



Bellinghen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,

What a year 2020 has been! Starting and ending with a flood, COVID and all its restrictions, learning from home, baby Otto is born, Mrs Cavanagh arrives, Ms Petty becomes a permanent member of staff, students, parents and teachers learn about Google Classroom and the bubblers are finally opened. Congratulations and a huge thank you to everyone who has been a part of the journey – students, parents, carers, teachers, SLSO's, SASS staff, music tutors, volunteers and everyone associated with the school. We appreciate everything you have done to support the students and the school! Thank you to everyone who responded so quickly to the flood evacuations this week. SMS messages, Skoolbag and Facebook were the quickest way to send information and we will continue to use this in the future.

Congratulations to all our award recipients at the Presentation Day held last Wednesday. Thank you to parents who were able to accommodate our COVID restrictions and join their children at the different assemblies. A list of recipients is acknowledged later in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Mr Josh Forbes who has been successful at interview for a permanent position as Special Education Teacher at Jordan Springs Public School, near Penrith. We will wish him well in his career and know he will be a fantastic asset to their teaching staff.

Congratulations to Year 6 for completing their final year of schooling. After many false starts, we were able to hold a wonderful Year 6 Farewell luncheon and disco. The whole school gathered in the afternoon for the presentation of certificates and walk out. It was a wonderful way to celebrate their learning journey so far. Reports will be sent home with students from yesterday. If your child is unable to attend due to flooding then we will post the reports ASAP.

The first day for students in Years 1-6 on Friday 29th January 2021. Kindergarten will start Monday 2nd February.

On behalf of the students and staff of Bellinghen Public School, I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

Music Concerts

Band Concert

What a treat it was to hear and see the band play at their concert on Thursday.

Members of the band had professionally played for each Stage at Presentation Day, but I was able to hear their repertoire from a year's work.

Dala and Evan played solos on trumpet for 'Pink Panther' and 'Postman Pat', Charlie had a turn conducting as well as playing great bass. Matilda, Grace and Coco made a glorious trio on flute and each had a solo in the ABBA Medley. Otis is colouring the tone of the group with his cool sax playing and Lachy has brought his new instrument, the bassoon, to the Bellinghen Public Band. Bhodi doubles as a Percussionist on kit as well as trumpet. Annouk and Hannah are very secure clarinet players and all instruments playing together was GAS!!!!

Thank you to Peter Morgan for his professionalism. His expert playing, teaching and conducting clearly has 'held' the band through torrid times this year. He was the first to come with a detailed submission to Mrs Cavanagh showing how the band could rehearse with innovations for social distancing. We thank Peter for his loyalty and passion to keep players playing and enjoying the social aspect of making music together at BPS.

A special thank you goes to Kate Butcher for assisting with band in her own time.





Follow the link for the Band Concert
<https://video.link/w/u1N8b>

Drum Performances

I have really enjoyed my first semester at BPS teaching the drum students.

They have been practising hard and have learnt many drum beats, fills, rudiments, songs and rhythms, achieving a lot in only one semester, and I'm proud of how they performed in their end of year concert videos.

I look forward to teaching at BPS again in 2021!

Follow the link for our Drum Performances.

<https://video.link/w/48J8b>

Scot Aird, Drum Teacher

Daniels Piano Performers

See the link below for videos from Daniel's Piano Concert.

<https://video.link/w/WiH8b>

String Concert

Finally!!!!

Sit back with a cuppa and enjoy our String Concert- featuring Violinists, cellists, viola players and their teachers.

<https://video.link/w/jLeAb>

Photography at School

Parents/Carers are reminded that when taking photos at school events they should not post these photos online when they include other students. If you would like to post a photo of your child please take an individual photo.

Letter of Appreciation

Dear Bellinghen Public School staff, parents/carers and students,

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for your continued professionalism and support throughout my teaching time at Bellinghen Public School. During my two years at this great school, I have had the privilege of working casually and temporarily in mainstream and multicategory (MC) classroom settings. I have made close and strong collegial friendships, and I am grateful to work alongside excellent teachers. I am forever thankful for and have made close connections with parents and carers to implement and support plans for their child's learning. I want to acknowledge the fantastic work from the SLSOs at Bellinghen Public School for their continued support with students in the classrooms and playgrounds. To the SASS staff who are

willing to help and support, by going over and beyond by completing extra jobs, and maintain a safe working environment for all staff.

Lastly, I would like to thank Bellinghen Public School students for their support they have given me during the last two years. Being a new casual teacher at a school can be daunting. The students at Bellinghen Public School were respectful and welcoming, which made the casual day a fantastic experience. I have been lucky enough to have taught many students from Kindergarten to Year 6 during my time at Bellinghen Public School. All students have been respectful, embraced, and shown the school core values in the playground and classroom, which has positively impacted my teaching career. Good luck to the current 2020 Year Six group who embark on their next journey into high school. Enjoy it and have lots of fun. I would also like to wish everyone the best for their future learning.

As the old saying by Alexander Graham Bell (1935) notes, "when one door closes, another door opens, but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us". This year at Bellinghen Public School, I have had many positive things happen. I completed my Masters of Special and Inclusive Education through the University of Newcastle while working full time and achieved my proficient teacher accreditation. I also found time in the busy schedule to write ten job applications where I was selected for three job interviews. Out of those three job applications, I went to two interviews in Sydney and accepted both permanent work positions. I decided not to attend the third interview and had to make the big decision between two schools. I chose my new future and adventure will begin as a permanent special education teacher in the foundation, newly established Support Unit at a brand-new school (established July 20, 2020), Jordan Springs Public School, in the Greater Western Sydney region near Penrith. I'm very excited to start at Jordan Springs Public School next year and sad to be leaving the fantastic staff members, parents/carers and students of Bellinghen Public School.

Best wishes for 2021 and good luck!

Kind regards,

Mr Josh Forbes, 1-6 Teacher

Meals on Wheels Giving Tree



Thank you to all families who donated to our Giving Tree

this year. Gifts were collected by Open Arms Care and will be distributed by Meals on Wheels to our elderly residents on Christmas Day.

Thanks you for once again supporting this wonderful program.



Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is awarded to
BELLINGHEN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

in recognition of your valued contribution

Signature 15/12/2020
Catherine Appleby, Chief Executive Officer Date



What's inside?

Wholemeal pita triangles

[Mexican meatballs](#)

[Caprese quinoa salad](#)

[Yoghurt rice pudding](#)

Fruit skewer

Frozen water

Find more ideas at the Cancer Council –
Healthy Lunch Bo

Presentation Award Recipients

2020 Presentation Day

Award Recipient	Roll Class	Prize	Award Details
Eadie	1A	Book Prize \$20	her outstanding effort, attitude and achievement in all areas of learning.
NFP	1A	Certificate	her commitment to learning through improved application.
Jian	1A	Certificate	consistent application across all Key Learning Areas.
Khuol-Gloria	1A	Certificate	a positive attitude and consistent effort in all areas.
Quinn	1A	Certificate	a positive attitude to learning and an improved work ethic in all Key Learning Areas.
Zara	1M	Book Prize \$20	high academic achievement through consistent application and hard work.
Edward	1M	Certificate	his commitment to learning through improved application.
Aiden	1M	Certificate	a positive attitude to learning and exemplary demonstration of school values.
Luka	1M	Certificate	demonstrating a positive attitude and consistent effort in all areas
Joanna	1M	Certificate	a positive attitude to learning and exemplary demonstration of school values.
Bear	1/2O	Book Prize \$20	his positive attitude and commitment to improve in all areas of his school life.
Felix	1/2O	Certificate	demonstrating a dedication to excellence in all Key Learning Areas.
Pippa	1/2O	Certificate	her exemplary demonstration of the school values.
NFP	1/2O	Certificate	her continuous resilience and good humour when undertaking challenging tasks.
NFP	1/2O	Certificate	always completing his work to the highest of standards.
Grace	2P	Book Prize \$20	demonstrating responsibility and a positive attitude in all learning areas
Joshua	2P	Certificate	effort and high achievement in all Key Learning Areas.
Ella	2P	Certificate	high achievement in English
Miranda	2P	Certificate	high achievement in all areas and excellence in upholding school values
Evan	2P	Certificate	effort and improvement in English and mathematics.
Felix	2 - 2/3J	Book Prize \$20	consistently striving for excellence in all aspects of school life.
Ethan	2 - 2/3J	Certificate	consistently striving for improvement in learning and demonstration of the school values
Ayla	3 - 2/3J	Certificate	outstanding commitment to learning and demonstration of the school values.
Ruby	3 - 2/3J	Certificate	consistent application across all Key Learning Areas and the school values.
Jake	3 - 2/3J	Certificate	commitment to improving his learning and demonstrating the school values.
Matilda	3/4P	Book Prize \$20	outstanding commitment and consistently striving for excellence in learning
NFP	3/4P	Certificate	outstanding effort and application in all learning areas
Boston	3/4P	Certificate	demonstrating our school values, a positive attitude and consistent effort
Rubei	3/4P	Certificate	high effort and dedication to our school values and learning in all areas
Sybella	3/4P	Certificate	excellence in creative arts
Lily	3/4O	Book Prize \$20	outstanding commitment, positive attitude and excellence in learning
Finlay	3/4O	Certificate	dedication and consistency in improving his learning goals.
Baden	3/4O	Certificate	reliable approach to challenging his learning across all Key Learning Areas

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Mia	3/4O	Certificate	a positive attitude and excellence in collaborative learning
Coco	3/4O	Certificate	determination and focused achievements in literacy
Grace	3/4M	Book Prize \$20	consistently striving for excellence in all aspects of school life
Gypsy	3/4M	Certificate	outstanding commitment and embracing a creative approach to learning.
Miyah	3/4M	Certificate	always striving for excellence and demonstrating care and kindness
Theo	3/4M	Certificate	outstanding improvement and commitment to learning.
Jayda	3/4M	Certificate	quietly achieving excellence and encouraging others on their learning journey.
Stirling	1-6Emerald	Book Prize \$20	his positive attitude, persistence and academic growth.
Manny	1-6Emerald	Certificate	his positive attitude towards, and continued improvement in mathematics
Ochre	1-6Emerald	Certificate	his positive attitude, consistent approach, thoughtful contributions and improvement in literacy.
Miles	5J	Book Prize \$20	high effort and achievement in all Key Learning Areas.
Ericka	5J	Certificate	excellence in literacy and creative arts.
Meika	5J	Certificate	consistent high effort during structured and self regulated reading times.
Sophiea	5J	Certificate	setting a high standard for work ethic and classroom behaviour.
Aidan	5J	Certificate	excellence in mathematics and science.
NFP	5/6A	Book Prize \$20	outstanding application in all Key Learning Areas and strong commitment to our school values.
Sol	5/6A	Certificate	displaying a positive attitude and consistent effort towards all aspects of school.
Isla	5/6A	Certificate	her consistent high effort and dedication to learning in all Key Learning Areas.
Kyrilee	5/6A	Certificate	being a responsible and hardworking student who always strives to do her best.
Shae	5/6A	Certificate	her excellent work ethic and consistent demonstration of our school values.
Polly	5/6M	Book Prize \$20	outstanding application in all Key Learning Areas and consistent demonstration of our school values.
Gracie	5/6M	Certificate	being a dedicated and reliable student who offers support to others.
Lachlan	5/6M	Certificate	an excellent attitude and commitment towards all aspects of school.
Arlo	5/6M	Certificate	striving for excellence across all Key Learning Areas and consistent demonstration of school values.
Tristan	5/6M	Certificate	highly creative and critical thinking skills in history, geography and science.
Rex	5/6O	Book Prize \$20	high academic achievement through consistent application in all Key learning Areas
NFP	5/6O	Certificate	consistent academic application through all Key Learning Areas
Evie	5/6O	Certificate	consistent academic achievement through determination and hard work.
Cory	5/6O	Certificate	outstanding leadership as Sports Leader
Riley	5/6O	Certificate	consistent academic application through all Key Learning Areas
Maya	5/6P	Book Prize \$20	excellent application across all Key Learning Areas and consistently demonstrating school values.
Dala	5/6P	Certificate	excellent application, commitment and achievement in all Key Learning Areas

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Award Recipient	Roll Class	Prize	Award Details
Lani	5/6P	Certificate	excellent effort and improvement in reading and spelling.
Tahnee	5/6P	Certificate	high academic achievement through consistent application and hard work.
Nina	5/6P	Certificate	showing outstanding leadership qualities and consistently displaying the school values.
Josephine	2P	Trophy & Certificate	the P & C Citizenship Award Stage 1.
Riley	3/4O	Trophy & Certificate	the P & C Citizenship Award Stage 2.
Bella	5/6M	Trophy & Certificate	the P & C Citizenship Award Stage 3.
Koa	1A	\$20 & Certificate	being a Quiet Achiever.
Lola	3/4M	\$20 & Certificate	being a Quiet Achiever.
Veeda	5/6P	\$20 & Certificate	being a Quiet Achiever.
Hannah	5/6A	Trophy & Certificate	outstanding achievement in public speaking.
Sienna	5/6M	\$50 Book Prize & Certificate	the Rotary award for Academic Excellence.
Matilda	5/6A	\$20 & Certificate	her outstanding leadership qualities and consistently displaying the school values.
NFP	2 - 2/3J	\$20 & Certificate	the Bellingen Public School award for Dedication and Commitment Stage 1.
Mollie	3/4P	\$20 & Certificate	the Bellingen Public School award for Dedication and Commitment Stage 2.
Oryn	5/6M	\$20 & Certificate	the Bellingen Public School award for Dedication and Commitment Stage 3.
Laura	5/6O	\$20 & Certificate	the Bellingen Public School award for Dedication and Commitment Stage 3.
Charlotte	5/6A	Trophy & Certificate	the RSL Sub Branch award for Dedication and Commitment.
James	5/6P	\$250 Scholarship	Camp Creative, Bryce Courtenay Scholarship Award for creative writing.
Bob	5/6O	Badge & Certificate	School Leadership 2021. Congratulations
Isabella	5J	Badge & Certificate	School Leadership 2021. Congratulations
Hannah	5/6A	Badge & Certificate	School Leadership 2021. Congratulations
Maya	5/6P	Badge & Certificate	School Leadership 2021. Congratulations
Sunny	5/6M	Badge & Certificate	School Leadership 2021. Congratulations
Isla	5/6A	Badge & Certificate	School Leadership 2021. Congratulations
Laura	5/6P	\$1000 Scholarship	Camp Creative, Bill Lockley Strings Scholarship Award for execeptional commitment and playing.
Maddy	5/6P	Certificate	Opera House Choir Award for being a confident leader of the alto section of choir, knowing lyrics, the harmonies and finding great joy in singing.
Mackenzie	KA	Certificate	Kindergarten Music Award for always singing with a smile, being so enthusiastic and always trying her best in kinder music.
Caelan	2P	Certificate	Stage 1 Music Award for his outstanding efforts in creating his own musical instrument from recycled materials in CAPA Music.
NFP	3/4P	Certificate	Stage 2 Choir for great singing, moving, playing, rhythm writing, in fact enthusiasm for all music activities.
Delilah	2/3J	Certificate	Junior Violin Award for progressing, experimenting, "shredding" and just delighting in playing her violin.
Charlotte	5/6A	Certificate	Senior Violin Award for most improved player for 2020. Practice, commitment, composition, vibrato, super reading and overall playing confidence.
Eilidh	5/6M	\$20 voucher & Certificate	Overall Music Award for unfaltering commitment from Kindergarten, to all musical activities, choirs, ensembles and for exemplary achievement on violin.

Year 6 Farewell – Thank you

A big thank you to Victoria Lewis for co-ordinating the parent involvement in the organisation of the Yr 6 Farewell Dinner/Disco. Also to Lynda, Brett, Georgie, Ashlie, Roz, Kathy and Sienna's' dad, James for helping decorate the hall and the team of parents who helped out with the catering.

Nicole McFarlane), Relieving Stage 3 Assistant Principal

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.

Attachments with this Newsletter

- Shady & Sparky flyer
- Bellingen Vacation Program Jan 2021
- Bellingen – Service NSW Mobile Service Centre visit

School Banking

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Wednesday**. The first day for School banking in Term 1 2021 will be Wednesday 3rd February 2021
Thank you to all our student bankers.

Diary Dates

January 2021

Wed 27th SDD
Thur 28th SDD
Fri 29th First day of Term 1 for Students in Years 1- 6

February 2021

Mon 1st First Day for Kindergarten
Tues 3rd Leaders Induction Assembly
Thur 4th Swimming Carnival
Wed 10th Swimming Carnival - back up date.