



Bellingen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 4 Week 7

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,
Recently we have had a number of visitors onto school grounds late in the afternoon or over the weekends. Many times they are just passing through but on other occasions are using the grounds as extra play spaces and gathering areas but are not respecting the property. Schools are classified as "Inclosed Land" and are not public spaces. All visitors need to have permission to be on a school site. If you know of people using the grounds please remind them that they need to play or gather elsewhere.

Giving Tree

Thank you to the families who have brought in items for the Giving Tree. These gifts are given to elderly residents by Open Arms Care on Christmas Day. If you wish to donate a gift please wrap it, label as a gift for a male or female and hand it into the office. Thank you for your generous support.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who made purchases at our recent book fair. The students enjoyed looking at new books and taking the opportunity to purchase books and nick-nacks for themselves. This year students and their families purchased over \$3655.10 worth of quality books. The school receives a commission for these sales and we are now able to purchase more books for our library.

Student Leader Speeches

Next Friday students in year 5 who have nominated for Student Leader 2021 will present their 2 minute speech via zoom to the rest of the students and staff. Students will then vote for who they believe will be the best leaders for our school in 2021. Votes will be counted and 6 leaders will be chosen from these votes in a democratic voting system. The new 2021 leaders will be announced at Presentation Day. Good Luck future leaders!

Principal for a Day

Students in Year 6 may apply for 'Principal for a Day' in Week 9. The successful applicant will be involved in meetings, phone calls, budgetary decisions and in-class support. I look forward to reading the applications and working with the 'new' principal.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

School Banking

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

New flags!

Thanks to SRC, we received a new Australian and Aboriginal flag! SRC sent a letter to The Nationals Party member Pat Conaghan; Member for Cowper, New South Wales, and he sent a letter with the new flags!!! The brand new Australian and Aboriginal flags look amazing. Flying the flags are a strong demonstration of national pride and respect for our Australian and Indigenous heritage.



Evie, Sienna & Gracie

Sienna Ramage, SRC Member

Uniform Shop

Uniform orders can be placed by having your child drop off an order form with payment to the office. We will fill the orders have them ready for students to take home or call parents to come to the gate for collection. 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. .



News from Kinder Jade

Learning Partners - Each week students are randomly selected into learning partners. Learning partners encourages active participation in learning, develops active speaking, listening and social skills, builds confidence and gives students time to generate and share ideas. Here students were discussing the main idea of a text.

Reading Groups

During Naidoc Week we listened to stories and viewed artworks by Sally Morgan. We added colour to our representation of Bellingen.

Visual Art-The enjoyment of watching firework displays: the colour, noise, lines and patterns — are used as the experience for students' making of imaginative artworks.

Welcome to

Kinder
Jade

English - In Kinder Jade we like to read picture books and take our time to explore the images, concepts and the intention of the author. We recently read *A Year on Our Farm* by Penny Matthews and *Hey Little Ant* by Phillip and Hannah Hoose. During independent writing we have worked on text responses and opinion writing to build on our ability to persuade a reader.

Maths – In Kinder Jade we have been learning to explain reasoning and demonstrate to each other the different strategies we can use to solve number problems.

Welcome to our Virtual Concert

We invite you to sit and enjoy a concert comprising many of the pieces your children have learnt and polished during the year of 2020.

Our resilience has been tested with cancelled excursions, interrupted lessons, zoom lessons, online ensemble classes, changes of teachers, absence of parents both in lessons and in their dedicated assistance in ensembles. Students, however, have become very autonomous, remembering instruments, lessons times and completing practice tasks each week.

What we missed most was **PERFORMING!!**

Today's 'Virtual Concert' has given purpose to our playing and we hope you can share the URL links with family members at Christmas time. This platform has actually allowed us to share the children's playing with a much wider audience.

Our school has a long history of encouraging Musical Excellence as part of its educational plan for all students. Mrs Head remembers in the 90's where one class was made up entirely of the band members and rehearsals for the band was almost a daily event.

We are so fortunate to have The Hunter Howartson Music Building with three teaching spaces. This allows for our thirteen instrumental specialists to pop in and out of school, teaching every instrument imaginable with a high level of patience and dedication.

Students head off to the high school where the next level of Ensembles awaits. There is an excellent process in place for the continued tuition and experience for all children in our community.

We have had the pleasure of Moala McKenzie and Rosabella Stephen teaching strings in their 'gap' year between school and further music studies in Sydney and Monash University in Melbourne. I thank them for bringing youthful enthusiasm and their high level of playing, to our string program.

We have a 'gap' student for woodwind instruments in 2021. Ella Graydon will be assisting Tanis Huxter and Peter Morgan, initiating group lessons for beginner flute, clarinet and saxophone. Please take advantage of affordable tuition and consider learning with our gap teachers, that enable more students to play instruments and experience the joy of making music together with peers.

Today's Performances

Senior Choir

Our amazing Senior Choir has had a rollercoaster year, missing their Sydney performance but have remained committed to singing together. Regrouping in term 4, the singers are performing with ukuleles, which they mastered in CAPA classroom music activities term 3. Their final song was to be our audition item for involvement in 2021 Festival of Choral Music. Decision for the Festival go-ahead is still pending. Enjoy their harmonies.

<https://video.link/w/HGP1b> Senior Choir

<https://video.link/w/BRP1b> Senior Strings Ceilidh Performance

Senior Strings performance for the Scottish Ceilidh September 2020

<https://youtu.be/AJNLsMclzcg> aile an tSamhraidh

<https://youtu.be/yeTGsRPnfD0> .Drowsy Maggie

<https://youtu.be/4QSxufyMrgA> Rights of Man

<https://youtu.be/v8TGRYMwBe0> Atholl Highlanders

Junior Strings

Junior strings have focused on reading notes and six students are ready to join senior strings in 2021. They have prepared Christmas carols for your enjoyment.

<https://video.link/w/FCP1b> Junior Strings

Senior Strings

Senior strings performed in September for the Scottish Ceilidh also held online. The student's have benefitted from working with Ms Ann Phelan, renowned conductor of the Bellingen Youth Orchestra. Children will play for you Ludwig's Tango, Sonata Vivant and Wood Splitter Fanfare.

<https://video.link/w/WMP1b> Senior Strings

Year 6 String Ensemble

This delightful group of clever musicians have played in their lunch times for as much of this year was possible. Students have been learning from as early as kindergarten and are playing at an extremely high level for primary students. Our most recent performance was at the Bellingen Markets last Saturday where they busked and made \$150 for the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie.

<https://video.link/w/eLP1b> Yr 6 String Ensemble

Please also enjoy music from Daniel's studio, flutes from Tanis, trumpets from Kate, guitarists from Karin and a plethora of photos. Please note that band have a live performance at Presentation Day and are really looking forward to it!

"Music will save the world." *Pablo Casals*





Josephine from Year 2 performs a Christmas favourite, "Jingle Bells" on the flute. Well done Josephine!



Video Link: <https://video.link/w/ghG0b>

Flute News

Grace

Check out the very talented Grace from Year 6 performing an ABBA "Mashup" in the grounds of our lovely school! Grace performs I Have A Dream and Mamma Mia on flute accompanied by Mrs Huxter. Enjoy!

SafeYouTube Link to Video: <https://video.link/w/9WOwb>



Matilda performs a round on flute with Mrs Huxter. "Hey Ho, Nobody Home" dates all the way back to 16th century, England. Beautiful performance Matilda!



Video Link: <https://video.link/w/leG0b>



Coco performs Meghan Trainor's hit "Better When I'm Dancin'" on flute. Accompanied by Mrs Huxter. Enjoy!

Video Link: <https://video.link/w/mgG0b>

Brass News

The Brass are of a high standard this year with three Trumpeters. Dala who only just joined us this year and is already leaving for High School in just a short while. Bodhi who has kept on since last year and who may just possibly be taking up the Euphonium when we can get a hold of one. The Euphonium will lead him onto the Tuba - the biggest, baddest brass instrument of them all. There's also our youngest, Evan, who took on the great challenge of undergoing his Grade 1 Australian Music Examinations Board examination in this of all years. With delays and uncertainty as to whether the examination would even go ahead he ended up with a very high grade. During the process he honed many trumpeting skills through lots of dedicated practice and intelligent, detailed work. Well done to all my students. Check out the links to see them playing.

During the Concert Band performance in week 9 Dala and Bodhi will be playing out the front of the band as soloists. If you are interested in hearing what the band plays, talk to your teacher about taking your class, or to your parents about taking up an instrument

We are a small but noisy group. If you would like to make some noise, get lots of personalised attention and stand out from the crowd, join us on the Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn or Euphonium.

Introducing Bodhi on trumpet playing "She'll be comin' 'round the Mountain.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1AwQ87FAKc>

Here is Dala in year 6 playing "Scarborough Fair" as a trumpet duet. You can hear her playing as a soloist with the Concert Band at Presentation Day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufZxEIZHR2s>

Evan YouTube Happy birthday on trumpet link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWs7iq5XoKY>

From Kate Butcher, Brass Teacher

Guitar News

Greetings from the guitar class of 2020! This year has no doubt been challenging for most of us, however guitar students did really well and learned plenty new pieces, songs and techniques.



Gypsy & Lani

Pictured here are two of our three very special BPS students who have successfully completed their AMEB exams....we had to submit those as a "Video repertoire exam in one continuous stream" which was a new experience! Gypsy received her grade "with Honours", Lani "with Credit" and we are still awaiting the appraisal of Charlie's exam. What an amazing effort girls, so proud of you!

As a live concert for parents and family is not possible at our school this year, many videos have been included in the musical Newsletter, featuring Charlee, Gypsy and Lani as well as many other wonderful performances by Maddy, Ayla, Baden, Hannah & Yeshe. Well done!

Follow the link for all guitar videos:

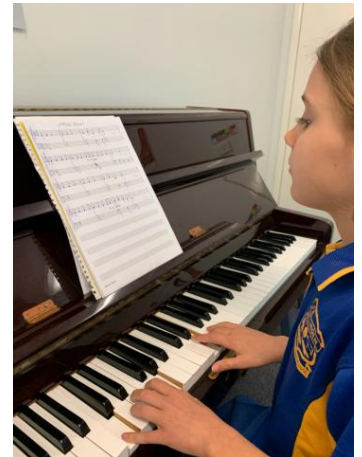
https://youtu.be/MeDZV5eMhwg	Yeshe	Calm before the storm
https://youtu.be/9n6oSSw_tzs	Hannah	Pretties on the inside
https://youtu.be/3uAMVfJjLvI	Maddy &	Charlie playing waves
https://youtu.be/KL3sl6kF50Q	Baden	Spring
https://youtu.be/dBfkzSvpy9Y	Charlee	Old rocking chair blues
https://youtu.be/ARFZaiMGPzo	Gypsy	Furiant
https://youtu.be/ZaRyh_c_pwn8	Maddy	Can't help falling in love
https://youtu.be/Xg6rkGK9I2U	Ayla	7 Minutes

Karin Braidwood, Guitar Teacher

Piano News

<https://video.link/w/LOP1b> Daniel's Piano Students

Jasmine's contribution to Xmas songs this year is Jingle Bells. Her video clip is a song called "I'm Blue"



Ava is very close to finishing book 1 as she sails through "Big Ships" and "Steamboat Round The Bend".



Wren is a very enthusiastic newcomer who has learned a great rendition of Happy Birthday and now playing her favourite Harry Potter song, "Hedwig's Theme"



Tess is also churning out Rudolph plus lots of other favourites like Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" and Lightly Row, a popular string song



Caspar who has a developing ear for music enjoys the challenge of playing Meglovania. He has also learnt Chlorine by "21 Pilots" and continues to improve his quick finger skills



Felix is bringing in the Xmas spirit with the old time favourite Rudolph the red nosed Reindeer



What's inside?

- Wholegrain dinner roll
- [Oaty biscuits](#)
- [Sesame crusted snapper](#)
- [Carrot salad with orange and ginger](#)
- Apple
- Milk
- Water

Find more ideas at the Cancer Council – [Healthy Lunch Box](#)

Diary Dates

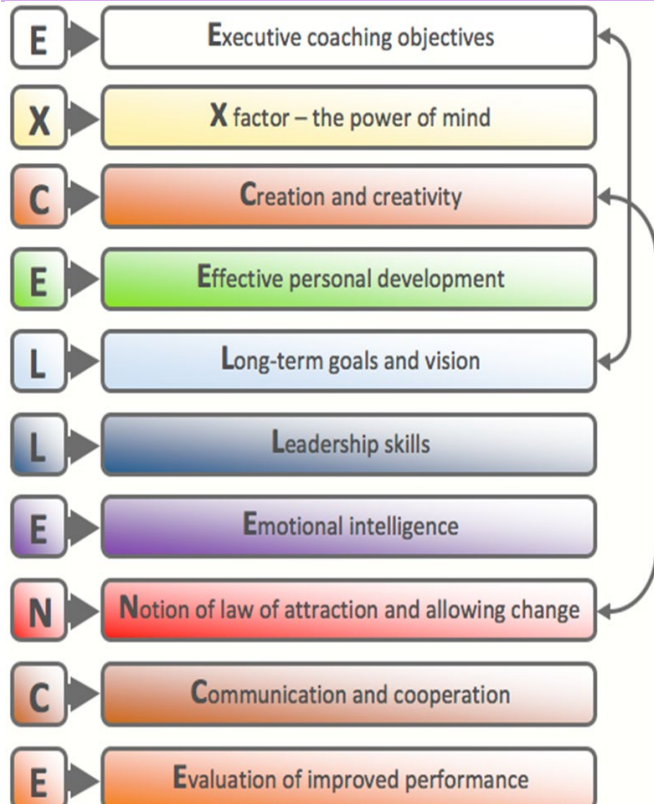
November

Fri 27th 2021 Student Leader Speeches

December

Wed 2nd Return BHS Orientation note
 Wed 2nd Closing date for Principal for a Day applications
 Fri 4th Yr. 6 High School Orientation Day
 Mon 7th Principal for a Day
 Wed 9th Presentation Day
 Mon 14th School Reports home

Value of the Week – Excellence



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

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

Thur 4th Swimming Carnival
Wed 10th Swimming Carnival - back up date.

Every year at Presentation Day gifts have been collected by a representative from Open Arms Care for distribution by Meals on Wheels to our elderly residents on Christmas Day.

We ask that all families supply a wrapped gift for a man or woman with perhaps a personalised message on your card to really make someone's day. Students can drop gifts into our front office prior to Presentation Day, Wednesday 9th December.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program which has been a tradition at Bellinghen Public School for over 16 years.

- SRC “Fun & Games”
- Gumbaynggirr Language and Culture Nest Newsletter
- Got It – Expanding your emotional vocabulary



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