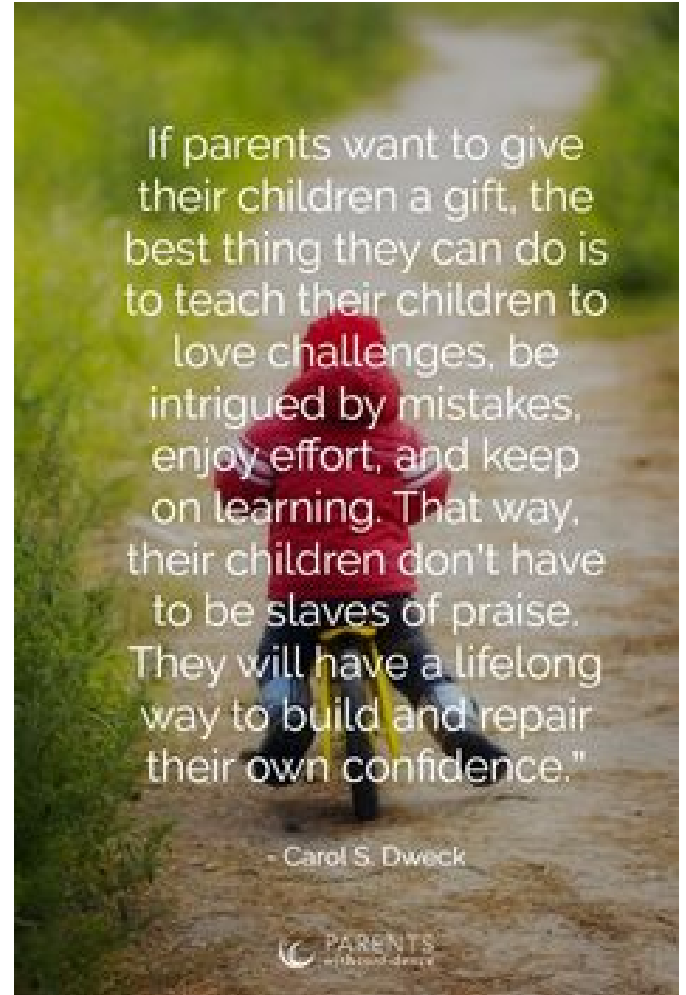
"Insanity is continuing to do the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

Albert Einstein

Intelligent people are in a continuous learning mode. Their confidence, in combination with their inquisitiveness, allows them to constantly search for new and better ways. People with this Habit of Mind are always striving for improvement, always growing, always learning, always modifying and improving themselves. They seize problems, situations, tensions, conflicts and circumstances as valuable opportunities to learn.

A great mystery about humans is that we confront learning opportunities with fear rather than mystery and wonder. We seem to feel better when we know rather than when we learn. We defend our biases, beliefs, and storehouses of knowledge rather than inviting the unknown, the creative and the inspirational. Being certain and closed gives us comfort while being doubtful and open gives us fear. From an early age, employing a curriculum of fragmentation, competition and reactivity, students are trained to believe that deep learning means figuring out the truth rather than developing capabilities for effective and thoughtful action. They have been taught to value certainty rather than doubt, to give answers rather than to inquire, to know which choice is correct rather than to explore alternatives.

Our wish is for creative students and people who are eager to learn. That includes the humility of knowing that we don't know. This is the highest form of thinking we will ever learn. Paradoxically, unless you start off with humility you will never get anywhere, so as the first step you have to have already what will eventually be the crowning glory of all learning: the humility to know--and admit--that you don't know and not be afraid to find out.



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 or can be downloaded at: ??????

http://www.bellingen-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/9200384/9206657/20170831_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.

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

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,

A special thank you goes out to everyone who volunteered in the canteen in the year these include Alicia Angus, Raelene McMahon, Gabrielle Tindall, Maree Martindale, Jennifer Pont, Liz Fowler, Laurie Rosa, Sue Travers, Leonie Jennings, Thea O'Connor, Tali Krieger, Tania O'Donoghue, Mel Gale, Rob Gale, Ann Mackerras, Jen Di Conceicao Bri Skinner, Tu Apanui and Laura Armesto being the people I have met. If we have missed anyone it was purely unintentional, a huge thank you goes out to you also from myself and Eddie. As your time, effort and hard work has really made our school community, the great one it truly is.

This week's winners of our 2nd last biggest and smallest apple competition are Jacob Cormack in 5/6P whose apple weighed in at 80 grams. The largest, which belonged to Echo Divola in 5/6O whose apple weighed in at 223 grams \$2 goes to the both of you, you can collect from the canteen. Watch this space for our last weekly winner and keep those apples coming.

Only 1 weekly specials this week being a lean beef nacho with the beef supplied by 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.

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

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

Matt Knight, Canteen Supervisor



CANTEEN ROSTER –December

Tues 11th Liz "Gecko" Fowler
 Wed 12th Sue Travis and "Action" Ann Mackerras
 Thur 13th "Action" Ann Mackerras and Tanya Donoghue
 Fri 14th "Action" Ann Mackerras, Jen Di Concelcao and Laura Armesto
 Mon 17th "Rockin" Rob Gale and Rod "Rocco" O'Hara.

Attachments with this Newsletter

- Bellingen Vacation Care program

Current Notes

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

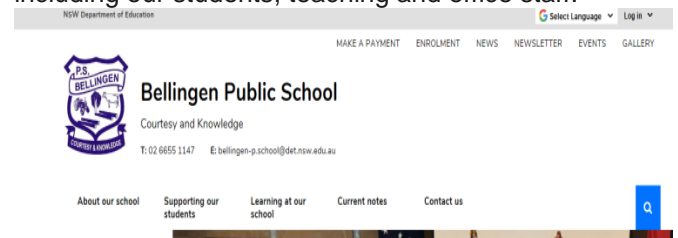
<https://bellingen-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/current-notes.html>

- Stage 3 Pool Excursion
- Yr 5 attending Yr 6 farewell disco
- Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
- Whooping Cough (Pertussis)
- Kindergarten High School farm excursion
- Stage 1 Movie and Picnic note
- Meals on Wheels Giving Tree

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.



Live Life Well @ School



Christmas Gifts to Keep Kids Active

Twister dance game	Juggling balls or stilts
Skittles or Wooden Boules set	Traditional wooden flower press
Zip line set for outdoor fun	Origami paper planes
Croquet set	Bouncy ball making kits
Slack lining kit	Chalk for sidewalk games such as Hopscotch
Pop up tent for camping	Boogie boards
Play silks that can be used to build forts or as parachutes, capes, princess dresses	Skipping ropes

For more info: <https://www.bluearth.org/christmas-gifts-cut-screen-time-encourage-play-time-school-holiday/>



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.



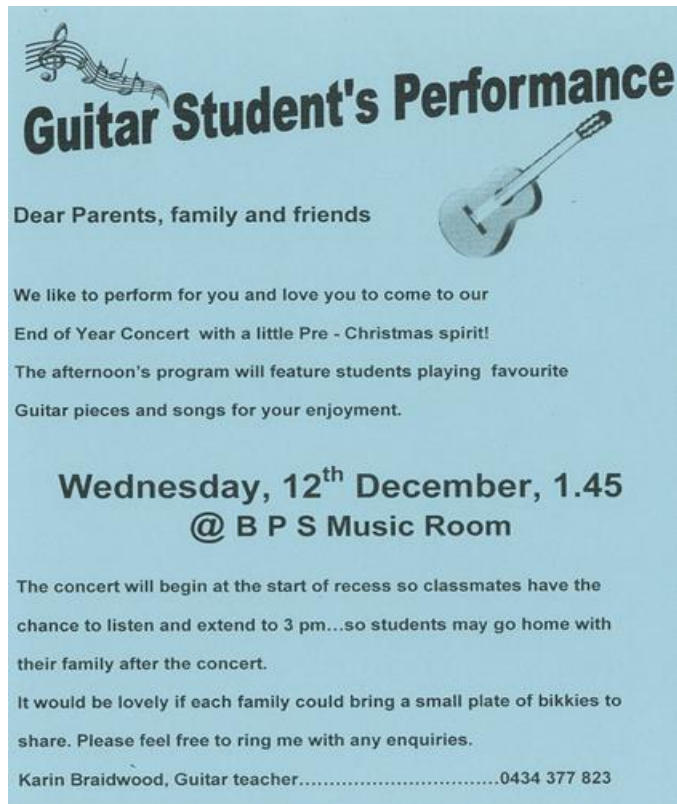
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/59015958777837/>

Diary Dates

December

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
Fri 14	Junior & Senior farewell to Miss Meagan 2.10pm
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



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

At the Botanic Garden.
 Wreath materials supplied
 \$5 per person
 Book your group in now by contacting Sue McEntyre
 Friday 14th December
 6pm-7pm
 Sue McEntyre on 6648 4881 or sue.mcentyre@chcc.nsw.gov.au



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

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



A DAY ON THE HILL DORRIGO
 Saturday 15 December
 DORRIGO REC GROUNDS
 GATES OPEN 12PM
 MUSIC KICKS OFF FROM 2PM ONWARDS

MARK SHAY
DEAR WILLOW
MINNIE MARKS VERA BEACH
JOE NEWTON
BILLYGOAT TUCKER BAND
MATILDA SOMMERS J-RAD
NOAM BLAT RICHARD COOK
THE NIKKI WEBSTERS
MARK MENZIES THE NO NAMES
THE NEW BLACK
 SOHUM BROMANTICS & SOROMANTIC CHOIRS

ETC, Dorrigo Produce, RETREAT, Buy Whilly



You are invited to our,
 END OF YEAR CONCERT
Dance like no one is watching!
 Monday the 17th of December.
 At the Bellingen Golf Club
 Start time 6pm
 Tickets at the door for \$5 each
 Light nibbles and tea and coffee will be included in ticket prices.
 Bar will be open for cold drinks!
 All enquiries please phone Kylie on 0408178585

MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH