



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,

As we slowly move back to normal school routine post COVID it was wonderful to see and hear the music teachers begin their face to face lessons. The students were just as excited as the tutors.

### Being Supportive

Last week I met Xavier S from 3/4M. Xavier noticed a situation where he was concerned for a staff member's feelings and wellbeing. He approached the staff member and offered her support and beautiful words. I was very impressed with his kindness and sense of justice for what is wrong and right. Well done Xavier, this is the behaviour that Bellingen PS students strive for and you are a fantastic role model. "Sometimes the smallest things take up the most things in your heart". Winnie the Pooh

### Social Media

As we are all aware, we live in a digital world and it is important that we try and understand what apps children are using. The e-safety commissioner has a list of the most popular apps on their website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide> One of the more popular apps at the moment, particularly with our students is Tik Tok. I would encourage all parents/carers to have a look at Tik Tok and discuss with their child the importance of on-line safety, particularly the need to remain as anonymous as possible, limiting those that can view their on-line material to a group of known friends as opposed to having it available on the public domain.

There has also been some online misconduct by students toward other students over the weekend. Again, I encourage all parents to speak to your children about appropriate online behaviours. The following 6 points are good conversation starters to discuss with your child:

1. **Don't get personal** – *picking on how someone looks, how they talk, their race, religion or family background is not OK*
2. **Say sorry**- *if you have hurt someone else, even if you didn't mean to hurt them, say sorry.*
3. **Think before you hit send** - *ask yourself "how would I feel if someone shared something like this about me?"*

4. **It's not just about likes** — *remember that it is not OK to send or post something that will get lots of likes if it hurts someone else.*
5. **Ask for help** — talk to an adult you admire and trust. They can help you change your behaviour and will respect you for reaching out.
6. **Break the cycle** — if it is safe to do so, call it out or say something else to change the conversation.

For more information please go to the following esafety commission link.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/how-do-i-know-if-im-being-mean-online>

### School Sport

Last week we were advised by the Executive Officer of NSWPSA that the following Sports events have been cancelled for Term 3, 2020.

- NSWPSA Cross Country
- NSWPSA Netball state championships
- NSWPSA Boys Touch state championships
- NSWPSA Rugby Union state championship
- NSWPSA Girls Rugby 7s
- NSWPSA Golf state championship
- NSWPSA Boys Softball state championships
- NSWPSA Girls Touch state championships
- NSWPSA Girls Softball state championship
- Primary Girls Cricket trials
- Primary Boys Cricket trials

The following Sports events have been cancelled for Term 4, 2020.

- NSWPSA Athletics

All term 3 & 4 2020 NSWPSA activities are now cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

All NSWPSA knockouts competitions have also been cancelled for 2020.

The health and wellbeing of everyone involved is paramount and at the heart of this decision. We recognise the pressures that schools are currently experiencing and supporting staff and students remains our highest priority.

"Never stop learning because life never stops teaching". Lin Pernille

Have a wonderful week!

**Ness Cavanagh**  
Principal



## 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. Our Kindergarten Transition Program will be forwarded to you when available.

### 1 Aqua News

In Geography with Mrs Head, Year One have been discussing and learning about natural, built and managed landscapes and surroundings. To compliment this work and their understanding of the concepts studied, 1 Aqua chose a colourful background of a natural, built or managed landscape for their self portrait to visit. The results are fantastic!



Mrs Vardabasso, Class Teacher

### Music News

We welcome Scot Aird, music teacher for Bass and Percussion from Melbourne.

Scot has excellent credentials and experience and is keen for students to contact him through 'the application to begin an instrument' form from the office.

Recognizing that students have been without a drum teacher since Phil Simon's Retirement in 2019, let's continue to learn with our young enthusiastic teacher, Scot.

There are enthusiastic teachers to teach and instruments to hire. Please consider brass and woodwind instruments like trumpets, trombones, clarinets and the saxophone. These are great instruments to play as solo instruments and in bands. Annie Phelan in the High School provides the greatest Jazz bands to play in, and students beginning at primary school can achieve a high level of playing for participation in these bands.

Most lessons with our Specialist Instrument Teachers have resumed to the delight of all.

Please ensure you keep up with fee payment.

Kind Regards

Liz Scott

Music Co ordinator

### Sesquicentenary Pavers

Thank you to all the families that have bought a paver to acknowledge your time at Bellingen Public School in this first run. If you missed out we will be doing another order up to and including the October long weekend celebrations. At this time we are still preparing to hold celebrations on Saturday, October 3 but that will be dependant on the COVID-19 restrictions at the time.

As well as the pavers the Committee have been busy documenting the school's history since 1995 and are preparing a book for printing which will also include summaries of the last two books that have been produced. If you have an anecdote which you would like included please email it to [bellingen150@gmail.com](mailto:bellingen150@gmail.com) it would be very much appreciated. A funny story about a teacher or fond memories of an excursions would be great.

Kathy Glyde, Sesquicentenary Committee

### P & C Meeting

Bellingen P and C would like to invite you to join our next meeting, to be held at 6.30pm on 6th July. This will be a virtual meeting hosted on Zoom. ALL PARENTS AND CARERS ARE WELCOME, and this might be a great opportunity to see what the P and C is all about from the comfort of your own home! The agenda for the next meeting includes discussion about 'Parent and Carers Day' fundraising, the BPS 150 year anniversary projects, and plans for a sustainability-based grant won by the P and C. If you would like to contribute to these discussions or want to know more about the role of the P and C, please consider joining us on Zoom. To join the meeting, click on the link below or paste it into your web browser:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8549269795?pwd=V3V0RVRIeFEFHNE1bzNISlkzb0w1UT09>

Meeting ID: 854 926 9795

Password: 4Dphzf

We hope to see you there!

Kate Pullinger, P & C Secretary

### 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

### Uniform Shop

Uniform orders can be placed by dropping off an order form with the correct payment to the office. We 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. 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

- Bellingen Dorrigo Junior Rugby League
- Dorrigo Rangers – intention to play.
- Bellingen Famers & Producers Markets
- Busways New Timetable – 20 July 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.

## Sam Bowen – 1 metre square

Think about a metre squared of newspaper. Sam created this paper crane with a square metre of newspaper.



## Diary Dates

### July

Fri 3rd Last day of term 2  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> P & C Meeting via Zoom (see notice this newsletter)  
 Mon 20th SDD Term 3  
 Tue 21st First day back for students

### September

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

### October

Sat 3rd Bellingen Public School Sesquicentenary (restrictions permitting)

## Value of the Week – Excellence



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

### Busways Bus Timetable

From **Monday 20th July 2020** (1st day of Term 3) all School Bus Numbers and some Route Services will be re-numbered to allow travel apps to perform better. School Buses will all be uniquely numbered containing an "S" and 3 digits i.e. S123.

Please see attached a copy of your Schools timetable which displays your old and new School Bus Number along with the trip details.

We ask that you please include this information in any news provided to parents and students leading up to the start date mentioned above. Busways staff will also be distributing hard copies of these in the coming days as well.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 1300 69 2929.

Alternatively visit our website at [www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au) for more information.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Kind Regards,

Busways Group

