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Term 2 Week 10

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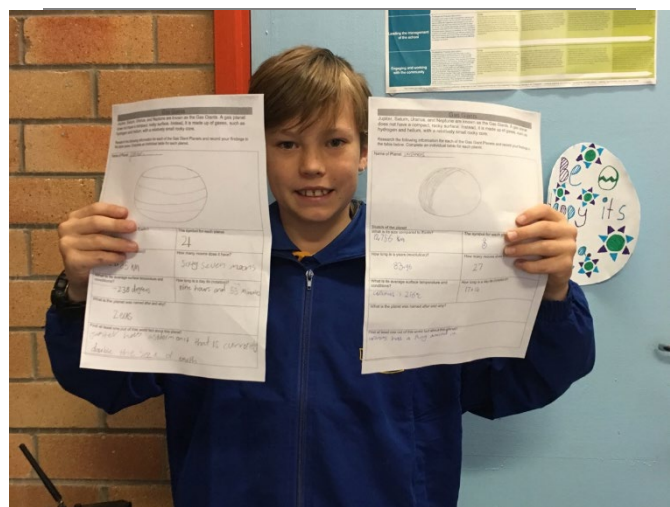
From the Principal

What a lovely term it has been. A few things this week; On Thursday reports will be sent home to parents via students. It has been lovely to read each and every report and see the growth and success that is happening across the school. On Friday we will be holding our school Athletics Carnival at the high school.

Student success



Hamish Thomas, Emile Simmonds and Byron Overell



Hullie Anderson

This week we have four students who qualified to compete in the Multi Cultural Public Speaking

Competition at Sandy Beach Public School. I would like to wish Hannah McNeil, Indica Johnson, Uki Brow and Indi Laverty all the best in the competition.

It was lovely again this week to have students taking pride in their learning, feeling success and striving for excellence. Thank you to Hullie Anderson for showing off his knowledge of the solar system and comparison of planets. Thank you to Byron Overell, Emile Simmonds and Hamish Thomas for showing me their lovely writing.

Dylan Harry, Relieving Principal

NAIDOC Recognition

Last Wednesday all students across the school were involved in activities to recognise and learn about the significance of NAIDOC Week.





Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 loved listening to Uncle Mark Flanders as he shared dream time stories and artefacts and his great sense of humour with them throughout the day.



Year 3 and Year 4 learned a new language with John McQueen - the language of pictures, and created their own stories using these.



Year 5 and Year 6 expended LOTS of energy playing 2 games in the hall with Richie Donovan - they did not stop! Richie certainly kept everyone moving with modified netball and cricket.

A huge thankyou goes to our three guest presenters.



Today 5/6A participated in a virtual NAIDOC excursion with the Museum of Democracy, the Portrait Gallery and the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. They got a taste of what Year 6 will see when they visit Canberra this year. They learnt about, Voice Treat Truth - the NAIDOC theme this year.

Thank you also to 2A. Their purpose in writing a report about NAIDOC in class was to maybe see it published in the newsletter. Here are some of 2A's reports.

NAIDOC Day from 2A

Voice! Voice! I hear the Naidoc People coming! It must be the year of when we celebrate the Aboriginal culture. On Wednesday 26th June, 2019 Uncle Mark Flanders came to 2P at B.P.S. to talk about the Aboriginal culture.

Our first activity was Dreamtime Story. The story was called Strangler Fig Story. The Strangler Fig Story was my favourite thing to learn about. The Strangler Fig story is about anything dropping down like bird poo, it would drop down on the floor barely. Then the vines would start circling around and squeezes the tree really hard until the inside dies.

Our second activity was looking at animal fur. The animals were foxes, quolls and more!

Our third activity was looking at Aboriginal artefacts. Lastly Uncle Mark Flanders left and all year 2 said Yarri Yerang! I learned with animal fur I don't really like it but it is interesting and cool. We also learned about Aboriginal boomerangs.

After the lesson we went back to the classroom and learned even more. It was SO fun!

By Baden Sully (2 Aqua).

Voice! Treaty! Truth! It's the time of the year when winter is coming and Naidoc is here.

Naidoc Week is the time of the year when we celebrate the Aboriginal people of this land. Some schools celebrate it by doing sand drawings and some schools celebrate it by Aboriginal Elders coming in and teaching students about Aboriginal culture.

On Wednesday 26th June 2019, Uncle Mark Flanders came to Belling Public School to talk to us about the Aboriginal culture and share his knowledge.

Our first activity was Dreamtime Stories. It was about a big fig tree that had really yummy fruit at the top of the tree that only the flying animals could get and all the ground animals could not get them. Sometimes the fruit would drop and all the ground animals would rush to get it.

Our 2nd activity was looking at animal skins such as Quolls, fox and more

Our last activity was looking at boomerangs and all different artefacts. Then Uncle Mark said good bye in Gumbaynggirr which is Yarri Yerung and he left.

I learned that Naidoc Week is about bringing Aboriginal culture back.

By Mimi Bradbrook (2 Aqua)

See! See! I can see the Naidoc people coming. We are learning about Aboriginal culture. We can paint patterns and have a lot of fun.

On Wednesday 26th June 2019, Uncle Mark Flanders told us a lot of things about Aboriginal culture by sharing his experiences and knowledge. Year 2 learned about Dreamtime Stories, animal fur and Aboriginal artefacts.

Our first activity was Dreamtime Stories. We learned the Strangler Fig story. A long time ago there were a lot of tall trees that the animals couldn't climb and they had a lot of yummy fruit in the tops of the tree. Only the flying animals could get this yummy fruit. Every time the flying animals would collect the yummy fruit at the tops of the trees, they would miss one and it would fall to the base of the tree where the ground animals would rush for it. The seeds of the fruit would fall off the tops of the trees and would start to strangle the tree all the way to the top.

Our second activity was looking at and feeling animal fur. There were many types of animal fur including kangaroo, quoll, fox, deer and many more. My favourite animal fur was the kangaroo because it was very soft and it felt comfortable as I touched it.

Our third activity was looking at Aboriginal artefacts. We looked at different artefacts including the axe, hunting boomerangs and food bowls plus cups. I enjoyed learning about the axe because it is a weapon and it is useful in cutting wood for fires to keep warm.

In conclusion, I learned a lot about Aboriginal culture by listening to Uncle Mark Flanders' story and knowledge of the Gumbaynggirr land.

By Jake English (2 Aqua)

STRINGS

Combined Senior, Junior strings and Cello ensemble

Friday, 5th July – 12:40 – 1:45pm. Prize day, morning tea provide and play in.

Elizabeth Scott, Music Coordinator

ICAS



ICAS is coming up this year in September, please keep an eye out for the permission note coming home early term 3. ICAS has changed its payment procedure and it's all online, just waiting for ICAS to send the details of how to pay online, so I can include it on the note.

Renee Buckley, ICAS Co-ordinator

Gardeners Unite

Dear families, we are planning another BPS Garden Stall at the Plant Fair, held in September. Last year we raised over \$1,000.00 which assisted the build of our fantastic Pergola.

Taking into account what sold well in 2018, we are going to concentrate on vegetable seedlings for spring planting and potted colour. The students in Garden Club will be planting each week from Term 3 week 1. We plan to recycle the milkshake cups for seedlings. We are also on the lookout for hardened glass (fridge shelves) to make mini hot houses in Styrofoam boxes~with glass lids!!

Other plants we would like to specialise in are Medicinal Herbs, Begonias, Geraniums and Salvia.

If you are a green thumb and you value our beautiful Vegi Patch, could you please strike cuttings for us? We would really appreciate your help and love the companionship that comes of working with our BPS families.

(If you have cuttings galore and pots but no potting mix, then give me a call on 0403686267 and we can supply it)

Elizabeth Scott, Viv Evans, Ann Mackerras

Value of the Week – Excellence

*Every job is a
self-portrait of the
person who did it.
Autograph your
work with
excellence.*

Attendance

DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- won't get out of bed in the morning
- won't go to bed at night
- can't find their uniform, books, school bag ...
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven't done their homework
- watching TV
- have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- it's their birthday.

A set routine can help

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively

More in next week's newsletter.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Excursion Budgeting

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

- **Opera House Choir excursion.** September, Tue 3rd – Thur 5th @ \$368 over approx 6 school weeks = \$61/week
- **Year 5 Lake Keepit excursion.** December, Mon 2nd – Fri 6th @ \$361 over approx 17 school weeks \$21/week.
- **Year 6 Canberra excursion.** December, Mon 2 – Fri 6th @ \$618 over approx 17 school weeks \$36/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.

Music Reports

Please enjoy reading an additional report coming to you from our Music Tutors.

It is our wish to formally report on our student's progress and to encourage the line of communication between families and their Instrument Teacher. Happy reading about your child who is becoming more talented and clever, each week!

Elizabeth Scott, Music Co-ordinator

Combined String Play-in and Prize Day

Please note that Friday Prize Day has been postponed to Week 1, Term 3 due to Athletics Carnival.

HOWEVER, if the rain keeps falling and the Carnival is postponed to next term then we will have Combined Strings and Prize Day on Friday as previously scheduled. It will be from 12:40 to 1:45pm in the hall. Senior Strings, Cello Ensemble and Junior strings will perform for each other. Parents WELCOME.

Under 8 yrs old members of Junior Strings will meet on Friday afternoon, usual time, if the Carnival is on. Each student will play a solo in a mini concert.

Elizabeth Scott, Music Co-ordinator

K-2 Sports Carnival 2019

Bellingen Public School K-2 sports carnival will be held in the last week of term two on Thursday, 4th July, 2019. The carnival will be held on the top oval for the age races with a picnic lunch under the trees followed by a tabloid circuit on the bottom oval after lunch. The day will begin at approximately 9:30am and conclude at approximately 1:00pm.

The children are encouraged to wear the colours of their sport house and bring a towel or small blanket upon which to sit. As this is a school event, all students will be required to sit with their sport house during the races. This helps to foster sportsmanship and companionship through supporting and encouraging runners from their house. Students will be able to join you under the trees during lunch.

Students will need to also bring their lunch, water/drink (no carbonated drinks please), hat and sunscreen. Spikes will not be permitted to be worn for the races. Our aim is to have a relaxed and fun sports day with the emphasis in on participation of events.

K – 2 Teachers

Choir Events

Stage 1 Choir

Family and friends of Stage 1 students are welcome to join us for our end of Semester Choir performance on Tuesday the 2nd July at 2:30pm in the hall (Week 10). This Semester, Stage 1 choir students have been developing fundamental music skills such as singing in tune, in unison, as well as, in parts and in rounds. They are learning new vocal techniques such as blending and using dynamics. Choir rehearsals incorporate movement activities with vocal warm-ups, singing a range of repertoire from contemporary to traditional pieces and learning fun songs from around the world. They have all put in such a great effort learning many new songs this Semester and I look forward to showing them off to you!

Mrs Huxter, Stage 1 Choir Teacher

Bellingen Public School P&C Pie Drive - Pick up This Week!

If you ordered pies or lamingtons as part of the P and C's pie drive, please remember the collection day is this **Wednesday 3rd July 2019**. Pies will be delivered to the school at 2.00pm and will be available for collection between 3.00pm and 5.30pm from the school canteen. We will endeavour to box up larger orders but please bring a canvas bag or box if possible for orders of up to 5 pies. If children are collecting the pies please also ensure that they have a bag so that pies don't get squashed in transit. Parent volunteers will try to ensure that all orders are given out as efficiently as possible. We hope you enjoy your pies. Many thanks to Urunga Bakery for being so helpful. For all further information please contact Elektra on 0412 336 090.

Thank you for your support!

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.

P & C Magnets

Do you have your P & C Magnet? Come to the office and collect one and never miss a P & C meeting.

Bellingen Public School
P&C Association

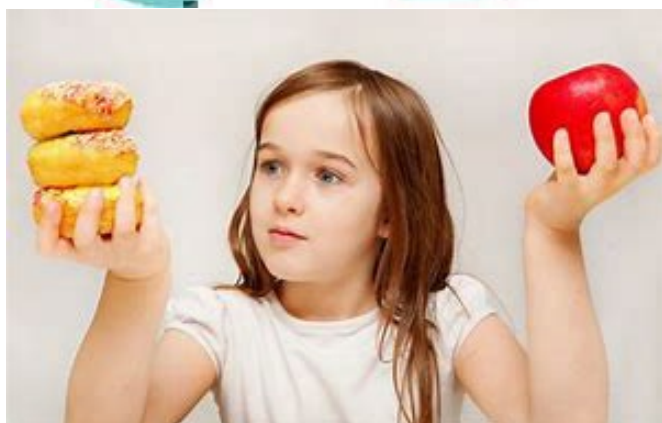
**"Working together to
make a difference"**



P&C

Meet in BPS Library 6:30pm
1st Monday of the month - All welcome!

Thinking Skills – Decision Making



Denise Head (RFF Thinking Skills)

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.

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.

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.

P & C Facebook

Connect with Bellingden P&C on Facebook. P & C 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/>

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

School Banking, please

2019 School Banking

information pack from the school office or visit

commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Ashlie Davis & Sandra Ruming

School Banking Co-ordinators



more about
ask for a
program

Canteen Roster –July

Mon 1st	'Rockin' Rob Gale
Tues 2 nd	Charlene Kelly welcome aboard
Wed 3 rd	Maree Martindale and "Action" Ann Mackerras
Thur 4 th	"Action" Ann Mackerras and Help Needed
Fri 5 th	"Action" Ann Mackerras and Jen Da Conceicao

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.

Due to the school Athletics Carnival this week there will be **No sushi this Friday**. In the event that the **Carnival should not take place sushi will be available**.

If any families have citrus just hanging out on their trees, the canteen will happily receive donations. We will always manage to put it to great use!

This week's winners of our biggest and smallest apple competition are Yemaya Farmer in 3/4O whose apple weighed in at 59 grams. The biggest belonged to Matilda Perrim in 5/6A whose apple weighed 250 grams. \$2 goes to both of you and can be collected 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 lean beef lasagne along with ham and cheese croissant, 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.

A big thank you to our fantastic group of volunteers for their time and assistance. It's this time and assistance which makes our school community so awesome. Have a wonderful holiday everyone.

Matthew Knight, Canteen Supervisor

Current Notes

- PSSA Round 5 Girls football
- Athletics Carnival -
- Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
- Community & Engagement workshop
- Lake Keepit – Yr 5
- Canberra EOI Yr 6
- Opera House Choir note

Attachments with this Newsletter

Diary Dates

July 2019

Mon 1	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Tue 2	Stage 1 Choir concert, 2:10pm, School hall
Tue 2	Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition
Wed 3	School Photos
Wed 3	P & C Pie collection date
Thur 4	Stage 1 Athletics
Fri 5	Athletics Carnival, BHS
Fri 5	Last day of Term 2
Mon 22	SDD
Tue 23	First day back for students Term 3
Tue 23	Community & Engagement meeting, 2pm
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
Fri 23	Finalise payment for Opera House choir excursion

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	P & C Colour Run
Fri 27	Last day of Term 3

October 2019

Mon 14 First day for students Term 4

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
Fri 22	Finalise payment for Lake Keepit excursion
Fri 22	Finalise payment for Canberra excursion

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	SD

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and
Oils

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Cedar Bar and restaurant

6th July 3pm

Reserve your seat as they are limited

Belinda: 0412 963 699

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