



# Bellingen Public School

*'Courtesy and Knowledge'*

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Term 3 Week 7

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## **GIANT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!!**

**We can't hold our Country Fair this year ☹️ but we can have our GIANT raffle which has loads of prizes!!**

**Starting this week our SRC and Student Leaders will start to sell tickets during lunch or recess.**

**😊 Tickets are only \$1each. 😊**

**Some of the prizes include scooter, helmet and protective gear combo valued at around \$200; Zoingo Boingo Pogo; light up soccer balls; baseball set; soccer goals and ball; snorkel/goggle sets; quoits; beach cricket set; super soakers; soccer/basket/netballs; caps; drink bottles AND heaps of handballs.**

**Students need to listen at assembly for when tickets will be on sale and look for the raffle table under the big shelter. Parents are welcome to join in by sending money into school labelled "raffle" and Mrs Mulligan will make sure your name goes in the draw.**

**Raffle will be drawn in the last week of school.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Mrs Mulligan**

### **From the Principal**

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week all the students competed in the modified Cross Country. As we had new COVID restrictions and no further competition we decided to run it as a Fun Run/Cross Country. All the students had a great time and even though it wasn't as competitive as normal every one tried their best. Congratulations to our House Leaders who supported all the students and must have run the course at least 10 times before they had their own event. With the big winds we've recently had, many of our large trees require maintenance. There were a lot of dead branches hanging or caught high in the trees which were very dangerous. We were able to have these fixed quickly and the children were back playing in their favourite areas by recess.

On Wednesday, the SRC representatives had a meeting with me to discuss ideas that they have developed from students across the school. They presented their ideas well and I was impressed with how they had thought of positive ideas to support the students and school. I will now discuss these ideas with the staff to determine which areas we can support.

Thank you to all the families who responded to our parent survey. As a school we need to continually assess and reflect on our practices. The responses will help us evaluate our current plan and help make informed decisions for positive changes in our next one. All families who sent their surveys back by last Friday went into the draw for sporting goods prizes. Congratulations to the families drawn out today.



Tristan, Bailey, Felix, Gracie, Ella Adam & Hannah with their survey prizes.

We have started improving our gardens and areas across the school. We have a number of old tyres available if anyone has use for them. They are free. Please contact the office if you would like to collect some or all of them.

Don't forget to buy tickets in our Giant Raffle! We can't have our Country Fair this year BUT we will still hold our Giant Raffle. Tickets are on sale under the shelter at break times. \$1 a ticket.

The P&C received a grant to put towards revamping the Nature Playground. Hopefully, this work will be completed by the end of the year but we may need assistance with some of the areas if COVID restrictions ease. If you have skills that you would like to let us know about, please contact the office. These would include landscaping, building wooden bridges, plumbing or even labouring. We do need suggestions for how to stop the erosion around the trees and redirecting the water flow to the drains.

*"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."* – Abraham Lincoln

Have a great week.

**Ness Cavanagh, Principal**

### Cross Country

Our school Cross Country carnival was held on Thursday 27th August. All the students looked so sporty and were really excited to run. We started off with the very eager Kinders, with the help of the wonderful Sport Captains and Vice Captains who ran with them. I would like to congratulate all the Sport Leaders as they supported, encouraged and helped all the K - 2 runners and showed real maturity and great leadership.



The Yr 1 and 2 children cheered on the Kinders. Year 1 and 2 ran their laps of the junior course afterwards.

Year 3 and 4 completed 2 laps of the longer course that included running around the perimeter of the school. After lunch, Stage 3 ran their 3 laps with lots of hot and sweaty faces at the end.

The races were not timed and places were not given this year. We placed more emphasis on celebrating together and supporting each other, plus having fun!



**Belinda Mellalieu**

## NEWS FROM 3/4 M

### My New School is Great!

As B.P.S is my third primary school, coming into school for my first time I was nervous, scared and excited all at the same time. Some of the things about this school that makes it one of the best is that this school does a gardening session every lunch on Wednesdays open to all students. One of the best things about this is that the students can learn and hear tips about gardening. Another great thing about B.P.S is that the teachers are great at teaching and they will give you harder work and if you need help they will help you. When I go onto my bus everyone is kind and nice and could easily be your friend. I love this school and I'm so glad I came to it! Grace

### The Awesomeness of Genius hour

Genius Hour is a wonderful activity where we think of a question that we want to know the answer to. Then we research and find out the answer. It is very fun because we get to choose what we learn. When everyone has researched and found the answer to their question, we all present our questions and answers to the class.

The questions can vary from 'What is the fastest supercar?' to 'What is better: Nuclear power or coal power?' to 'What was the most played video game worldwide in 2018?' (It was Fortnite, by the way)

By Jake B & Aiden W

### Bush Medicine Artworks

Recently 3/4M were inspired by Rosemary Petyarre to make bush medicine artworks. The 3/4M students had to go through a lot of steps to make the lovely artworks. These artworks are connected to Aboriginal people and the environment to our school.



### Pet Axolotl

The Axolotl has been in 3/4M for two years. He is a special salamander. He can't breathe outside so he can't walk round the class room. Stitch is his name. He is white with black googly eyes and red internal organs. He is an amphibian so he is not furry or scaly but he is slimy. His home has two logs, three plants and stones on the bottom. It is a real paradise.

When we were moving classes for a while we had to take out a lot of his water. It was a bit disappointing that we have to move him back. He got bright pink so Mrs Somerville had to change his water.

### School Environment

B.P.S is a school filled with environment to interact with. It is filled with all different types of trees and plants. There are all different types of creatures especially in the dirt. The trees are big, so big that you can nearly get blinded from the sun when you look at the tops. There are birds everywhere making nests. By Kamiron and Sakura



### Public Speaking

Every second year, each stage two and three class gets to compete in a public speaking competition. If you choose to work your hardest, there's a slight chance that you could win.

Recently, stage two and three came together and chose their topic for their speech. The topics for stage two were: Racism-NO WAY, Words can Hurt, Belonging in School, Our Place and more.

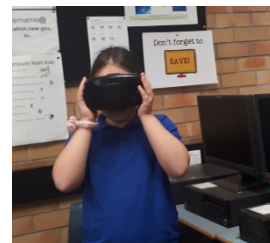
It was a very hard task to work with but everyone did a very good job. In stage two, Madison and Anya won. They had to work really hard to think about how to present their speech and to get all the strong words into their speech. Congratulations stage two and three, you did a great job! By Madison and Charlotte

### Cross Country

Going to Cross Country was very fun and active. It was very entertaining for lots of people. Even though no one could go to District everyone still had fun!! Everyone lent a hand if someone was puffed or had a sore leg. Nearly every one joined in and had a fun time!! Overall, Cross Country was a very fun day!!!

### The T4L Virtual Reality Kit

The virtual reality headsets are fun and entertaining and they make your mind creative. When you are using the virtual reality headsets, you can pick what you want to play and learn. They are used for people to have fun and to get creative minds.



### Our fabulous teachers

At Bellingin we have very friendly teachers and if you don't like your first teacher don't worry you get a new teacher every year ok .

### Dance in the Shelter

For the last few weeks stage 2 have been doing dance as sport. The first thing stage 2 had to do is low position medium position & high position. Low position is a type of position that's low to the ground, medium position is a position that's sort of low to the ground and sort of high. Last but not least is high position which is tall. The next activity was non locomotor & locomotor movements. Non locomotor is a dance move that's keeping your feet in one place. An example is 'flossing'. Locomotor is a dance move that's moving forwards, sideways or straight backwards. When we did that, the lovely Mrs. Sommerville put on music to dance to. After a few weeks we all knew how to do it thanks to Mrs Sommerville, Ms Austen & Mrs Taylor. By Mimi & Kira

## Pond Recovery

Stage 2 students from 3/4 Magenta and 3/4 Purple have been studying soils and erosion and the state of our pond presented perfect examples of both.

During heavy rainfalls in February and March, the soil from the walkway above the Veggie Patch was dislodged and whooshed down the hill to settle in the pond.

This prevented the filter from moving water between the ponds but the area remained boggy and was excellent habitat for frogs, lizards, birds and dragonflies.

The silt encouraged our pond plants to take over and it has been with great pleasure and excitement that children coming to Garden Club on Wednesday lunchtime are all taking part in the ponds rejuvenation!

Students from Mrs Somerville's class were first to clear the pond plants and carefully remove and clean the rocks. Amongst the reeds they rescued frogspawn and released it to the upper pond. The eggs have since hatched and we have a delightful group of tadpoles.

This week we will reintroduce the water plants to give the tadpoles more protection from the Kookaburras and Butcher Bird!

This has been an extremely fun and learning project and we thank Mr Ross Bailly from 'ponds and billabongs' for his cool pond construction in 2018.

We are going to contact our local SES to see if they would recommend sand bags to prevent this from reoccurring.



I would also like to thank Felix, Evie and Laura for their leadership and supervision of the project and the super group of students in their gumboots who have boundless energy and are keen to hear that calming trickle of water running again.

**Elizabeth Scott and Kate Sommerville**

## P & C Meeting

Our next P and C meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday 7 September at 6.30pm - all parents and carers are warmly invited to join us. Items on the agenda for discussion include the BPS 150 year anniversary, a plan for improved pedestrian access to the school and the proposed purchase of outdoor play equipment and book resources for the school library. We'd love to 'see' you on Zoom! Details of the meeting are as follows:

**Topic:** BPS P & C Meeting September

**Time:** Sep 7, 2020 06:30 PM

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77910160916?pwd=ZHBTRzZycWVhSEdiMFVqMWVUQVRtQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 779 1016 0916

**Passcode:** 9Ev2r3

## School Photos

School Photos are due to be taken on Wednesday, 16 September 2020.

Due to the constant changing environment which we find ourselves in this year, our school photographer would like us to delay handing out order forms/envelopes until one week prior to photo day.

Please note this date in your calendar. Orders will be able to be made online or by cash in the envelope.

## 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 – Participation



## Got it

### Got It! Team Update

The Got It team are continuing to call families to schedule suitable times to meet to discuss the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires.

Please don't hesitate to call the team on **6589 2598** if you have any questions regarding the program.

We look forward to meeting you all soon.

### Stage 1 Class Awards

Congratulations to these Stage 1 students who were recipients of class awards at today's assembly.

#### Kinder Jade

**Cooperation:** Maya & Elijah

**Achievement:** Jasper persistence in learning single sounds

#### 1 Aqua

**Cooperation:** Quinn & Khoul-Gloria

**Achievement:** Xavier

#### 1 Magenta

**Cooperation:** Macy & Nate

**Achievement:** Imogen

#### 1/2 Orange

**Cooperation:** Sian & Nina

**Achievement:** Bear

#### 2 Purple

**Cooperation:** Jazminah & Tess

**Achievement:** Caelan

#### 2 Jade

**Cooperation:** Felix & Acacia

**Achievement:** Ethan

### Stage 3 Class Awards

Congratulations to these Stage 3 students who were recipients of class awards at last week's assembly.

#### 5 Jade

**Cooperation:** Lachlan & Pacific

#### 5/6 Aqua

**Cooperation:** Caspar & Shae

#### 5/6 Magenta

**Cooperation:** Polly & Beau

#### 5/6 Orange

**Cooperation:** Vitani & Rex

#### 5/6 Purple

**Cooperation:** Molly & Maddy

### 150 Sesquicentenary Postponed

It is with regret that the 150th Committee of Bellingen Public School P&C, would like to inform everyone that the 150th celebrations to be held on 3rd & 4th October long weekend will be postponed until June long weekend 6th & 7th 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.



### Library News

#### Bookclub

Book club magazines will be handed out this week. Please know that the closing date will be 9th September. Orders won't be able to be accepted after that date.

#### Overdue books from Feb - April

Invoices have been sent home last week for those who have outstanding books from Feb - April 2020. We are only looking to replace the extensive amount of lost books, so if you find the lost books, the invoice does not need to be paid. If you buy the same book and donate it to the library, no invoice payment is necessary.

#### Book Covering

Thank you to the parents who have offered to cover books. It is very appreciated. There is still many more books to be covered, (yes we've been busy!) so if you're available to cover more, please let me know.

**Belinda Mellalieu, Librarian**

### Attachments with this Newsletter

- Sparky & Shady flyer
- Fortnite fact sheet

### School Banking

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

### Diary Dates

#### September

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

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**RETURNING TERM 3**

**WEDNESDAY'S @ THE HUB**

**ALL DANCE BELLINGEN**



For more info contact Kylie 0408 178 585

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