



Bellingen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 4 Week 4

Monday, 4 November 2019

From the Principal

Grandparent's Day

Last week we had over 150 Nans, Pops, Grans, Papas, Grandmothers, Grandfathers, and even a Gi Gi attend our grandparent's day. Thank you to Elizabeth Mulligan for organising and to all the families who baked and provided a delicious morning tea. It was a lovely morning of food, chatting and getting to know all the grandparents.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten orientation started last week and will continue over the next 3 Fridays. Welcome to all our Kindergarten families.

Have a lovely week.

Dylan Harry, Relieving Principal

PACER – Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Students from our school will soon be undertaking, an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

P & C News

Firstly, our P&C committee would like to thank everyone for their support with the recent colour run. It was something new this year that was taken on by Mr Harry, Ms Livingstone and Kristy Glyde with great success! The total money raised by our amazing and very supportive school community was \$13,560, with 60% of this money going to our school. Thank you all parents, carers, family members and friends who sponsored our children, teachers, support staff and of course our broader school community that supported this wonderful event. We hope to make this a part of our two year rotation in our fundraising calendar. This term, our P&C are excited about Ms Lee leading the "Design Challenge". We cannot wait to see what the students of Bellingen Public School come up with, and look forward to announcing a winner at the end of year assembly. Thanks to Ms Lee, for giving up her time to create this Design Challenge in order for us to have a logo to showcase beyond 2019. Please refer to the flyer that has already been sent out on the Skoolbag app and in

this newsletter. Don't forget our second last P&C meeting will occur tonight, Monday, 4th November at 6.30pm in the school library.

Sonya Laverty, P & C President

Healthy Lunch Box

<https://healthylunchbox.com.au/>

For great lunchbox ideas and suggestions.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day is recognised internationally and celebrates the role grandparents and older people play in our society – both the things they have done, and the things they keep doing. It recognises the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations.

Bellingen PS Grandparents Day, held last Tuesday, allowed students to spend time with an older loved one and make connections across generations. While not the final figure, the last count indicated that 180 grandparents and great grandparents, spent time in classrooms with their grandchildren observing lessons and sharing stories. The delight and pride on show was shared by both generations!

One Kindergarten student was lucky enough to have his grandparents visiting from overseas, while others had shorter distances to travel!





Thank you to those families who assisted with the provision of the delicious morning tea which was enjoyed by everyone while listening to the outstanding Bellingen PS String Ensemble and Opera House Choir, led by Liz Scott.

Student Assistance

We know there are lots of demands on your wallet at the moment. If you need assistance to pay for school events eg. Swim Scheme, Gymnastics or Excursions, please contact the office. All details are confidential.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform shop is open Monday and Friday each week from 8.40 am to 9.30am. 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.

Excursion Budgeting

Excursions can be paid off weekly, fortnightly, monthly or as it suits your family budget.

Year 5 Lake Keepit excursion. December, Mon 2nd – Fri 6th @ \$361 over approx 2 school weeks \$180/week.

Year 6 Canberra excursion. December, Mon 2 – Fri 6th @ \$618 over approx 2 school weeks \$309/week.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying for any school expenses please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6655 1147.

We also have our online payment system located on the School Website, <http://www.bellingen-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>, click on **MAKE A PAYMENT** and follow the prompts to make a payment.

Kinder Orientation

Last Friday was the first session of Kinder Orientation for 2019. It was terrific to see 38 preschoolers and their families in attendance. While the preschoolers enjoyed a variety of activities in classrooms, their parents attended the first of three sessions specifically aimed at helping them prepare their little one for 'big school' in 2020. Families also enjoyed being shown around the school by the Year 4 buddies who will remain in close contact during Orientation and over the next 2 years. Next week's session for parents will be held in the library and will be on Literacy and Numeracy. Preschoolers will once again be in the Kindergarten rooms.



Phone Policy

Bellingen Public School requires all students to hand in Mobile phones, iPads, iPods, portable electronic games, cameras and similar devices to the office at the beginning of the day. These devices can be collected at the end of the day.

Value of the Week – Democracy

DEMOCRACY

from Greek **demokratia**
"popular government,"
from **demos** "common
people,"
originally "district" (see
demotic),
+ **kratos** "rule, strength"



Suzuki Violin Graduation

Happy Families sharing in the success of their children.
Violin Graduation 2019





BHS Orientations days



Belling High School Year 7 2020 Orientation Days

Friday 22 November 2019 - Small Schools (9:00am - 3:09pm)

Friday 29 November 2019 - All Schools (9:00am - 3:09pm)

Monday 2 December 2019 - Parent Information Evening (5:30pm - 7:00pm)

The small schools orientation day is for students from Orama, Raleigh, Repton and St Mary's. All students will attend the All Schools Day. A range of activities are planned to assist with the transition of students from primary school. A letter detailing these events will be sent to all schools in Week 1 of Term 4. Should you require any further information, please contact Belling High School on 6655 1315 or email belling-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

2020 school travel applications now open

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2019** to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive

their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



Kindergarten 2020

Do you have a child at home who will be coming to our school in 2020?

Please drop into the office or call us on 6655 1147 so we can add your child to our 2020 Kindergarten enrolment list. Our Kindergarten Transition Program is now available.

School Banking

Our School Banking day is Wednesday.

Available in Term 4, we have two new reward items from our 2019 Polar Savers range for students to redeem:

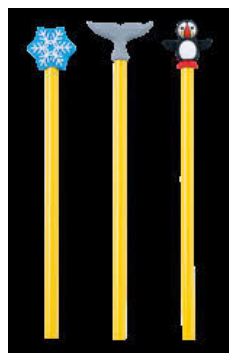
- **Water Skimming Bounce Ball**
- **Polar Pencils & Pencil**

Toppers

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit

commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Ashlie Davis & Sandra Ruming
School Banking Co-ordinators



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. Please see the office for more information.

Payments online

All school student related payments can be made online. Just go to our school's website and look at the top menu bar for the **MAKE A PAYMENT** sign, and click from there. Please complete the mandatory fields only. 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.

Diary Dates

October 2019

Tue 29 Grandparent Day

November 2019

Mon 4 P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Wed 6 State Athletics, SOPAC
Thur 7 State Athletics, SOPAC
Fri 8 Kinder Orientation 9:15 - 11am – Literacy
Mon 11 Remembrance Day – Piggott Park
Tue 12 RTA Road Safety day
Fri 15 Kinder Orientation 9:15 - 11am – Numeracy
Mon 18 – Fri 29 Yrs. 2 & 3 Swim Scheme
Fri 22 Kinder Orientation 9:15 - 11am – HSIE
Fri 22 Finalise payment for Lake Keepit excursion
Fri 22 Finalise payment for Canberra excursion
Wed 27 Yr. 6 – 7 Transition
Thur 28 Yr. 6 – 7 Transition
Thur 28 Narrator Visit Yr. 2-6
Fri 29 Yr. 6 – 7 Transition

December 2019

Mon 2 P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Mon 2 – Fri 6 Yr. 5 Lake Keepit Excursion
Mon 2 – Fri 6 Yr. 6 Canberra Excursion
Mon 9 Combined Piano concert
Tue 10 Student Leaders speeches
Wed 11 Presentation Day
Fri 13 Strings Concert 12:30 – 3:00pm
Fri 13 Woodwind Concert – 6:00 – 7:00pm - Hall
Mon 16 Yr. 6 Farwell dinner
Mon 16 Reports sent home
Tue 17 Stage 3 Pool Day
Tue 17 Stage 1 Picnic Day
Wed 18 Talent Quest
Wed 18 Year 6 Walkout
Wed 18 Last day of Term 4
Thur 19 SDD
Fri 20 SDD

June 2020

Tue 9 School Photos

Current Notes

- Yr 6 Kinder
- Yrs 2 & 3 Swim Scheme
- Yr 6 Farewell Parent helpers request
- Yr 6 Canberra Information & Medical
- Yr 5 Lake Keepit Information & Medical
- CBA Last call for Volunteers
- Personal Development Years 5 & 6
- Stage 2 Changes in Puberty
- Intention to apply Selective High School 2021

Attachments with this Newsletter

- P & C Logo – Design Challenge

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for your child**



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Children between the ages of 2 and 17 must be assessed for eligibility

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