



# Bellinghen Public School

*'Courtesy and Knowledge'*

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Term 4 Week 10

Monday, 16 December 2019

## From the Principal

Week 10, I would like to take the time to say thank you to all the students, parents, office staff, teachers and SLSOs for your work in 2019. Bellinghen Public School is a great school that I am proud to be part of. I thank you for your commitment to learning, support you offer, hard work and dedication and general happiness you bring to the school through out the year.

In 2020 we will continue to drive BPS from strength to strength. Our focus on learning will be through our Forward Four Elements

1. **Making Learning Visible**- All students have a clear understanding about what they are learning and what success looks like.
2. **Differentiation**- Learning is at point of need.
3. **Formative Assessment**- Tracked, monitored and supported along the learning journey.
4. **Feedback**- student to student, student to teacher and teacher to student based on the learning intentions and success criteria.

These Four elements are what is driving Bellinghen Public School forward in 2020.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

**Dylan Harry, Relieving Principal**

## Band Concert

Congratulations to the members of the school Training and Concert Bands for their performance on Thursday afternoon in Week 9. The students entertained an audience of classes and parents as they performed a variety of traditional songs, some pieces from movies and musicals, and showed their diversity with clapping, stomping, shouting out, and banging some bins and lids. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.



The school band programs are always open to new students that are keen to participate on woodwind, brass, bass strings, or percussion. The Concert Band (Thursday 2pm – 3pm) is available for students with over a year experience of playing their instrument or open to those aiming to extend their skills further. The Training Band (Friday 8:30am – 9am) is available for first-year students, students less confident with their skills, or perhaps students wanting to refine their skills further. Forms are available at the front office if you are interested in registering for this ensemble program.

**Peter Morgan, Band Leader**



## 2019 Drummers' Concert



Thank you to all my wonderful drum students for your performances at our drum concert.

I was so proud of you all and hope you remain inspired by the music we played together.

**Phil Simon, Drum Tutor**

## Woodwind Ensemble Concert

The Woodwind Concert on Friday celebrated flute, clarinet and saxophone primary and secondary students within the Bellinger Region, as well as a few students from the Coffs Coast.



Woodwind Music tutors were thrilled to bring together such a fantastic event at our school and to show off some unique woodwind instruments such as the alto flute and the piccolo. Grace Sutherland got the audience clapping when she performed a flute solo to PINK, however most students performed in ensembles and even demonstrated some interesting techniques such as "flutter tonguing" and mimicking train whistles.

A feature of the event brought all musicians together to perform as a woodwind choir; a musical ensemble you don't get to see too often these days. The Christmas Carol, "Oh come all Ye faithful" was arranged by the talented Peter Morgan.

Remember to breathe and keep tooting! Wishing you all a safe and happy holidays!

**Tanis Huxter, Woodwind Tutor**



## Uniform Shop News

### Uniform Hours 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

The Uniform Shop will have the following opening hours:

**Monday, December 16th: CLOSED**

We will be back in the new year with extra days for the first week:

**Wednesday, January 29th: 8.40 - 9.30**

**Thursday, January 30th: 8.40 - 9.30**

**Friday, January 31st: 8.40 - 9.30**

The Uniform Shop will then continue in 2020 to be open as usual on Monday's and Friday's from 8:40 am to 9:30 am. Please note orders can be completed and left at the office. The Uniform Shop accepts cash and cheque only.



## School Banking

Our School Banking day is

**Wednesday.**

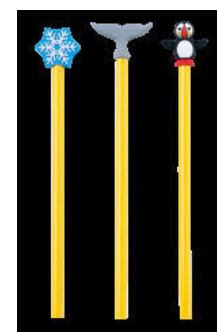
Available in Term 4, we have two new reward items from our 2019 Polar Savers range for students to redeem:

- **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](http://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 and collect a visitor/volunteer badge. Please see the office for more information.



## Lake Keepit



In week 8, 49 students and 3 teachers set off on a 6 hour journey to Lake Keepit. When we arrived we were amazed at how dry it was, but were happy to see some water still left in the lake. After we settled into our lodges and our groups were arranged we began a week of exciting activities. We kayaked and canoed on the lake, did low ropes and monkey climb in the trees and had loads of fun at trivia and the disco. The best activities were the giant swing where our group pulled us up 18 metres high and we went flying through the air, screaming the whole way and the Keepit Kommando course (mud course) where we supported each other to get through the muddy obstacles as a team. These activities pushed us out of our comfort zone and really tested us as a group. Lake Keepit was a really challenging and fun experience that brought us all together as a year group, and it was an awesome opportunity to be there.







By Olive, Dakoda, Mili, Shae and Libby

### Payments online

All school student related payments can be made online. Just go to our school's website

<http://www.bellingen-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>, click on

**MAKE A PAYMENT** at the top of the menu bar and follow the prompts to make a payment.

We encourage all parents and carers to use this facility as it is secure and easier for all concerned.

### 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.

### Attachments with this Newsletter

- Urunga Carols in the Park
- Help our rivers thrive

### Diary Dates

#### December 2019

Mon 16	Yr. 6 Farwell dinner
Mon 16	Reports sent home
Tue 17	Stage 3 EOY Pool Day
Tue 17	Stage 2 EOY Activity Day
Tue 17	Stage 1 EOY Picnic Day
Wed 18	Talent Quest
Wed 18	Year 6 Walkout
Wed 18	Last day of Term 4
Thur 19	SDD
Fri 20	SDD

#### January

Mon 27th	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tue 28th	SDD
Wed 29th	First Day back for students Yrs. 1 – 6
Wed 29th	Kindergarten Best Start
Thur 30th	Kindergarten Best Start
Fri 31st	Kindergarten Best Start

#### February

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day for Kindergarten
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Carnival Yrs 2 - 6
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Carnival back up date
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	MNC Cricket - Sawtell
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>	District Swimming Carnival
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	MNC Tennis
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup>	MNC Swimming Carnival



**March**

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NC Girls Cricket – Coffs Harbour
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	MNC Basketball – Coffs Harbour
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	NC Boys Cricket – Coffs Harbour
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup>	MNC AFL (TBC)
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	NC Tennis Grafton
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	NC Basketball - Grafton
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	MNC Football – Coffs Harbour
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	NC Football – South Grafton

**April**

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	NC AFL – Coffs Harbour
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup>	MNC Hockey – Grafton
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rugby League 11's/Opens – Coffs Harbour
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 1
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday

**June 2020**

Tue 9	School Photos
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**Current Notes**

- **Kinder & Stage 1 EOY Activity Day**
- **Stage 2 EOY Activity Day**
- **Stage 3 Pool Excursion**

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

## Free dental for your child



Call Vicki at **BRAD PEARCE DENTAL** for more details

Your child's eligibility can be checked here today!

**6655 1495**

**5 William Street Bellingen**

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

**medicare**

Bedwetting

Is bedwetting a problem?

A Bedwetting Fact Sheet can be discreetly obtained by texting DRY to 0417 280 373 or visiting the website: [www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au](http://www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au)

Summer at Urunga is all about taking a moment to appreciate the very best of summer, life, and community in Urunga. It's a free festival run by a team of Christian volunteers, bringing some fun during the holiday period, and sharing the hope we have in Jesus. We hope you can join us!

### KIDS PROGRAMS

Each day from the 28<sup>th</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan (except the 29<sup>th</sup> Dec & 1<sup>st</sup> Jan) we'll be running a great kids program full of games, craft, music and more!

**URUNGA FORESHORE 9:15AM – 12PM  
(AGES 2 – YR 12)**

### EVENING ACTIVITIES (ALL AGES)

Join us 7pm - 9pm down at the Blue Marquee



**28<sup>th</sup> DEC  
FESTIVAL**



**29<sup>th</sup> DEC  
TRIVIA**



**30<sup>th</sup> DEC  
STADIUM SIZZLER**



**31<sup>ST</sup> DEC  
BUSH DANCE  
URUNGA FORESHORE**



**1<sup>ST</sup> JAN  
MYSTERY EVENT**



**2<sup>ND</sup> JAN  
BUILD NIGHT**



**3<sup>RD</sup> JAN  
BYO PICNIC DINNER  
URUNGA FORESHORE**

**COMMUNITY CHURCH 29<sup>th</sup> DEC 9:30AM - ALL WELCOME**

\*Please bring a hat and water bottle marked with the child's name. All volunteers have completed the Working with Children Check.