



Bellinghen Public School

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Term 3 Week 3

Monday, 5 August 2019



From the Principal

This week we celebrate education week. As part of education week we will be holding Parent Teacher interviews and are part of the COS performance at Bellinghen High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm. We will be showcasing senior choir, senior strings group and be part of the combined orchestra. I would like to invite all families to our Education week Big Breakfast at the school this Friday (9th August) from 7:30am. It would be lovely to have all families come along and celebrate together. As part of Education week we will also be holding our Whole School Assembly on Friday from 9:30am.

Student success

Congratulations to Fern Berry who represented the school at the North Coast Netball carnival. This is a great achievement and Ferns second selection in a North Coast Team this year.

Have a great week.

Dylan Harry

Relieving Principal

NSW PSSA Netball Championships

Last week I competed at the NSW PSSA Netball Championships in Orange. After being chosen in the North Coast at the end of several long selection processes, this was the highest level of competition to play at. Over 3 days we played 13 full games of netball. We came away with a few wins, some very close losses and even a couple of draws.

At the end of the competition I was also voted players player of the North Coast Team, which was pretty cool. I really enjoyed the experiences, I got to make many new friends and reconnect with others, as well as play quality netball against the best in the state.



By Fern Berry

Jollybops Science Show

Last Tuesday's Jollybops Science show was certainly entertaining and a fun way to see science in action! While you may have heard more about Rusty the Robot's attraction to Mrs Hood and Ms Taylor than any science learning, rest assured that embedded

in the show was lots of information and demonstrations about how the shape of plane wings and boomerangs helps flight; how sound waves move through air; discussion about friction and a couple of gaseous explosions to make sure everyone was awake! This was a light hearted and entertaining introduction to some key science principles for all who attended.



Elizabeth Mulligan, Organising Teacher

Community of Schools Concert (COS)

Our Senior String Ensemble and Opera House Choir will represent our school, performing this Wednesday evening from 5pm at the High School MPC. This is always a fabulous variety concert and features dance, drama, song and bands from each public school in our 'Community' as part of Education Week.

Liz Scott

Opera House Cluster Rehearsal

On Wednesday, August 7th, Bellingen Public School will host a Cluster Rehearsal for the Choirs in our area, attending the Festival Of Choral Music to be held in the Opera House in September 2019.

The Chief conductor from Sydney, Mr Ian Jefferson will be our guest conductor on this day.

Students will be well prepared for the COS Concert happening on the same evening!

REMINDER - Tickets to attend the Opera House Concert went on sale at 9am, Wednesday- July 31.

Liz Scott, Music Coordinator

Hockey Gala Day

We finally made it on the 3rd attempt to the Hockey Gala Day, and what a day! The sun was out and the hockey gods were on our side. 25 Bellingen students from Stage 2 and 3 hit the Coffs Harbour hockey grounds with a burst of enthusiasm. Over half the students new to the game were ready to learn and have fun. A great job by all our weekend hockey players to encourage and assist all new players. Leigh McIntosh the State Development

Officer set up a dribble drill in which Bellingen students dominated.

Although Stage 3 teams didn't win their games they competed with outstanding sportsmanship and gave each school a run for their money. A big

congratulations to the Stage 2 team for their efforts throughout the day being undefeated to the finals and taking out the Grand Final. Each team selected a Players Player

and Most Improved. Stage 2 - Players Player - Anouk Laverty, Most improved - Jarrah Perrott. Stage 3, Players Player - Maddy Osland, Gracie Winfer and Evie Laverty. Most Improved - Aidan Carey & Toby Johnson.

Thank you to all students for making the gala day a huge success.





Craig Ellem, Organising Teacher

Value of the Week – Responsibility

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

COS Concert

As part of Education Week celebrations our Community Of Schools (COS) presents a concert at Bellingen High School, showcasing a musical or dance item from each Public School in our area.

This concert runs from 5:00 to 6:30pm and will be held on Wednesday August 7th.

Bellingen Public School will present their Senior String Ensemble and the Opera House Choir.

Students will leave school at 2:45 to walk to the High School for rehearsals and stay at the High School until the Concert begins.

Camp Creative Scholarships Now Open

The 2020 Camp Creative scholarship program is now open for kids and teens aged five to eighteen, living in the Coffs City, Nambucca and Bellingen Shires.

The scholarships offer an opportunity to participate in a week of fun learning in the creative and performing arts. They'll get five full days of creativity across a range of course options, including music, visual art, singing, drama, dance, craft and more!

Camp Creative runs January 13 -17 2020 in the beautiful town of Bellingen. There are over eighty-two courses, with thirteen just for kids and teens, and many adult courses open to teens aged 14+.

Campers can develop their painting skills, play guitar or woodwind, discover their inner actor, release their singing voice, shimmy in a Bollywood dance or get hands on with a hammer and chisel - and so much more!

Scholarship recipients will receive a full day youth course. This includes entry to a week of free concerts and events, with a highlight performance by internationally acclaimed concert pianist David Helfgott. Some courses have some additional costs for materials, which are not included in the scholarship.

Applications close 5.00 pm, Friday 23 August 2019.

To apply, get an application form from your school or download an application form from

www.campcreative.com.au/apply/scholarships

For more information, contact Camp Coordinators Rob & Michelle Stockton at info@campcreative.com.au or phone 02 6655 9326.

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Library News

Last week I announced that we will be holding a book drive to coincide with book week in week 5. Having discussed this with the staff it has been decided to postpone this initiative until term four to allow us to ensure that a book drive helps us to provide the most useful resources for our school community. We look forward to the Book Week Parade on Wednesday 21st August. The Theme is "Reading is my Sescrret Power."

Book Week is Week 5, 17th to 23rd August.

We will have our Parade from 9:20am in the hall on Wednesday 21st August, with parents welcome.

The Theme is 'Reading is my Super Power' - Students are encouraged to dress as a character that inspires them, in keeping with the theme.

We will be undertaking a book drive to enhance our library collection.

Staff are currently working to create lists of texts that families can choose to donate to our school library to celebrate Book Week.

Toby McSweeney, 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.

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.

My Community Grants



Dear School community,
Bellingen Public School has an opportunity to win the "People's choice award" for The My Community project grants initiative. Support Bellingen Public School to upgrade the very unsafe goat track at the front entrance.

Your support for our school would be very much appreciated.

Vote now for your favourite projects!

If you're 16 years or over and living in NSW, you can have your say on projects in your area that will be funded through My Community Project, through the public vote that is open now. To vote, you'll need:

- a MyServiceNSW Account
- your Medicare card to verify your name and age
- your NSW residential address to identify your electorate.

You'll need to pick between three and five projects in your electorate, arrange them in order of your preference, then submit your vote.

The projects with the most community support through the public vote will receive funding.

You can vote at

mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au

or a Service NSW Centre near you.

Please vote, we are in Oxley electorate, choose the Goat Track upgrade for our wonderful local primary school!

Follow the link to vote for us and PLEASE SHARE!

Invite all your friends and family to vote for us. Make it safe for all families that use this front entrance for school or community events such as Camp Creative.

Thank you

Sonya Laverty, P & C President

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 3 school weeks = \$123/week
- **Year 5 Lake Keepit excursion.** December, Mon 2nd – Fri 6th @ \$361 over approx 14 school weeks \$26/week.
- **Year 6 Canberra excursion.** December, Mon 2 – Fri 6th @ \$618 over approx 14 school weeks \$44/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.

Thinking Skills –Helping Kids to be Open-Minded

Diversity is something you are exposed to everywhere you go. People practise different religions, are of different nationalities and have different beliefs. Diversity makes the world go round, keeps conversations interesting and creates a melting pot of educational opportunities. As a parent, you want your child to grow up with an open mind, encourage him to accept differences and provide him with the desire to educate himself and make his own thoughtful decisions. To ensure that your child goes down the path of open-mindedness, start by teaching him about tolerance. Monitor your own attitude and open-mindedness. Kids learn from the example you (and members of your family) set, which means that if you portray a tolerant attitude and an open mind, they follow suit. To do this, treat diversity and difference with respect, treat everyone equally and refrain from judging or belittling others for their choices and beliefs in front of your kids.

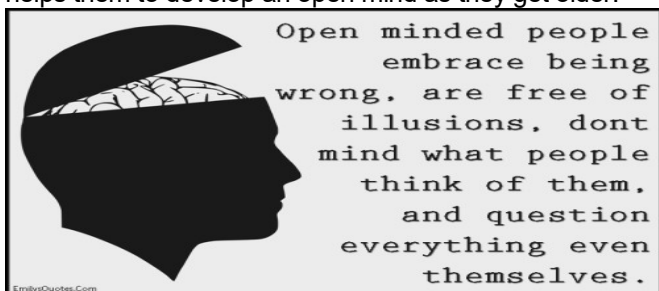
Teach your children the difference between open-mindedness and tolerance for different races, sexes, religions and beliefs but also explain that tolerance and open-mindedness do not require you or your kids to tolerate illegal, unacceptable or dangerous behaviour from others. For example, make it a habit to explain to your children that everyone is free to practise his own religion, but it is not

okay to direct violence towards others who have different religious beliefs from your own.

Choose books, games, movies and activities that show a diverse selection of characters. You may not realize it, but exposing your kids only to Caucasian characters, for example, might make them think that white skin is the norm and all others are different. The key is to teach your kids to be open-minded enough to realize that there is no one "normal," but rather that everyone is different.

Educate your kids about the different beliefs of their friends or family members. For example, if your child comes home from school during the holiday season and asks you why their friend celebrates Hanukkah instead of Christmas, use it as an opportunity to teach your kids about Judaism. Just because your family doesn't celebrate Hanukkah doesn't mean you can't learn what it's all about, so that your children are familiar with religions other than their own.

Encourage your kids to ask questions about what they don't know or what confuses them. When you make it clear that you're available to answer any questions they have about what it means for someone to have certain beliefs, be a particular religion, be from a foreign country, speak a foreign language or have a different colour skin from your own. Kids are curious, and encouraging them to ask questions and learn about diversity in every aspect of life helps them to develop an open mind as they get older.



Denise Head (RFF – Thinking skills)

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.

School Banking

Our School Banking day is Wednesday.

Available in Term 3, we have two new reward items from our 2019 Polar Savers range for students to redeem:

- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards.

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



Current Notes

- PSSA Touch football (boys & girls)
- Opera House Choir Term 3 Events
- Senior Strings COS Concert
- Parent Teacher Interview – booking note
- Education Week Breakfast - RSVP
- Canberra Excursion EOI - Final (Yr 6)
- Lake Keepit – Yr 5
- Canberra EOI Yr 6
- Opera House Choir note

Attachments with this Newsletter

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Diary Dates

August

Mon 5	P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library
Wed 7	OH Choir Cluster rehearsal at school
Wed 7	COS Concert, 5pm-6:30pm, Bellingen High School
Fri 9	Education Week Big breakfast, 7:30am
Fri 9	Whole School Assembly, 9.30am, School Hall
Thur 15	Stage 1 Sports Carnival
Wed 21	Book Week parade, 9:20am
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
Thur 5	Kinder Orientation 6-7:00pm (parent only session)
Thur 12	Kinder Orientation 9:30 -11am – Tabloid Sport
Fri 13	NC Athletics, Lismore
Fri 13	Whole School Assembly, 9.30am, School Hall
Thur 19	Stage 3 Musical – Memorial Hall
Fri 20	Stage 3 Musical – Memorial Hall
Fri 27	P & C Colour Run
Fri 27	Last day of Term 3

October 2019

Mon 14	First day for students - Term 4
Fri 25	Country Fair

November 2019

Fri 1	Kinder Orientation 9:15-11am –Welcome to School
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
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

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