



Bellingen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 2 Week 4

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From the Principal

Whole School Assembly

This Friday 24th May we have our whole school assembly in the hall at 9:30am. It is a lovely time to acknowledge students who are demonstrating school values and working hard on their learning.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN continues this week with Language Conventions and Numeracy for years 3 and 5. All the best to the students undertaking testing. Have a great week.

Dylan A Harry, Relieving Principal

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

Why are thinking skills important? Tips for Parents:

Thinking skills are necessary for the future. The future economy will require higher levels of reasoning skills and creative thinking. As the nature of society changes, requirements for jobs change as well. Critical thinking skills, as well as knowledge of reading, math, science, and writing, are becoming the most important qualifications for future employment.

Thinking skills are necessary for everyday living. Real-life problems require critical thinking and decision making. Without the proper skills, children often make decisions too quickly and without much thought. Often this results in ineffective and inappropriate solutions to problems. Use this Tips for Parents to help you better, help your children with their thinking skills.

Types of Thinking Skills

Thinking skills can be divided into three general areas:

1. Learning to learn skills—general skills that apply to both school and non-school activities. For example, students are taught to monitor their attention levels, be aware of their attitudes, set goals, etc.
2. Content thinking skills—specific skills that are designed to increase a student's ability to learn specific content. Students are taught to recognize patterns, organize and summarize information, simplify complex tasks, etc.
3. Reasoning skills—often described as “higher-order” skills. Students learn how to generalize, apply, evaluate, etc., using several sources of information.

Parents can actually help develop children's thinking skills. Here's how:

Create an environment that inspires and values critical thinking.

Encourage your child to ask questions and question your child as well. Don't be afraid to acknowledge that you may not have all the answers. Often, there are several solutions to a single problem. Welcome the opportunity to explore the various answers with your child.

Serve as a role model for your child. The way a parent analyzes a problem and discovers a solution is of primary importance. When parents open doors to critical thinking and demonstrate thinking skills, they encourage their children to do the same. Explain how you solved a particular problem and ask your child to come up with a different solution.

Monitor your responses. Recognize that how you respond to your children's questions, comments, or answers can advance or hinder the thinking process. Praise is obviously important, but should be selective and appropriate. When praise is offered freely, children become dependent on parental approval when solving problems. A more effective way to advocate the thinking process is to ask your child to explain a response in more detail. This will encourage your children to think more deeply and broadly about their decisions and solutions.

Read with your child. Ask questions about events or characters in the story. Throughout the story, ask your son or daughter to predict what they think will happen next. After completing the story, ask your child to write or draw a picture of another possible ending to the story. This is a simple and enjoyable way you can help promote creative and inventive thinking in your child.

Denise Head (RFF Thinking Skills)

Value of the Week – Fairness



P&C News

Firstly, an enormous thank you to all for supporting our recent Mother's Day stall. From those who donated gifts, supported the stall as well as assisted with wrapping and transporting gifts where necessary- our P&C thank you! We raised over \$1000.

Fantastic vibes of enthusiasm continue to saturate our meetings with many wonderful ideas that contribute towards a happy, safe and fun environment for our children to thrive in. Many thanks to those who give up their time to discuss ways we can continue to support our wonderful primary school. If there are any ideas from parents, carers or broader community members that they feel will benefit and support our primary school, please email these to our committee.

We have some projects that we would like to get underway to support staff, students and families over 2019 which require a small number of people to make them work.

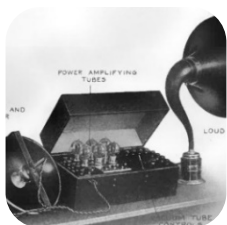
Our P & C need you!



We need volunteers to make Library bags that our students can borrow when they forget their own. Can you help?



CLAIM THE DATE...last day of term! We need volunteers for our upcoming Colour fun run...Can you help? We've a few jobs, watch this space.



We need a PA sub-committee. With a PA system possibly being installed, we need help with songs, sound, ideas and talking with our immediate neighbours to gauge their thoughts. This new PA system will support all students, staff and community members with all things about communication and safety.

If you can assist with any of these projects, please email bellingenpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

P and C Committee

Dress Like a Farmer

On Wednesday the 8th of May, the students at Bellingen "Adopted a Farmer"! We managed to raise a whole \$417. Thank you to the Bellingin Community for your continued support in raising money for our farmers facing the drought.

Richard Frade
Organising Teacher

Payments online

All school student related payments can 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. 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.

P & C Magnets

Do you have your P & C Magnet?

Come to the office and collect one and never miss a P & C meeting.

Bellingin Public School
P&C Association



"Working together to make a difference"

P&C

Meet in BPS Library 6:30pm

1st Monday of the month - All welcome!

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.

S'up,

We have been asked if we could order our Sushi before close of business Thursday. We ask that sushi orders are in on Thursdays as to ensure that children do not miss out.

Our varieties are as follows: **Crispy Veg Roll** w/ Carrot, cucumber, capsicum; **Tuna Roll** w/ cooked tuna and cucumber; **Steamed Chicken Roll** w/ avocado;

Avocado Roll and **Teriyaki Chicken** w/ chicken in a teriyaki sauce.

This week's winners of our biggest and smallest apple competition are Rory Cornall in 5/6O whose apple weighed in at 43 grams and the largest, which was Ella Rob in 1A whose apple weighed in at a mere 237 grams. \$2 goes to both of you can collect this 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 tandoori chicken lettuce and cucumber wrap OR beef nachos; stand alone for \$4.50 or you can meal deal the whole lot for \$5.00 and include a frozen juice popper

We are on the lookout for volunteers 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 – May*Tues 21st Help needed**Wed 22nd Maree Martindale and "Action" Ann Mackerras**Thur 23rd "Action" Ann Mackerras and Help Needed**Fri 24th "Action" Ann Mackerras, Jen Di Conceicao and Help needed***Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way**... to make vegies easy to eat.**

Eating 5 serves of vegetables and 2 serves of fruit each day doesn't need to be a chore. It's easy to reach these targets if you **spread your fruit and veg out throughout the day.**



Breakfast: Start your vegie intake in the morning with avocado or baked beans or tomato on toast

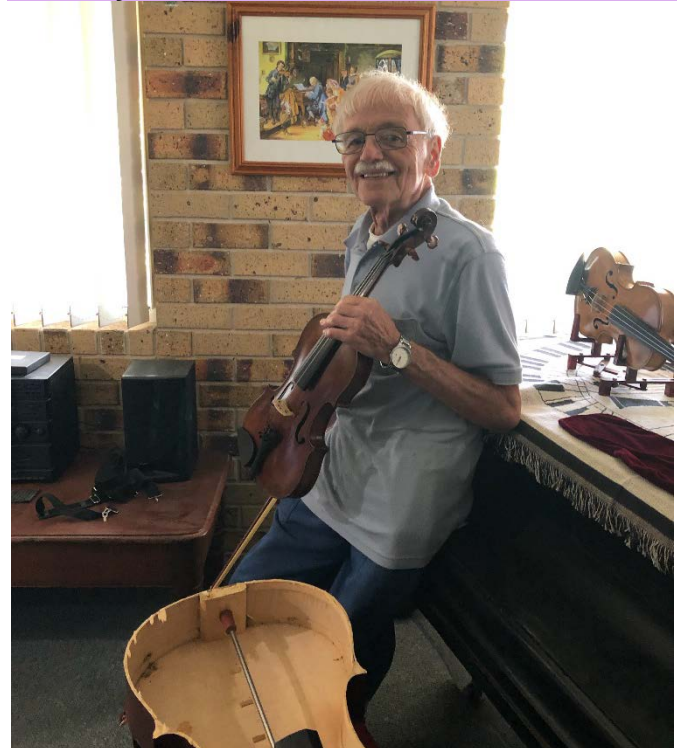
Morning tea: try some [zucchini slice](#) or wholegrain crackers and hummus.

Lunch: Include some salad with lunch. Try our tasty [salad recipes](#).

Afternoon tea: have your favorite piece of fruit.

Dinner: Try our delicious vegie filled [recipes](#).

Dessert: Berries and yoghurt or [healthy apple crumble](#).

healthylunchbox.com.au**Thank you**

A very special thanks to our resident Luthier, Mr. Bob Demkin who has donated two full size violins to our instrument store at Bellingen Public School. Bob has been repairing our stringed instruments for 10 years and knows some of them intimately!! He loves to buy violins in pieces and reconstruct them. One of our new violins is over 100yrs old and sounds mellow and delicious. Makaylah Schatzman is working with it and is delighted at its full bodied sound.

Liz Scott, Music Co ordinator**School Banking**

Our School Banking day is Wednesday.

Available in Term 2, we have two new reward items from our 2019 Polar Savers range for students to redeem: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler.



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****Current Notes**

- Authors Visit – Stage 2 & 3
- Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod
- Lake Keepit – Yr 5
- Canberra EOI Yr 6
- Opera House Choir note
- Brainstorm Productions – The Human Race

Attachments with this Newsletter

- Sparky and Shady flyer

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.

Pond News

Congratulations to Rosanna Schatzman for figuring out why the pond kept losing water! Her powers of observation detected water running backwards from the top pond and with a little engineering, garden club members reconciled the problem and the pond system is back to its former glory and creating habitat for birds, dragon flies and frogs.

Opera House Choir

Opera House Choir will perform for parents, teachers and their peers at Whole School Assembly, this Friday. They are busily preparing for a great result at next week's Eisteddfod, being held in Coffs Harbour at the Life House Church from 10.30am.

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.

**Education**
Public Schools

Diary Dates**May**

Tue 21	NAPLAN
Wed 22	NAPLAN
Wed 22	National Simultaneous Story time
Thur 23	Coffs Coast School Futsal titles
Fri 24	Whole School Assembly, 9.30am, School Hall
Fri 24	MNC X Country, Nana Glen
Sat 25	Bellingen Show – Stage 1 Choir performance
Mon 27	Last day for Brainstorm Production notes
Mon 27	Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod

June

Mon 3	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Tue 4	Brainstorm Productions – The Human Race
Fri 7	Author visit – Anna Fienberg
Mon 10	Queens Birthday
Wed 13	PSSA Netball
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
Tue 3 – Thur 5	Opera House Choir excursion
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

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
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Mon 2 – Fri 6	Yr. 6 Canberra Excursion
Wed 18	Last day of Term 4
Thur 19	SDD
Fri 20	SDD

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

Oh Rats!

A very funny puppet show

from the
Sydney Puppet Theatre

cheeky rats
a sausage circus
a very clever duck
and a very special magic hat

Bellingen Show

May 25 and 26, 2019

2 performances each day and roving puppets

The Bellingen Showground is in danger of being overrun by RATs but not the type you are thinking of.

These rats will be tethered to the strings firmly held by the puppeteers of the internationally renowned Sydney Puppet Theatre who will headline the Entertainment at this year's Bellingen Show.

The SPT has performed extensively throughout Australia and the world and is bringing among other delights a special rendition of their keynote production of OH RATS! exclusively to the Bellingen Show.

This special performance will delight and engage audiences of all ages. The actor/puppeteers will create a fantastic interaction of puppets and magic. Its high energy and action packed and transports the audience on a high speed journey of mad comic events. This show is not to be missed. See it only at the Bellingen Show

24th May**Doors Open 6:00pm****Prizes For Best****Dressed****BELLINGEN****HIGH**
CLAPPER
AWARDS**A Showcase of Student Films****\$5 Students****\$10 Adults****\$25 Family**