



Bellinghen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 2 Week 4

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our students.

As our online/offline experience draws to a close, I would like to thank all the students, parents/carers and staff for taking on this enormous challenge and rising to the occasion. As we move back into a traditional face to face environment there will still be challenges and for a while, school will look quite different to what it did at the beginning of this year.

Attached to this newsletter are the guidelines for parents/carers provided by the Department of Education which was sent out last week. Whilst I encourage all parents/carers to take the time to read the document some of the key points are as follows;

Schools activities and operations will be in line with advice provided by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines where applicable.

Students **are not** required to socially distance.

All students are required to attend school unless they are unwell or are engaged in school approved activities.

If children are unwell please continue to keep them at home.

Parents/carers will receive a modified semester 1 report. Schools have been given an extension on semester 1 reports, these will be provided before the end of August.

It is essential that students bring their own water bottle as students are not to drink from the bubblers.

All interschool sporting and cultural activities are still on hold.

Parents/carers are still required to drop-off and pick-up outside the school boundary. The main points for Bellinghen Public School are the old front gate for pick up. A reminder to cross at the designated crossing.

Staff will continue to emphasise the importance of good hygiene.

Canteen will only be open for orders for lunch and recess.

Parents/carers are asked to please ensure that when students return to school on Monday, that they bring the laptops that have been loaned if they have not already been brought back.

Lessons provided by external providers will not go ahead at school at this time until we have been advised otherwise.

Stage 2 rooms will be undergoing planned maintenance and receiving new ceilings. During this work, classes will be moving to the back demountable and library. Mrs Sommerville – 3/4 Magenta and Ms Taylor's – 3/4 Purple

classes will be the first rooms completed. They will move during the week.

Once again thank you to the whole school community for the effort and understanding that everyone has shown during online/offline learning experience. All the staff at Bellinghen Public School are looking forward to working with all our students in a full face to face environment and continuing to provide them with the best possible teaching/learning opportunities.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

Late Notes & Early Departures

In order for parents to adhere to Department policy and not be on school grounds. The office is happy to take phone calls for an explanation of any late arrival or early departures. Office staff will escort students to meet parents for early departures.

Music Links

Body percussion activities to excite the brain and also learn more about notation.

Our Serious Singing will be 'Journey to the Past' from Anastasia.

Choir 2 and 3

<https://safeyoutube.net/w/T8iH>

Journey to the Past Choirs 2/3/ Senior Choir

<https://safeyoutube.net/w/TCiH>

Garden Club

<https://safeyoutube.net/w/VuiH>

Uniform Shop

As the uniform shop is currently closed and the weather is getting cooler. Orders can be placed by dropping off an order form (see attached with this newsletter) with the correct payment, office staff 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.

Library News

Could all students please begin to return overdue library books. No overdue library notices will be emailed or handed out this term, but please start to bring books back.

Books may be returned to the red 'Returns' trolley anytime, or left in the office if Library is locked.

Thank you

Mrs Mellalieu, Librarian

Attachments with this Newsletter

- [Return to full-time face-to-face learning guidelines](#)
- [Canteen Menu](#)
- [Uniform Order Sheet](#)

Stewart House – Donation Drive Postponed



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

In light of the restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the final dates for entries, and the subsequent draw, have now been postponed from 29 May until a date to be decided in Term 4. Envelopes may still be returned to the school.

Diary Dates

September

Wed 16th School Photos

Value of the Week – Democracy

DEMOCRACY

from Greek **demokratia**
"popular government,"
from **demos** "common
people,"
originally "district" (see
demotic),
+ **kratos** "rule, strength"

