



Bellingen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 4 Week 9

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,

Student Leaders 2021

Congratulations to all the students who gave Leader speeches for a leadership position in 2021. The voting was very close and students certainly listened to what the students spoke about. I am pleased to announce that our Leaders for 2021 are Isabella, Hannah, Maya, Sunny, Isla and Bob. We will have a Leaders Induction on Tuesday 2nd February, 2021.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be held this Wednesday with 4 separate assemblies. Years 1-2 at 9:15, Years 3-4 at 10am and Years 5-6 at 10:45am. All parents of students who are receiving awards have been notified. Unfortunately, only one parent per student is able to attend due to current restrictions. Please remember to enter via the hall stairs and bring in the COVID visitor form on the day.

Principal for a Day

Olive from 5/6M is Principal today and will be reporting later in the newsletter about her day!

Year 6 Farewell

All year 6 students have received information about the Year 6 Farewell next Monday night. We can't wait to share this exciting time with them.

Classes and Teachers 2021

Next year we will be going to straight classes for all grades not stages unless we need to change due to numbers. There will be 2 of each grade K-5 and 3 classes for year 6. Teachers for each grade are as follows:

Kindergarten – Mrs Davies and Mrs Matthews

Year 1 – Mrs Head and Mrs Vardabasso

Year 2 - Mr Harry and Miss Hunt

Year 3 – Mrs Hood and Mrs Young

Year 4 – Mrs Sommerville and Mrs Williams

Year 5 – Miss Byrne and Mrs Taylor

Year 6 – Mrs McFarlane, Ms Bugden and Miss Petty

MC – Mr Frade

LaST – Mrs Mulligan and Mrs Everson

Class Support and RFF – Mrs Kelly, Ms Austin, Mrs McCormick and Mrs Mellalieu

Stage AP's – Mrs Mulligan, Mrs Kelly, Mrs McFarlane and Mr Harry.

The teachers are in the process of placing students in classes. When placing students in classes they think very deeply about what is the best placement for each

child based on their academic and social needs and supports.

COVID Intensive Learning Support Program

Last week I was advised that our school will be receiving extra funding to support our students learning. This is great news and I will be able to employ further staff for intense intervention K-6. Ideas and plans are being finalised at present.

Reports

Student Reports will be sent home on Monday 14th December.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

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.

Principal for a Day



Day in the life of principal of the day!

So, this morning I woke up rather early and ate a boring breakfast of rice bubbles. After that I brushed my teeth and fed my cat, I took a long time to get dressed because I love choosing outfits and I wanted to look like a suitable principal, but because I took so long, I looked at the clock and it was five past eight! I panicked and threw on my converse. I thought I'd miss the bus for sure! But I quickly did my hair and ran out the door. I sat down at the bus stop and sure enough the bus came right around the corner, I caught my breath and hopped on. I sat down alone and waited for the bus to arrive at school. And it finally did!

I was so excited but a bit nervous as well. I walked through the office door, handed my phone in and waited for Mrs Cavanagh to come out. In a couple of minutes



she welcomed me in and we sat down at her table. She gave me a rough timetable of where I would be going and at what time. I was so excited! We went to have a chat with Miss Petty and after that we went back down to the shelter and the bell rung.

I was so nervous to announce the leaders but I just ignored my anxiety and tried to be confident. I announced the six school leaders for 2021 - Hannah, Bob, Maya, Isla, Isabella and Sunny. Everyone cheered and I wasn't as nervous anymore. I also got to hand out the multicultural speaking awards and it was really fun.

After all the classes left we had to take some photos of the leaders and winners. Then when that was over we walked back down to our office and I helped Sandra with the numbers, which is basically counting the number of students, staff and casuals away according to the roll. After that I drank a cup of tea and headed down to kinder orange. That class was so sweet and all the students were lovely. I looked at their work and listened to Mrs Mathews teach until the lunch bell rung.

At lunch time Mr Harry and I did first half duty but when I came back my lunch was locked inside the office so for the rest of lunch I walked around chatting with my friends and students. I came back to the office and got my lunch when the bell rung. I quickly scooped down my lunch, headed to Miss Petty's and walked to the hall. The Stage 1 assembly went great! I got to hand out lots of awards, in fact I was the secret spy!

I went back to the office but Mrs Cavanagh was on a phone call so I took some stickers and I went around to 1A, 1M, 3/4O, KA, 3/4P and 2/3J. I came back and worked on my newsletter report, then it started raining so I got to ring the wet weather bell! After that I took my apple and we ate in the staff room. When we came back I went back to writing my newsletter. All around being a teacher/principal for the day has been an awesome opportunity and I would 100% do it again!

Olive Harpur, Principal for the Day

'In House' Concert Week

Without hesitation and with enthusiasm, students have been preparing for concerts this week.

Monday- Piano Students of Amber McCormick.

Tuesday-Piano Students learning with Daniel.

Wednesday- Guitar students with Karin /Band playing at Presentation Day sessions.

Thursday-Members of the Band

Friday- All string players for 12:00 noon.

We will attempt to record many of the performances for you at home.

Also, stage a home concert while your child is playing at their best.

If you would like your promising player to attend a concert for inspiration, eg they have expressed an interest in learning wood wind, brass, bass guitar or percussion in 2021.

Please write a permission slip for them to attend the Band Concert on Thursday afternoon and hand it to your teacher. I will follow these up and be sure to have many students attend for motivation and to provide an audience for the Band.

Something like ... Peter Piper has my permission to watch the band on Thursday afternoon

Signed Julie Piper!!

Thank you for your support in 2020 and congratulations for remaining resilient through the topsy turvy year. Music certainly has the ability to calm emotions.

Elizabeth Scott, Music Coordinator

Book Fair & Library News

Thank you to EVERYONE who enjoyed the school's BOOK FAIR. Yes, it was a very busy week, but I think all the children really enjoyed having a book shop in their school.

As a result, we raised;

\$330 taken in book fair books

\$300 in vouchers for book club books we can buy over the next 12 months

\$512 in cash that I'm hoping we can use to update our schools dictionaries and atlas'.

Wow, what a result!!!!

Remember all books are needed to be returned to the library ASAP. Stocktake is happening so please have a hunt for those overdue!

You may have also heard of your children talking about the Cupcake challenge.

This is a little incentive to encourage each class to work together as a team and return their books. The class with the LEAST amount of books overdue by Friday week 9, will receive a class batch of cupcakes.

There will be a batch baked for 1 class from Kinder - 2/3J, including 1-6E, and a batch for 1 class from 3/4 to 6.

Have a safe and happy holiday and thank you to all families for their amazing support and encouragement to use our wonderful little library.

Belinda Mellalieu, Teacher Librarian

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.



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.

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.



What's inside?

-  [Turkey and spinach rissole](#) & salad roll
-  [Banana pikelets](#)
-  [Crispy roasted chickpeas](#)
-  Packet of sultana and dried apple mix
-  Plain milk popper
-  Water

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

School Banking

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Wednesday**. Please note that the last banking for this year will be Wednesday, 9th December 2020. Thank you to all our student bankers.

Diary Dates

December

- Wed 9th Presentation Day - Years 1-2 at 9:15, Years 3-4 at 10am and Years 5-6 at 10:45am.
- Mon 14th School Reports home
- Mon 14th Yr. 6 Farewell dinner
- 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

February 2021

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

Attachments with this Newsletter

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

Value of the Week – Excellence

Excellence

Demonstrating very high quality



Excellence is:	Excellence is not:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing your best at everything • Making good choices and encouraging others to do the same • Working hard • Being proud of who you are • _____ • _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing only what you have to do • Going along with friends who make bad choices • Being lazy • Being a bully • _____ • _____

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

"Volunteers Wanted - Bellinger Museum needs you"

The Bellinger Museum is a community museum run by volunteers and the Bellinger Valley Historical Society. It contains an amazing collection of artefacts, paintings and objects that depict early settlement and life in the Bellinger 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.

2021 BRAVES TRIALS
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER
MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

WE ARE ON THE SEARCH FOR SOME PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR DIVISION 2 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS FOR THE 2021 SEASON. THESE PLAYERS WOULD PLAY IN 4 CARNIVALS OVER THE YEAR COMPETING AGAINST OTHER TEAMS WITHIN THE NORTHERN NSW AREA.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING COME ALONG AND MEET THE BRAVES...

10am - 11am	Under 18 Men (2004 & 2005)	Under 16 Men (2006 & 2007)	Under 14 Men (2008 & 2009)	Under 12 Men (2010 & 2011)
11am - 12pm	Under 18 Women (2004 & 2005)	Under 16 Women (2006 & 2007)	Under 14 Women (2008 & 2009)	Under 12 Women (2010 & 2011)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT BELLINGERBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM