



Bellingen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 4 Week 8

Monday, 30 November 2020

From the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,
We have been advised of some new COVID updates as of last Friday by the Deputy Secretary. As each school is different, with the number of students and physical layout, we all need to plan our events differently as non-essential adults are still not allowed on school grounds or at school events except for a few special occasions and under very strict guidelines which are set by the Department of Education under the NSW Health Guidelines.

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day will now be held as 4 separate events in the School Hall on Wednesday 9th December. Due to the space available and the 4sq m rule and that adults must abide by the 1.5m rule, we can only invite one parent of students receiving awards. Parents who receive an invitation will need to RSVP by this Friday, complete a COVID Safety form and be seated at all times. Parents are asked to enter school via the bus gate to be signed in. We will take official photos of students that will be available to parents after the event. All students who receive awards will be acknowledged in the newsletter, website and on Facebook.

Presentation times will be Years 1-2 at 9:15am, Years 3-4 at 10:00am, Years 5-6 at 10:45am and Kindergarten at 2:30pm

Student Leader Speeches

Last Friday 28 students from Year 5 presented their speeches for the 6 Leadership positions for 2021. Due to COVID restrictions students were unable to present them to all students so Mrs McFarlane and Mr Harry set up a zoom session for all the classes. I was impressed with all candidates, the way they spoke and presented their ideas. Students then voted and in a democratic voting procedure they were counted. Students and teachers who were absent will put their votes in this week and the leaders will be announced at Presentation Day.

Principal for a Day

This week I will be reading the applications for the position of "Principal for a Day" from interested year 6 students. I look forward to working with them on Monday 7th December.

Giving Tree

Thank you to all the families who have donated gifts for the Giving Tree. All gifts will be given to elderly residents who receive Meals on Wheels from Open Arms Care on Christmas Day.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday 14th December in the hall. Students will arrive at 6pm at the hall where they will have a sit down meal with the teachers with music and memories. Thank you to Victoria Lewis for coordinating the food and hall decorating. Thank you to Mrs McFarlane who has been working behind the scenes to ensure it is a fantastic night.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

Meals on Wheels Giving Tree

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. This year gifts will still be collected by the school and delivered to Open Arms Care.

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 Bellingen Public School for over 16 years.

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 2 Purple

2 Purple have been focussing on persuasive texts this term. Each student chose a topic and wrote an exposition demonstrating their point of view. This was then presented as a speech and was followed up with amazing discussions.

Here are a few:

We should be able to bring our pets to school on our news day.

There are my reasons:

We will be able to play with each other's pets.

They will have fun together.

They will definitely help you concentrate.

That's why I think we should be allowed to bring our pets to school on our news day. By Blue

I think children should be allowed to drive cars and have a licence.

These are my reasons:

You wouldn't have to drive children places.

Children wouldn't have to ask you to go to the river or pool.

Children could go grocery shopping.

That's why I think children should be allowed to drive cars and have a licence.

By Grace

I think we should have a water park in the middle of Bellingen.

These are my reasons why:

You wouldn't have to drive all the way to Coffs Harbour or far away.

If someone can't swim, there is a shallow end and a deep end.

It will be open all day.

That's why I think we should have a water park in the middle of Bellingen.

By Tess

In our 'Sentence A Day' program, students write just one sentence or paragraph with a grammar focus. Last week we were learning to use similes.

Ruby wrote: When the leaf fell in the water, it was like a lily pad. It gently floated down the current in the creek. A little while later it got stuck on a mossy rock in the current. As more water came down, the current went over the orange autumn leaf.

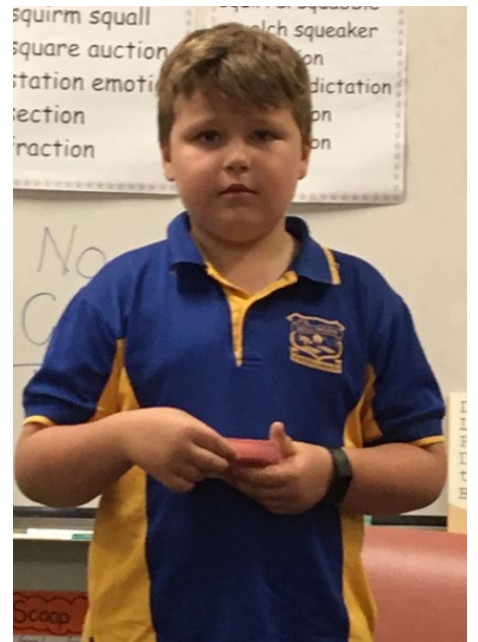
Rosa used the sentence beginning provided to create this lovely description.

Roughly tumbling end over end, the leaves, as light as a feather, were rolling into the water.

Evan wrote a wonderful complex sentence: When the sun is shining, it hurts your eyes.



Peer testing spelling words



Ari presenting his persuasive speech

Stage 1 Value Awards - Integrity

Congratulations to the following students who were recipients of Integrity Value awards at last week's Stage 1 assembly.

Kinder Aqua

Eden & Milani

Achievement: John

Kinder Jade

Rosie & Lottie

Achievement: Jasper

1Aqua

Zaine & Khuol-Gloria

Achievement: Harry

1 Magenta

Joanna & Oscar

Achievement: Edward

1/2 Orange

Samara & Sian

Achievement - Felix

2P

Blue & Sailor

Achievement: Stella

Dragon Fly

Two words together Dragon and Fly.
If you look closely you'll see them fly by.

Delicate wings, they skim on the water.
Some are larger and some are shorter.

Rare to find, but lucky to see.
You might mistake them for a little bee.

Six little tiny legs.
They're about the size of two small pegs.

Little thin antennae's and tiny eyes.
Dragon flies are quite shy.

Unique wings each one has
a different pattern.

The beautiful wings look like
they're from Saturn.

This creature is called a
Dragon Fly.

Poem by Mimi in 3\4M



Dragonfly



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.

School Banking

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

Diary Dates

December

Fri 4 th	Yr. 6 High School Orientation Day
Wed 9 th	Presentation Day
Mon 14 th	School Reports home
Mon 14 th	Yr. 6 Farewell dinner
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

February 2021

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

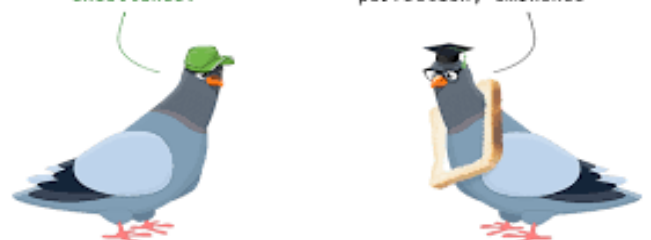
Attachments with this Newsletter

- Bellingen Vacation Program Jan 2021
- Got It "Tips for Staying On Track" – Empathy
- Your Health Link Photographic Competition 2020

Value of the Week – Excellence

what are other
words for
excellence?

merit, quality, greatness,
virtue, supremacy, superiority,
distinction, excellency,
perfection, eminence



What's inside?

Crispbread

[Red lentil soup](#)

[Carrot and zucchini muffin](#)

[Fruit salad parfait](#)

Water

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

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"Volunteers Wanted - Bellingen Museum needs you"

The Bellingen Museum is a community museum run by volunteers and the Bellingen Valley Historical Society. It contains an amazing collection of artefacts, paintings and objects that depict early settlement and life in the Bellingen valley. At present it is at risk of closing due to a lack of volunteers. The museum usually opens 10am - 2pm daily so if you can spare 4 hrs once a week you will be making a meaningful contribution to a better community. **VOLUNTEERING:** connects you to others, is good for your mind and body, brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

As a volunteer you also have access to all the historical records for personal research, in addition to learning so much about the area's history.

Drop in to the museum at 33 Hyde Street and have a chat to the administrator Mary Humphris, or contact us by e-mail at bellingenmuseum@yahoo.com.au.