



Bellinghen Public School

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Term 4 Week 2

Monday, 19 October 2020

From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

STAFFING 2021

Congratulations to Miss Jemma Petty who received a transfer to Bellinghen Public School at the end of term 3. She is now a permanent staff member. We are so pleased to have her as part of our team.

Mr Ellem will be undertaking an exchange of duty with Mrs Donna Williams from Sandy Beach Public School for 2021. This is a mutual move for a year and we wish Mr Ellem all the best at his new school and welcome Mrs Williams to our staff.

Mrs Rachel Pregnell has now relinquished her position at our school and has taken up a position in District Office. Her position will not be filled at this time.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.' What a great theme for dressing up as your favourite book character. The book character parade will be held on this Friday 23rd October. Each stage will parade under the shelter in front of their peers.

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

The year 6 transition to high school begins tomorrow when the Year 7 advisor will meet our students. Friday 4th December has been set down for the official visit by students to Bellinghen High School.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kinder Orientation will be held on Friday 30th October and 6th November. If you haven't contacted the school but would like your child involved please ring the office.

UNIFORMS

As we move into warmer weather we have noticed a number of different coloured shorts are being worn to school. The school uniform is royal blue. Please ensure your child is wearing royal blue shorts of an appropriate length. Shorty shorts are not for school. We have shorts and all other uniform items available in the uniform shop, please ring for an order form.

SMS

Did you receive your trial SMS trail from the school last week? If not please let us know as we may not have your correct details.

Have a great week.

Ness Cavanagh
Principal

Book Week

This week is Book Week. The theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.



All children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on FRIDAY 23rd October. Each stage will be able to parade around in stage groups only under the shelter.

We look forward to seeing all the curious creatures all dressed up and ready on Friday.

Please remember that all children are required to wear covered shoes and clothing that covers shoulders. No singlet tops etc.

Belinda Mellalieu

The Curious creature with a wild mind in the Library!

Uniform Shop

Uniform orders can be placed by dropping off an order form with the correct payment to the office. We will fill the orders and call parents when ready to collect. Please note the Uniform shop accepts only cash or cheques, correct money would be appreciated. Order forms are available under "Current Notes" on the school website or call the office if you need an order form sent home with your child

School Banking

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Wednesday**.

Term 4 Rewards are now available.

- Snakes and Ladders game;
- Emoji wallet

Our Snakes & Ladders Game is a fun way for children to learn to count and follow instructions and is printed on FSC approved paper. Even the game pieces were made out of wood (and not plastic).

The Emoji wallet is a great way for students to practice using money in shops and counting change. A perfect time in the lead up to Christmas.

Stewart House Donation Drive Draw Nearing

Time is limited, and those still wishing to participate in the 2020 draw are encouraged to do so by submitting their entries well in advance of the draw scheduled for midday on Friday, 27 November 2020.

Given the current environment with so many restrictions on travel, we have also had to alter the prize. Now instead of a \$4,000 travel voucher, we will be offering a \$4,000 gift voucher.

If you still have Stewart House Donation Envelopes at home please return them to the school by Friday 6th November to have them included in the draw.

Thank you to all families that returned envelopes earlier in the year in support of the Stewart house Program.



Stewart House Donation Drive 2020

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 29th May 2020
In time for the draw at 12pm on this date

Kindergarten 2021

Do you have a child at home who will be coming to our school in 2021?

Please call us on 6655 1147 so we can add your child to our 2021 Kindergarten enrolment list.

Our Kindergarten Transition Program is now available and can be forwarded to you.

2021 Bus Passes

2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should re-apply or update their details.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/9xz4w>

During the first two weeks of term 4, we will be taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* survey for students, teachers and **parents**.

High participation rates in the Tell Them From Me **parent survey** helps schools reliably identify areas of strength and areas for improvement from the perspective of parents, and helps inform practical changes where needed.

What do I need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes 15 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, The Learning Bar. You can complete the surveys on desktop computers, laptops, ipads, tablets and smartphones. Use the link above to complete the survey at home. **The survey closes 25th October.**

Will the school be able to identify me or my child from my responses?

Survey responses are anonymous so staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents or students from parent responses. Data suppression rules are applied to the school reporting tools where there are fewer than five responses. In other words, schools only see responses to questions which have been answered by five or more parents.

What sort of analysis will be done of the survey data?

School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of parents at their school. CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data. The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between parents and students' engagement, students' wellbeing, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

Thanks for your participation.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

what's been happening in 5/6 aqua



Tree Art Fun by Indie

In art lessons in term 3, 5/6 Aqua have been focusing on perspectives. In this particular artwork we were focusing on perspective forming. Throughout this artwork we have learnt lots! Some new terms were introduced such as, middle ground, foreground and background.

As you can see, the closest tree to us (foreground,) is lighter than the others. And as you get further back in the painting the tree's get darker. The one in the middle (middleground), has a colour in between the closest and furthest away. The back tree (Background), is the darkest and the black background makes the tree's jump out and look lively.



SAFE ON SOCIAL by Kyralee

Last term stage 3 went to a presentation called 'Safe on Social'. Kirra gave us advice about how we can stay safe when using technology, the internet and social media apps, and we were able to ask questions.

Some of the things we learnt from the presentation are:

- make sure permission or a parent knows you have/use social media apps, like TikTok.
- don't take pictures of where you live or while you are wearing your school uniform.
- don't talk or follow people you don't know personally.
- always read the terms and conditions before using a new app, especially the age limits.
- once you upload photos and videos, these can never be fully deleted. This is called your digital footprint.
- never send mean or hurtful messages to others online.

In class this term in 5/6 Aqua:

- In English we are doing a novel study based on the book City of Ember. So far, we have made predictions about what we think the book will be about.
- We are learning the movement skills needed to play Traditional Indigenous games in PDHPE.
- We will continue to use Number Talks just like the one pictured, each day in our Mathematics lessons

Ukuleles by Grace

During Term 3, we learnt the ukulele! For some of us this it was the first time we had played an instrument, and for others it was using what we know about music relating it the ukulele!

In particular we had been mastering the strings and chords - G, C and A Minor. We then used these chords to learn to play the song Riptide by Vance Joy. We had to strum the chords, playing in 4/4 time and play together as a class, as well as going off in groups to improve our own skills.



5/6 Aqua JOKES & RIDDLES

Grace

30 cows and 28 chickens how many didn't?

Charlotte

What has no beginning, no end and nothing in the middle?

Sam

Why did the skittle go to school?

Amelia

I'm tall when I'm old, I'm short when I'm old, what am I?

Kyralee

Why does the teacher wear dark sunglasses?
Because her students were too bright



Stage 1 CAPA News - Music

In CAPA Music students investigated the potential sounds of found materials and created “tuneful trash” musical instruments.

They had fun learning about all the many types of materials that musical instruments are made from. Students discovered that physical movements such as scraping, bowing, striking, blowing and shaking produce sound.

Students had the opportunity to play their “tuneful trash” when they composed their own soundscapes rehearsing together to create a piece of music, not just sound effects. They also explored the musical concept of dynamics as a way of enhancing their piece.



Stage 2 CAPA News - Music

The Music Component of the Creative Arts Program (CAPA) at our school for Stage 2 Students includes a 4 Week Block of music activities for each class.

We have developed our knowledge of ‘rhythms’ and have listened for them, found them in every conversation and word we say, read them, played them and even written them down with true music notation.

We used Native American Music as our platform as it presents with strong and wholesome beats and rhythms and the subject matter of the songs complimented the Stage 2 unit on ‘Sustainability’ The music of these peoples is about their connection, care and respect of their beautiful environment, Mother Earth.



Reading and playing rhythms to accompany our song



The Dance

Tanis Huxter
Stage 1 Music

Stage 1 CAPA News - Drama

In Drama this semester we have been having so much fun learning about dramatic elements and skills in Play-building and Improvisation. Over four weeks each stage 1 class has the opportunity to play fun drama games such as: Alien, Park Bench and Let's Get out of Here! The children also worked together to play Build a Character and Build a Story, where we sit in a circle and each child adds a new idea building from what has come before them. I have been amazed at how well the children have listened and responded to one another to make interesting and witty stories, which we then acted out.

Here is the one 2Purple made up:

One cold afternoon a mother horse had a baby in the stable. The baby went crazy and jumped over the fence into the cold moon light. The foal ran into a nasty fox and it ran away, back to its mother. The mother was so relieved that she had come back, but the foal had a crazy mind. Suddenly, a big thunder storm came and scared the baby foal. The foal was so scared that it ran away again. This time, her mother followed her to the paddock. Her mother came and said “calm down little one”. The foal was so scared that she screamed. As the mum took her back to the stables, the storm started to calm down. At the stables, she heard a noise coming from the bushes outside, and out jumped a witch who turned them into mermaids. The witch said “sorry, wrong people” and turned them back into horses. As the witch started to leave, the ground below her turned purple and the witch went into the forest. Some pigs came into their stables. The horses kicked the pigs to the moon. The End.

BPS Concert Band

The school concert band resumed rehearsals last week, observing and carrying out appropriate physical distancing for rehearsals. We are working on a variety of popular music, original music for concert band, and other arranged pieces that we are hoping to perform later this term. Concert band rehearsals are held Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 3pm.

Most of the repertoire we are working on requires drums and percussion, and we are very keen to have students currently learning drumkit involved. If you are interested in being involved with the concert band to play drums/auxiliary percussion, or tuned percussion, I can be contacted on Thursday at the music room or the hall. The fee for learning and rehearsing with this ensemble is \$50 per term. Please discuss with your teacher and parents beforehand!

Peter Morgan

Woodwind Teacher & Band Conductor

Diary Dates

October

Fri 23 rd	Book Week parade – Curious Creatures – Wild Minds
Fri 30 th	Kinder Orientation

November

Fri 6 th	Kinder Orientation
Fri 6 th	Last day for Stewart House envelopes
Mon 9 to Fri 13 th	NAIDOC Week
Wed 11 th	Remembrance Day
Fri 13 th	WSA Assembly
Tue 17 th	Book Fair
to Fri 20 th	Book Fair
Fri 27 th	2021 Student Leader Speeches
Fri 27 th	Yr. 6 High School Orientation Day

December

Wed 9 th	Presentation Day
Mon 14 th	School Reports home
Mon 14 th	Yr. 6 Farewell
Tue 15 th	Stage Fun Day
Wed 16 th	Year 6 Farewell Assembly
Wed 16 th	Last day of Term 4 for Students
Thur 17 th	SDD
Fri 18 th	SDD

January 2021

Wed 27 th	SDD
Thur 28 th	SDD
Fri 29 th	First day of Term 1 for Students

Value of the Week – Fairness



Attachments with this Newsletter

- Accidental Counsellor
- Got It - Tips for Staying On Track (Tuning In)
- NDIS Virtual Connection Desk at Bellingen PS
- Squad News - Bellingen Swimming Pool
- Swimming Lessons - Bellingen Swimming Pool

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

COVID- 19 TESTING CLINIC

Starting next Monday 19th October, the opening times of the Bellingen Drive Thru COVID Testing Clinic will change to: **9am to 9:30am, Monday to Friday**

Same location – 15-23 Watson Street, Bellingen (behind St Mary's Primary School).

Parents should phone to pre-register anyone being tested- 6655 0663 - a lot of patients can be tested in a short period of time when we have details in advance.

The change in time is to 'beat the heat' for both the staff wearing PPE, and patients waiting for testing in hot cars.

The opening hours of the clinic may expand if case numbers expand in NSW & demand for testing increases.

Vicki Cheney, Practice Manager, Three Rivers Health

Urunga Bellinger Valley Little Athletics Club

Urunga Bellinger Valley Little Athletics Club new season for 2020/2021 has commenced. We have moved to our new location at **Bellingen High School** on **Wednesday afternoons starting at 4.30pm**. We have one more trial week for new members for \$10, which will be reimbursed once registered. The club is under completely new management, Sharon & April. Together they bring the Urunga / Bellinger Little Athletics a vision that will continue to see the club improve, grow & inspire the younger generations of the valley through teamwork & community spirit.

Starting week 3 will be a bbq and drinks following athletics. Check us out on Facebook. We hope to see you there.



Registration link:

<https://memberdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=main&OrgID=914>

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	MON 4:30pm- 5:30pm	Begins 02 Nov	Ends 07 Dec	\$99
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Junior Blasters

Junior Blasters is for kids new to cricket with participants building their skills through fun, game based activities. The games are designed for small groups to ensure every child gets a go, allowing them to test and learn new skills. When they have mastered the basics they will be ready to graduate to Master Blasters where they can play modified games of cricket.

 **REGISTER**

 **JOIN A CREW NEAR YOU TODAY** 

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