



# Bellingen Public School

*'Courtesy and Knowledge'*

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Term 2 Week 8

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Late last week the Deputy Secretary provided new information for schools returning to face to face teaching. I have included the parents and carers guide as an attachment but the main information that affect our school from today, the 15th June, are as follows:

- All students should now be back at school unless they have a medical certificate due to an ongoing medical condition or are currently unwell.
- External providers such as music tutors and external support of educational curriculum may now attend.
- Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events- this includes **parents/carers**.
- Additional cleaning will continue.
- Incursions may take place.
- Students must still bring their own drink bottles as they can't share drink bottles or food.
- Individually wrapped and purchased cakes can now be provided for birthday celebrations. No home cooking sorry.

There are further changes which will take place from term 3 as well if we keep COVID safe and continue doing the right thing.

Thank you everyone who has abided by the advice from the Department of Education this term. These restrictions have been for the safety of everyone attending and working at our school.

### Uniform

Now that the cooler weather has arrived please remember that multi coloured jumpers and hoodies are not approved school uniform. School jackets are available for purchase at the Uniform Shop.

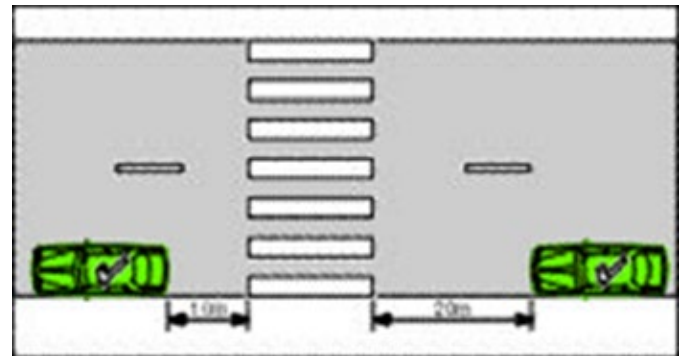
### Absences

Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in each school term, by the end of primary school the student will have missed over a year of education? It is very important that your child attends school regularly unless they are sick. Please ring or email the school to explain the absence.

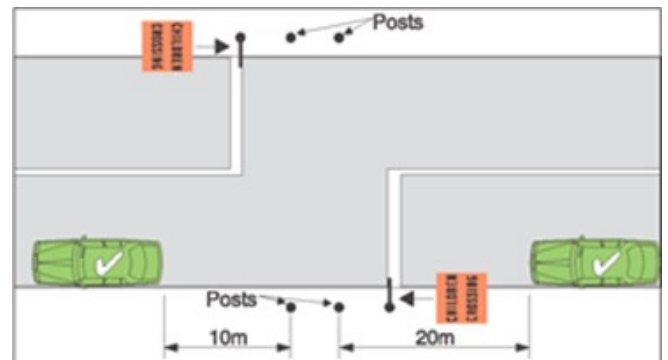
### Parking

Thank you to the parents who are doing the right thing in and around our school for drop off and pick up. It is disappointing to see some parents and carers still parking in the wrong place and/or walking in front of the school buses to cross the road instead of using the designated crossing. I have included information from

the Coffs Harbour Council on appropriate parking before and after a pedestrian crossings.



A vehicle must not stop within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a childrens' crossing or pedestrian crossing.



Coffs Harbour City Council is committed to providing a safe environment for the community around schools. Parking unsafely can put children's lives at risk. Increased fines and loss of demerit points apply when certain parking offences are committed in an operating school zone.



- Parking in a driveway or on a footpath.
- Stopping in a Bus Zone or No Stopping Area.
- Stopping on or near a pedestrian or children's crossing.
- Double parking.
- Parking in a No Parking area for longer than allowed.

Council encourages parents to plan ahead when making arrangements in dropping off or picking children up from school.

Have a wonderful week!

**Ness Cavanagh, Principal**

### Sun Smart News

Even though it's winter, UV can still damage your unprotected skin. In NSW, UV levels are high enough to damage your skin for most months of the year; in northern NSW it's all months of the year.

We have seen COVID-19 restrictions ease across the state which may mean you're out and about more, make sure you continue to use all 5 of sun protection methods when UV is 3 or above - SLIP on sun smart clothing, SLOP on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen, SLAP on a sun smart hat, SEEK shade, and SLIDE on sunglasses

### Music News

Excited students and music teachers, alike burst through the doors of the Music Block today.

Students have spent three months waiting for the time they could reconnect with their teachers.

Online lessons have maintained progress but it is so beautiful to see and hear our students again this week.

Teachers will be contacting families with times and days for lessons.



**Elizabeth Scott, Music Coordinator**

### 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 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.

**Mrs Mellalieu, Librarian**

**Attachments with this Newsletter**

- Bellingen Famers & Producers Markets
- Face to Face Learning Guidelines for Families 2020

**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**

**July**

Fri 3rd Last day of term 2  
 Mon 20th SDD Term 3  
 Tue 21st First day back for students

**September**

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> School Photos

**Value of the Week – Integrity**

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doing the right thing  
without an audience

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## Become a foster carer

Foster carers are needed in the Mid North Coast region more than ever before.

Whether you are giving a child a long-term home, or stepping in to help in a crisis, being a foster carer is a hugely, rewarding experience.

Talk to our friendly team today.  
 Call Kimberly Pushong on, **0439 845 960** or email  
[kimberly.pushong@challengecommunity.org.au](mailto:kimberly.pushong@challengecommunity.org.au)

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