



Bellinghen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'



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Term 4 Week 3

Monday, 26 October 2020

From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

It's shaping up to be a very busy term with only 8 weeks to go until the end of the year. Please remember to check your child's bags for notes and the calendar for dates.

Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI)

Last week a FOEI information sheet was sent home asking for updated family information. Please ensure you fill out the family employment information. This is very important as it is part of the information that the Department of Education uses to fund our school. This information is dealt with the greatest confidentiality. Thank you for sending it back to school by **Friday November 6th**. If you require help completing the form please ring the school and we can support you with this. It is also important to provide us with updated contacts and addresses if and when these change.

Kinder Orientation

Our first Kinder Orientation will be held on Friday. Unfortunately, there are a few restrictions due to COVID and we need to adhere to these. To be able to attend we require your child's enrolment form and parents are only to remain on site for 10 minutes. We are also not allowed to have mixing of stages so will be using our current Kindergarten as buddies. This will allow them to play together and mix socially next year. Kinder Orientation starts at **9:15am** under the hall shelter where children will be met by the teachers. We can't wait to see everyone!

Stage 1 Concert Video

Thank you for your patience as we have been editing and deciding on an appropriate platform for sharing. A letter will be going home to all Stage 1 students this week with the information. Please remember that you are not to share it outside your household as we have children who are not to be published but have given us special permission for this occasion.

Book Week Dress up

Our students and teachers definitely love to dress up! Thank you for supporting the children with their costumes. The children looked fantastic!







Have a great week.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

SRC News

Our Student Representative Council is made up of our eight school leaders and two representatives from each class in Years 2-6 that are elected by their peers. The SRC gives students a voice within the school. Class reps hold meetings with their classes and then issues and ideas that are raised are brought to the meetings, held once a fortnight with Ms Everson.



Some of our School Leaders - Riley, Grace, Maddy and Eli discussing SRC issues.

Our School Leaders do an amazing job of chairing the meeting, recording minutes and organising the younger

students and then they meet with Ms Cavanagh to discuss the outcome of each meeting. Current topics of discussion include equipment ideas for the top playground, making our students bathrooms more attractive, flags, bins and seating! It is always exciting to work with these students and hear them voice their ideas and concerns and brainstorm possible solutions.



Fundraising is another branch of SRC, with students fundraising for selected charities and also in order to support SRC projects. We held a very successful Pyjama day last term, raising over \$500 for the local branch of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. This term the SRC will be trying to raise funds to purchase a weatherproof, lockable perspex cabinet that can be used as a 'Creative Board' for displaying student art work and writing under the shelter area.

Roz Everson, SRC Coordinator

Stage 1 Value Awards - Fairness

Congratulations to the following students who were recipients of Fairness Value awards at today's Stage 1 assembly.

- KA:** Charlotte & Louie
Achievement Award: Mikani
- KJ:** Brook & Rashard
Achievement: Jake
- 1A:** Byron & Jewel
Achievement: Eadie
- 1M:** Joanna & Hamish
Achievement: Dominic
- 1/2O:** Pippa & Crystal
Achievement: Judie
- 2/3J:** Felix & Romi
Achievement: Ethan

Stage 3 Value Awards - Fairness

Congratulations to the following students who were recipients of Fairness Value awards at last week's Stage 3 assembly.

- 5J:** Sol & Joe
- 5/6A:** Isla & Morgan
- 5/6M:** Oryn & Tyler
- 5/6P:** Grace P & Grace S

Music News

Those amazing words like 'unprecedented' and 'road maps' and 'the new normal' have snuck into our everyday language as we navigate this situation of a rogue Virus in Australia and the World.

My favorite fridge magnet reads; "The greatest weapon against stress is our ability to choose one thought over another" from William James.

I believe the students at our school very much appreciate how our Principal and teachers are attempting to maintain so much of what is important and precious to their school day. I believe they feel comforted by the stability and obvious care teachers show for them and also in innovative lessons presented.

In most homes, music plays an important part of boosting morale. We have the radio on or stream music that suits our mood. At BPS music is also part of wellbeing for students in addition to its ability to enhance all learning areas.

Without its usual high profile at all school functions this year, students have been quietly (?!?) learning with their class teachers, peripatetic instrumental teachers and from Mrs Huxter and myself. There have been whole classes of Stage 3 students strumming on Ukuleles, Stage 2 students exploring Native American Music and Stage 1 students creating their own instruments from reused treasure!

Without adult audience members, the string groups have performed for each other. The senior strings also recorded their Celtic tunes to take part in the September Ceilidh, conducted by Bellingen's Group "the Fireside Celts" This appears on Youtube.

Mr Peter Morgan has created extremely innovative lessons for his band members that can not blow their wind instruments and singers have even performed, singing songs in their heads!

Our musicians at school have continued to learn, polish and be ready for performance and we will ensure that all parents will view their hard work, even if it means we record all concerts and send them through the newsletter with Safe Youtube links.

Thank you for continuing to support your children with their musical pursuits, and having faith that our music program is continuing to foster happy children and great players!

Fond Regards

Elizabeth Scott, Music Coordinator

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.

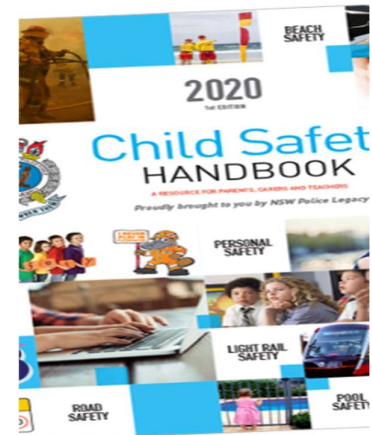
NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook

The "NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook" is a comprehensive resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. Over the past 8 years most NSW primary schools have received hard copies of this most important child safety handbook and have distributed them to the parents and carers of their pupils.

The handbook has been updated to include key messages about COVID-19 safety and bush fire safety given the unprecedented fires we experienced earlier this year.

The updated online edition (link below) also includes important content updates from: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Rural Fire NSW, Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, eSafety Commissioner and NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

Please click on the cover to view the updated digital handbook:



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



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.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

Diary Dates

October

Fri 30th Kinder Orientation

November

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

December

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

January 2021

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

Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



Need help packing a lunch box?

Check out our new [online presentation](#) that will show you how easy it can be to pack a healthy lunch box that your kids will love to eat!

For recipes, tips and more visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Attachments with this Newsletter

- Got it – Feelings and Needs, Activities to try at Home
- NDIS Virtual Connection Desk at Bellingen PS
- Squad News - Bellingen Swimming Pool
- Swimming Lessons - Bellingen Swimming Pool

Value of the Week – Democracy

I understand democracy as something that gives the weak the same chance as the strong.
– Mahatma Gandhi

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>

The active kids voucher is accepted

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amazing team!**

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**MEET GREAT
PEOPLE**

**MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION**



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today!*

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