



# Bellingen Public School

*'Courtesy and Knowledge'*

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Term 3 Week 2

Monday, 27 July 2020

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to see everyone ready and keen to learn on their first week back after the holidays. They were very excited to see their friends and catch up with everyone.

### Reports

Semester 1 Reports are planned to be out to all parents on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### Kinder Orientation

Believe it or not we are already planning for the Kindergarten Orientation which will happen during Term 4 if COVID restrictions allow as they are on hold at present. Mrs Mulligan is organising a timetable and contacting the preschools in preparation. If you would like more information or an enrolment form for 2021 please contact the school.

### GaT (Gifted and Talented) Groups

Welcome back to Mrs McBay who will be working with GaT groups K-2 on a Tuesday. Currently she is assessing and planning to begin the groups soon. Ms Everson will be assessing students in 3-6 for GaT groups on Fridays. What a great opportunity this is for our students.

### Music

It is great to hear the music across the school as lesson recommence and groups combine. Simply beautiful!

### COVID update

Thank you to all parents who continue to abide by the guidelines set in place by the Department of Education by dropping students off and picking them up from designated areas. If you do require to be on site (with school permission) you will need to complete and sign an external visitors form.

Student attendance will continue to be marked as per DoE guidelines and unexplained absences will be followed up by staff. If your child is unable to attend due to medical conditions they will need a medical certificate from their doctor or specialist.

### New School Plan 2021

The school executive began training on the new school plan for 2021. This is a 4 year plan and will be developed in consultation with, teachers, students and parents over the next 3 terms. We look forward to your input in its development.

### GOT IT! Program.

All K-2 students have received a GOT IT! Pack last week. Can you please return by Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

This is a fantastic program supporting students with their social and emotional wellbeing.

### Scripture and Ethics

Scripture and Ethics lessons will not be starting at BPS until Term 4.

### RESPECT – our value this week

Last week it was noted that Lanieka was seen supporting others when playing games at recess, inviting them to join in and RESPECTING others. Such a wonderful role model for others!

“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have & one of the best things you can be” Piglet

Lanieka



Ness Cavanagh, Principal

## World of Maths – Hands on Maths Workshops

We have invited World of Maths (a travelling, interactive Maths Workshop) to visit our school. They will be here this Thursday and Friday.

World of Maths offers an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to everyday life situations and explore maths in a hands-on environment.

Students are encouraged to communicate their maths ideas and answers with other students in small teams, working together.

Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and explore various mathematic strands which are part of their curriculum.

It is a highly engaging session which will show that maths is everywhere and is important and of course that maths can be fun!

There is no cost for this incursion as all costs are being covered by the school.

Elizabeth Mulligan, Assistant Principal



### Data Collection

#### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Each year our school collects information in regards to those students who have adjustments made to their learning which allow them to –

- better access the curriculum;
- make positive social connections
- cater for physical needs or
- cater for sensory needs.

This information is our part of the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) and is used by the Australian Government to determine the level of funding provided to Bellingen Public School to assist in meeting the learning needs of our students.

The NCCD prompts schools to identify students with disability and to review the schools processes and practices. It records the adjustments already undertaken in schools to support students with disability to access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers.

NCCD collection has been completed for the year.

**Elizabeth Mulligan, Assistant Principal**

### P & C Meeting

Bellingen P and C would like to invite you to join our next meeting, to be held at **6.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. 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=V3V0RVRiMEFHNEI1bzNISikzb0w1UT09>

**Meeting ID: 854 926 9795**

**Password: 4Dphzf**

We hope to see you there!

**Kate Pullinger, P & C Secretary**

### Term 2 Practice Incentives



Our photo is a little obscure but it is reused coffee lids, holding individual student's tiny ends of their candles!

To stay motivated and play at home with Covid Restrictions, the string players in our school burnt a candle while they played.

The aim was to work with the candle and blow it out as you finished your practice. It was an extremely popular and fun activity and promoted a lot of playing in order to watch it shrink! Evie Laverty returned 5 candle stubbs which represented 5 x 9hrs burning = 45hrs of playing, listening, performing and workshopping with online Ensemble Classes.

This Term we are working with Sammy Snail and attempting 50 Practices with increments of 5 each week. Practice is not always as fun as watching your favorite show or playing with friends in the park but it is the only way to progress on your instrument and make playing more pleasurable and skilled.

Please help your child stay motivated to learn and play with fun things to work towards. It is rare to find a student fully self motivated and behind all good players are supportive parents!!

The candle was fantastic and you can do this just within your family. When I burn a candle while playing, it is a comfort and helps to create a lovely ambience in my practice space.

**Elizabeth Scott, Music Coordinator**

### Library News

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to term 3. I wanted to let you know some library days that have changed.

**Tuesday: 5/6O, 5J, 5/6P, 5/6A**

**Wednesday: 1-6E, 2/3J, 1M, 1A**

**Thursday: KJ, KA, 1/2J, 2P**

**Friday: 3/4P, 3/4M**

K-2 classes must bring a library bag to be able to borrow and this will restart in week 2.

There are also over 700 library books overdue, most from during term 2's work from home.

All students will be given their overdue book list this week. These books need to be returned to the school library by Friday Week 5, 21st August otherwise invoices for their replacement will be issued. If you know a book has been lost or damaged, you are welcome to replace it with a copy you've purchased from Kmart etc and then donate the copy to replace it. No invoice will be issued in this case.

We are so fortunate to have a wonderful library, let's keep it well stocked with amazing rich literacy and stories.

Please email me if there are any issues.

Thank you

**Belinda Mellalieu, Librarian**

**Got it**

**DON'T FORGET:** During Week 1 of Term 3 all children in years K-2 would have received a colourful Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) Pack.



This is due back to the school by  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020.**

If you have any questions about this process or require assistance with completing the forms, please contact the Got It! team on the number below:

**02 6589 2598**

Thank You from Got It!

**Scripture & Ethics**

Due to the small number of available scripture and ethics teachers this term, the executive team have decided to cancel all scripture and ethics instruction for term 3 only. A decision will be made towards the end of term 3 about the recommencement of scripture and ethics for term 4.

**Belinda Mellalieu, Scripture Organiser**

**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.

**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.

**Value of the Week – Respect**

Respect is a  
two-way street,  
if you want to get  
it, you've got to  
give it.

**JENNY  
GARRETT**

**School Banking - Tokens****What you need to know about Tokens**

- One silver Dollarmites token will be issued for every School Banking deposit made (maximum of one per week).
- You need to have made 10 School Banking deposits to redeem a reward.
- Tokens do not expire. If you don't have enough tokens at the end of any year, you can save them for the next year until you have 10 tokens to redeem for a reward item.
- Tokens cannot be pooled between, or given to, siblings or friends to get rewards faster. The School Banking rewards program is designed to reward individual savings.
- All rewards are available to order from the term listed, and are offered only while stocks last.
- Your deposit/token count is electronically tracked by School Banking so it doesn't matter if you lose your Silver Dollarmites tokens.
- You can also track your tokens on our fun easy to use CommBank Youth app (visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) for more details).
- If you forget to put your School Banking in one week, you are unable to make 2 deposits the following week for 2 tokens. Maximum of one deposit/one token per week.

**How to redeem your tokens for a Reward**

- Complete a Rewards slip by writing in your details and ticking the item you would like to redeem for the term
- Place the slip in your yellow Dollarmites wallet with your 10 Silver Dollarmites tokens
- Hand it in with your School Banking Deposit on School Banking Day.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Wednesday**.

**Attachments with this Newsletter**

- Cool Kids – Taking Control (an internet delivered program for children experiencing bullying and anxiety (ages 7-12 yrs))
- Uniform Order Form
- Got It Information
- Bellingen Shire Taxis

**Diary Dates**

**July**

Thur 30<sup>th</sup> World of Maths Workshop  
 Fri 31<sup>th</sup> World of Maths Workshop

**August**

Mon 3rd P & C Meeting via Zoom (see notice this newsletter)

**September**

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

**October**

Sat 3rd Bellingin Public School Sesquicentenary (restrictions permitting)

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

**BELLINGEN SHIRE TAXIS**  
**OPEN FOR BUSINESS...7 days**

**Taxi Tucker & Bevy Deliveries**  
 Order from your favourite Restaurant/ Bottle Shop or Essential Business..... and we will Deliver straight to your DOOR. Delivering to Bellingin, Urunga, Mylestrom, Valla and Surrounds.

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**ART CLASSES WITH JACKIE**  
 At *The Stables*, Bellingin (behind the ambulance station)  
 For days, times and everything else  
**Contact Jackie Lee**  
**M: 0404 658 116**  
**Email: [jitsart@bigpond.com](mailto:jitsart@bigpond.com)**  
 Catering for all levels of experience, all ages and a diverse range of art making practices.

**BELLINGEN FARMERS & PRODUCERS MARKET**

**At Bellingin Park**  
 (Church St next to Tennis Courts)  
 Every Wednesday  
 2:30-5:30pm

For more info contact  
[bellinginfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:bellinginfarmers@gmail.com) or 0402 564 206  
[bellinginfarmersandproducersmarket.com.au](http://bellinginfarmersandproducersmarket.com.au)

<p><b>Easy parking</b>                  (incl mobility parking)</p> <p>Amazing and diverse range of fresh produce</p> <p>Nourishing meals and beverages to eat at the market or take home</p>	<p>Come and support our local farmers and food producers and do your fresh grocery shopping. All food grown and made within 200km from Bellingin.</p>
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Support our farmers and food producers now for our future food security

**RETURNING TERM 3**

**WEDNESDAY'S @ THE HUB**

**ALL DANCE BELLINGEN**

Like us on facebook

Kindy Dance AGES 2-6	3:30 - 4:00
Stage 1 primary AGES 7-9	4:00 - 4:30
Musical theatre ALL AGES	4:30 - 5:15
Stage 2 and 3 Primary AGES 9+	5:15 - 6:00

For more info contact Kylie 0408 178 585