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Term 1 Week 9

Monday, 25 March 2019

HARMONY DAY 27th March 2019

This Wednesday all students, staff and parents are invited to wear **orange** – the official colour of HARMONY WEEK.

All classes will be participating in Harmony Day activities including discussions about the many different continents, countries and cultures our school community have come from before settling in Bellingen.

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. It is held every year on 21 March. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.



From the Principal Student Success

Congratulations to Liam Ball and Noah McGovern in making the Mid North Coast Soccer team.



Congratulations to Charlie Carter, Riley Humphreys, Rory Cornall, Aidan Carey and Callan Rose in being selected in the District Rugby League Team. All the best at the trials in the coming weeks.



How lovely it has been this week again to see work from students in K-6. Thank you to Edward from Kindergarten, Aidan Carey & Jonah Kohlhagen in year 5 for showing their love of learning.

This Friday at 2:10pm we will be acknowledging two students from each class at our whole school assembly for Student of the month. The assembly will be in the school hall.

P&C

A big thank you to our amazing P&C team for giving up your Sunday to give our school a bit of TLC. It was great to see and be part of the large group pressure cleaning, scrubbing and washing of walls. We all appreciate your effort, the school looks great.

Learning

As Principal of Bellingen Public School I am passionate about leading learning; to ensure every student's learning needs are met, make all students strive for success and to continue to push students to the next level.

The exec team has been working hard in the development of planning centred around high success for all students. In continuing to make Bellingen Public School a school of "excellence" staff will be planning, developing and implementing our Forward Four;

1. Making Learning Visible
2. High level Differentiation
3. Formative assessment
4. Feedback

These Forward Four will continue to allow all students at Bellingen Public School to connect, succeed and thrive in and outside of the classroom. Feel free to come and discuss these with me.

Dylan Harry

Relieving Principal

Pergola Blessing and "Passion Patch"

Working Bee

Saturday morning dawned with clear skies and a merry band of parent volunteers came along for a few hard working hours turning sods, laying pavers for our new propagating area, oiling timber, sharing a scrumptious morning tea and lots of laughter!!



Our pergola was brought to fruition through the generosity of Thora Mill and Justin Black from Forestry Dept. for donating the timber together with Pascal and Hugo Fortin who built the Pergola in the Christmas holidays. We celebrated the wonderful addition to our Music Rooms to keep the main room cool inside by

adding shade, a covered walkway where a productive area has been started, growing fruit vines, adding visual greenness and sharing fruit when harvest time comes around.



Thank you so very much to everyone who came along and helped so willingly and keen children who absolutely love this garden space. Each year we have two working bees which helps us complete some major projects, spruce up "Passion Patch" in readiness for our Wednesday lunchtime Garden Club to start the new season planting and also to supply the School Canteen. The children continue to learn how important a healthy, abundant garden, with nurtured soil by composting as much as we can, and how the environment around us needs regular care to thrive .





Happy Gardening to Everyone and until next time "That's your Bloomin Lot"!!!

**Ms Viv, Ms Elizabeth Scott and Ms Ann.Mackerras
2019 Leadership Camp**

Last Thursday and Friday, sixty students from the Bellingen Dorrigo COS attended the leadership camp at Coffs Adventure Centre. Twenty-four Bellingen Public school students attended, comprising of the school leadership team and sports leaders. The students participated in a range of activities that built their skills as leaders. These included: Leap of Faith, Commando Course, Inner Limits, Canoeing and a motivational speech from Bellingen High School's captain, Nadia.



The students' best bits were:

Leon: The mud course was fun. The food was alright and the vegemite was the best.

Saxon: Being able to spend time with friends between activities.

Liam: The Commando Course was fun. The food was good.

Holly: I liked everything we did. It was very similar to Lake Keepit which was heaps of fun.

Fern: I got to try new things and test myself.

Jake: It was great! I got muddy and wet and went up high and jumped off high stuff.

Reyn: Yummy food. It was fun jumping off Leap of Faith.

Daisy: Super-doooper fun! All the activities were enjoyable.

Sarah: I got messy, and messy is fun.

Macy: The Ga-Ga game is cool. The Leap of Faith is high, but I did it!

Ava: I loved that we had a sense of freedom and we have dedicated times for different activities and the place is really nice. There has been lots of effort put into it. I made new friends.

Beau: Canoeing was the funnest thing.

Sam: When it was girls vs boys, the girls won every time.

Mya: In the mud course all the girls worked together. When I hurt myself everyone helped me.

Della: At Leap of Faith, my friends and my new friends encouraged me to go for the highest part, and I did!

Toby: Beau and I completed the Mud Mile by helping others.

Zac: Beau and I were best in canoeing. We went the fastest and the strongest. We won.

Indica: I liked how all the other schools have come together and the activities tested our leadership qualities. If it was too hard, we had to cooperate and try, to succeed.

Kiah: Leap of Faith was harder to climb up than to leap off.

Noah: It was fun. The food was great. I got very muddy in the Commando Course. I liked being able to have free time between activities.

Jack: Leap of Faith was fun. I went to the top and leap into mid-air. Heaps of fun!

Evie G: There were tonnes of mosquitoes and in my cabin, we had to vacuum them off the ceiling.

Keb: Leap of Faith was fun. I could hardly reach the climbing rungs going up the pole. I did it and jumped.

Izak summed up the two days with his comment: *Every activity was awesome!*

Jackie Lee, 5/6P Teacher & Excursion Coordinator

Primary Orchestra Day

Involving- Band members, Senior String Players, Pianists for Mallet Percussion

When- Friday April 29 (This Friday!!!)

Where- Stockton Hall at BHS

Time- Enrol from 8:40am

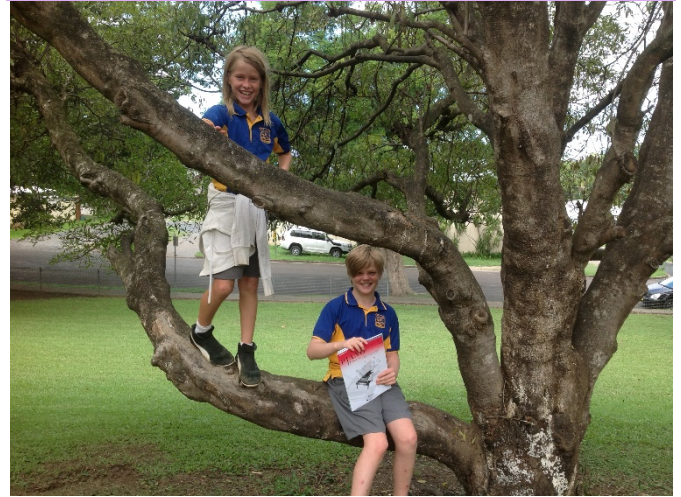
Concert- 3:30pm all welcome

Wear- Comfortable play clothes

BRING- \$10 Cash to cover tuition, Recess/ Lunch/ Drink, Pencil, music and instrument, Hat, \$5 max to spend at High School Canteen. (No Lunch Orders)

Liz Scott, Music Coordinator

Piano News.



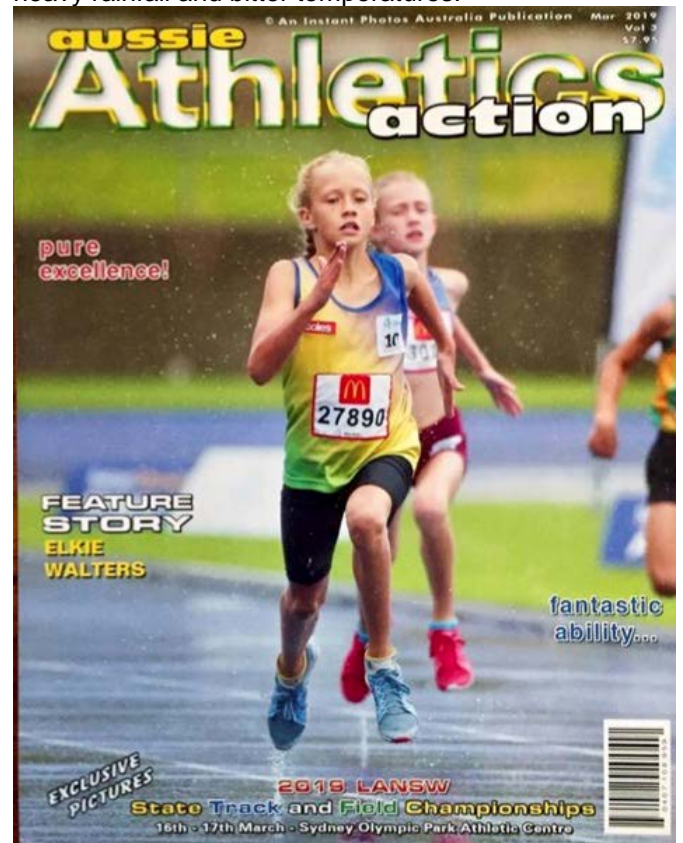
Last week I shared Jimmy Pullingers commitment to music studies as we celebrated by playing some pieces on the newly donated piano in our School Hall, sharing afternoon tea and handing over his next level tutorial books.

Jimmy has shown consistent progress, working steadily over the term and is a pleasure to teach. Well Done. Our Term 2 Piano Concert is held half yearly and showcases all students who look forward to sharing their hard work with Parents and Carers, we will keep you posted on the date being set in Term 2..

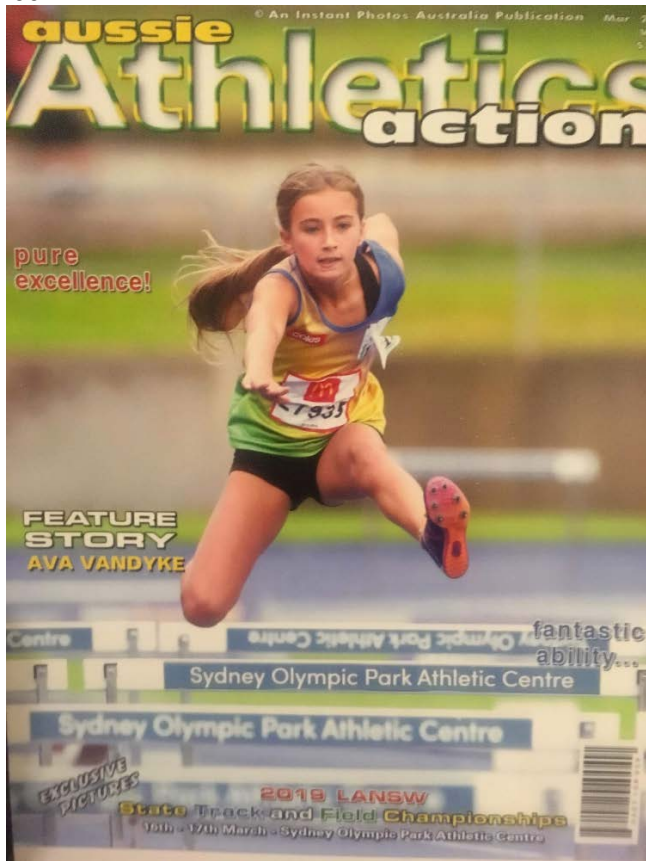
Ms Viv.....Piano Tutor.

Little Athletics Success

Last weekend Ava Vandyke, Elkie Walters and Fern Berry all competed at State little athletics. After months of training, the girls set off to Sydney to compete against the best in the state. Sydney greeted us with heavy rainfall and bitter temperatures.



Elkie headed to state for 100, 200, and 70 metre sprints as well as long jump. She had a very successful carnival and came away with a third in long jump, two seconds in 70 and 100 metre sprints as well as a first in 200!



Ava qualified for 60 metre hurdles and 100 metre sprint. She placed fifth for both her hurdles and 100 metre heats with excellent times in a very competitive age group!



Fern qualified for long jump, triple jump, 200 and 100 metre sprints. She managed a seventh in her 100 and 200 heats, gaining a personal best in 200, then she jumped her way into a second at the triple jump! Unfortunately due to the extreme weather, her long jump was called off.

Finally all three girls were involved in the 4x100 metre relay. They held their own against the eight best teams in the state, to come seventh in a blanket finish, with just 0.01 seconds between everyone from fifth to eighth. As well as this they got a huge personal best by almost 1.5 seconds!

State 2019 was an awesome experience that was loads of fun and packed full of action.

By Fern Berry

Wool and Embroidery thread

Do you have unwanted wool and embroidery threads? The school and teachers would love them for art projects

All donations would be gratefully received at the office.

Library Bags

Please Please Please We need a supply of plastic bags for emergency library bags.

Carole McFaul & Renee Buckley
Library

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,

We have had some promising news on the sushi front in the past week. It looks like Claire and Dave Miller from Coffs Coast Sushi Express are willing to provide the school with sushi from term 2. The only point of difference is they do not offer mini rolls. I will endeavour to get the options finalised and post them here next week.

This week's winners of our biggest and smallest apple competition are Tabatha Ladi again in 5/6A whose apple weighed in at 55 grams and the largest, which was owned and consumed by Echo Divola, which apple weighed in at massive 389 grams. \$2 goes to both of you - collect from the canteen. Watch this space for our weekly winners and keep those apples coming, big and small.

Our 2 weekly specials this Thursday and Friday are a lean beef lasagne and satay style chicken kebabs with rice supplied by Valley Quality Meats. Stand alone for \$4.50 or you can meal deal the whole lot for \$5.00 and include a frozen juice popper

If you would like to join us on our exciting journey of enhancing the health and wellbeing of our School Community, simply fill in a form, obtainable from the canteen and hand it back to us or into the front office and we can get you onboard our amazing team.

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

Matthew Knight
Canteen Supervisor

Canteen Roster – March/April

Tues 26th Liz “Gecko” Fowler

Wed 27th Maree Martindale and “Action” Ann Mackerras

Thur 28th “Action” Ann Mackerras and Tanya Donoghue

Fri 29th “Action” Ann Mackerras, Jen Di Conceicao and “Sir” Laurie Rosa

Mon 1st “Rockin” Rob Gale, Rod “Rocco” O’Hara and all teachers

Ethics Training

Ethics Teacher Training Weekend

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an Ethics Teacher at our school in 2019?

Volunteers are needed so that ethics classes can be made available for all families who have requested them. A teaching background is not required.

An Ethics Teacher training workshop will be held in Coffs Harbour on the weekend of 30/31 March 2019.

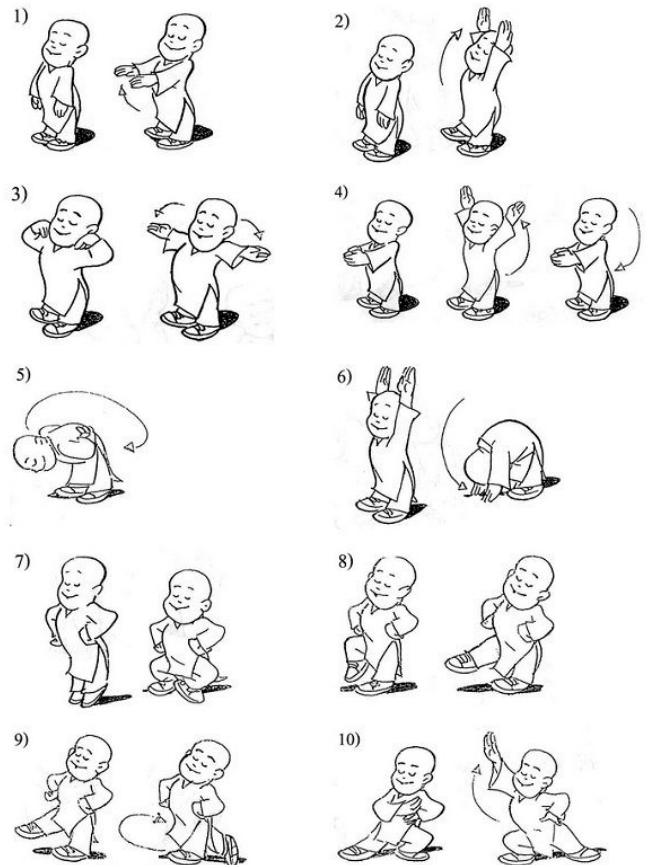
If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit

primaryethics.com.au and/or contact John Gray, Primary Ethics Regional Manager, Coffs Harbour Bellingen Region, 04 22 333 238, email: coffsbellingen-region@primaryethics.com.au

Thinking Skills – 10 Mindful Movements

Every breath we take, every step we make, can be filled with peace, joy and serenity.

Thich Naht Hhan



The students in Stage 2 and 3 have been practising these movements in mindfulness lessons as a way of being aware of the body and feeling calm. Practising them as a family at home would be fun!

They should be done in silence!

(4 of each movement in the sequence)

Denise Head, RFF Thinking Skills

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.



The simplest way

... to get kids excited about eating veg!

With only 5% of NSW kids eating enough vegetables, Cancer Council supports this great initiative linking vegetables to fun times!



Join hundreds of primary schools across NSW this term and [register](#) for **Vegetable Week & The Big Veggie Crunch, Monday 1st to Friday 5th April, 2019.**

Help break the record for the largest number of children eating vegetables simultaneously. More than 50,000 children crunched together in 2018. Let's smash this number in 2019!

For more information visit healthy-kids.com.au

healthylunchbox.com.au

Value of the Week - Responsibility

YOU ARE ALWAYS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOW YOU ACT, NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL. REMEMBER THAT.

Head Lice

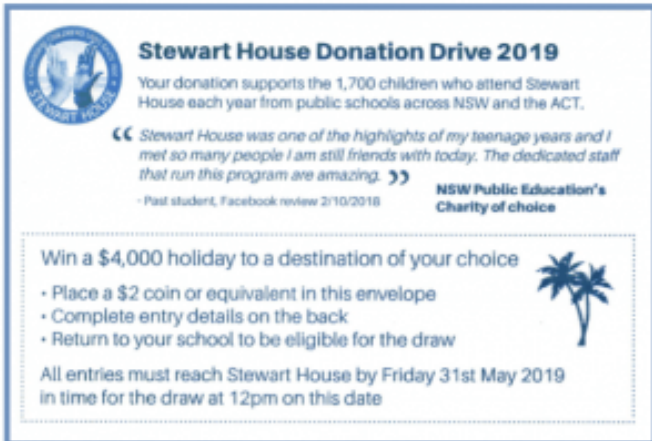
Head Lice have been detected in a number of classes. Would you please check your child's hair and treat with the appropriate treatment if you detect lice or eggs. Students should not return to school unless this treatment has been administered.

We recommend that students with long hair keep it tied back.

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.

Stewart House



Stewart House Donation Drive 2019
Your donation supports the 1,700 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

“ Stewart House was one of the highlights of my teenage years and I met so many people I am still friends with today. The dedicated staff that run this program are amazing. ”
- Past student, Facebook review 2/10/2018

NSW Public Education's
Charity of choice

Win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice

- Place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope
- Complete entry details on the back
- Return to your school to be eligible for the draw

All entries must reach Stewart House by Friday 31st May 2019 in time for the draw at 12pm on this date

Look out for Stewart House envelopes that have been sent home. Envelopes have been given to every family. Entry into the draw is only \$2.00 for your chance to win a family holiday valued at \$4,000 to the destination of your choice.

To find out more about Stewart House follow the link <https://www.stewarhouse.org.au/>

Please return envelopes to school by Friday, 17th May 2019.

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/>

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.

School Banking

Our School Banking day is Wednesday.

Please ensure that Dollarmites deposit wallets are brought into school on Wednesday mornings. Any wallets received on any other day will be sent home with a reminder note that the School Banking day is Wednesday. Please note that this is due to the privacy and security of your child/ren's banking information.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at our school.

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 and Sandra, School Banking Co-ordinators

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

March 2019

Wed 27	Harmony Day – mufti day, wear orange
Fri 29	Primary Schools Orchestra day, 8.20am, BHS
Fri 29	Whole School Assembly, 2:10pm

April 2019

Mon 1	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Wed 3	Yr. 4 Cascade Excursion
Thur 4	Yr. 4 Cascade Excursion
Fri 5	Yr. 4 Cascade Excursion
Tue 9	Cross Country
Wed 10	All instruments to library for barcoding
Thur 11	Cross Country (back up date)
Thur 11	State Swimming, SOPAC
Fri 12	State Swimming, SOPAC
Fri 13	Easter Hat parade
Fri 13	Last day of Term 1
Thurs 25	ANZAC Day
Mon 29	SDD
Tue 30	First day back for students Term 2

May

Mon 6	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Wed 8	P & C Mothers Day stall
Thur 9	P & C Mothers Day stall
Fri 10	P & C Mothers Day stall
Fri 10	District Cross Country, Bowraville
Fri 17	Walk Safely to School Day
Fri 24	Whole School Assembly, 9.30am, School Hall
Fri 24	MNC X Country, Nana Glen

June

Mon 3	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Mon 10	Queens Birthday
Fri 21	Whole School Assembly, 9.30am, School Hall
Fri 21	NC Cross Country, Nana Glen
Fri 28	Athletics Carnival, BHS

July 2019

Mon 1	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Wed 3	School Photos
Fri 5	Last day of Term 2
Mon 22	SDD
Tue 23	First day back for students Term 3
Fri 26	All Schools Cross Country, Eastern Creek

August

Fri 2	District Athletics, Urunga
Mon 5	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Fri 16	Whole School Assembly, 9.30am, School Hall
Fri 23	MNC Athletics, Coffs Harbour

September 2019

Mon 2	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Wed 4	Choir to sing at the Opera House
Fri 13	NC Athletics, Lismore
Fri 13	Whole School Assembly, 9.30am, School Hall
Thur 19	Stage 3 Musical
Fri 20	Stage 3 Musical
Fri 27	Last day of Term 3 Yr. 6 Canberra Excursion

October 2019

Mon 14	First day for students Term 4
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November 2019

Mon 4	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Wed 6	State Athletics, SOPAC
Thur 7	State Athletics, SOPAC
Mon 18 – Fri 29	Yrs. 2 & 3 Swim Scheme

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

Current Notes

- Primary Orchestra Day
- Yr 4 Cascade Excursion – Camp Information
- Easter Raffle tickets & donation request
- Stewart House envelopes
- Stage 3 Swimming Program
- Yr 6 to Yr 7 Highschool EOI

Attachments with this Newsletter

- Incoming P & C President's letter

EASTER RAFFLE

We are once again holding our
HUGE Easter Raffle.



Families are asked to donate

ALL THINGS EASTER

These donations will be made into lots of prizes and could include chocolate (of course!), Easter books, cuddly Easter toys, Easter Craft items etc.

Donations can be left at the school office.

Raffle books (sold or unsold) and money are due back by **Wednesday, 10 April**, to be drawn on **Friday 12th April**.

Tickets will be sent home soon and additional books will be available at the office.



Easter Hat Parade, Friday, 13th April

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

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