



Bellinghen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 1 Week 10

Monday, 29 March 2021

From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

I'd like to thank the whole community for the support you have given the school over the term with COVID restrictions and our recent flood situation and evacuations. Our thoughts go out to the many families affected by the recent floods and landslides. Please let the school know if there is anything we can do to help.

We are holding our Easter Hat Parade Wednesday 31st March. All stages will be participating in the parade. It will be held in the hall and small shelter to allow for social distancing and will start at 9:30am. Parents and caregivers are welcome on site, however we need to adhere to the current Covid restrictions. Our numbers are limited and it is a requirement to check in using the QR code and follow the physical distancing rules.

A reminder that the Easter Raffle tickets and money need to be back at school by today, 29 March 2021. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday.

Due to adverse weather conditions our BPS Cross Country will now be held on Thursday 1st April. It will be held on the school grounds on the ovals. Students are to wear house colours Marx (yellow), Doepel (blue), Jarrett (green), Nobel (red) and may need a change of shoes and clothes given the current weather. Please bring a WATER BOTTLE and HAT. Parents and caregivers are welcome on site to cheer on their children, however we need to adhere to the current Covid restrictions. Our numbers are limited and it is a requirement to check in using the QR code and follow the physical distancing rules. Starting Times (approx.): 9.30: Kindergarten, 9.45: Year 1, 10.05: 8 year olds, 11.00: 9 – 10 year olds and 12.05: 11-13 year olds. District Cross Country is to be held Week 1 Term 2, Friday 23rd April. Notes for qualifying students will be handed out on the day of the Bellinghen Public School Cross Country Carnival.

Year 5 opportunity classes placement information was sent home last week. If your child is interested in applying for a position then you will need to apply by Friday 7th May, 2021.

Next term will see some changes as staff take up different opportunities. Cati Storm will be working at Bellinghen High School in their front office for terms 2, 3 and 4. Mr Brad Poidevin our school counsellor will be transferring to Coffs Harbour Public School and will be replaced with Ms Jennifer Corbett, Senior Psychologist. Miss Josie Bugden will be working at Bowraville Public School for the rest of the year and will be replaced by Ms Leanne Chrisopoulos. Mrs Annette Hood will be taking leave for the rest of the year and Mr Izaac Hillery will be

the class teacher for 3P. We also welcome back Mr Dylan Harry.

The P&C will be holding their meeting in the staff room at 6:30pm tonight. They still have a couple of positions available if you would like to be part of the executive.

During the holidays when you're sorting your child's equipment for next term please check that all items have names, this includes containers and jackets. It is also a good time to check your child's hat as many are coming to school in a bad state with cuts, rips and writing all over them.

Attendance Awards will be handed out next term for consistent school attendance for term 1. Students who have been affected by the floods have been taken into consideration.

The final day for Term 1 is this Thursday 1st April. Staff will return to work on Monday 19th April for a staff development day and students return on Tuesday 20th April.

Have a happy and safe Easter break and we'll see everyone in 2 weeks.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

Wellbeing: Second Step

Focus: Focusing Attention

Learning happens every day at our school. An important skill for learning is focusing attention. When we focus our attention we use our ears, our eyes, and our brain! This week, put on your attent-o-scopes and notice how they help you listen and learn.

Farewell from Brad

To the Students, Families and Staff.

As was mentioned in a recent Principals address, I have received a transfer to Coffs Harbour PS and will finish my service here at the end of the term. It is a bittersweet move, whereby, although my family and I will benefit from working much close to home, I am leaving a fantastic school that feels like home. The school here embraces student welfare, the teachers are wonderful and the Learning and Support Team is gold standard. I began here as an inexperienced School Counsellor and I will take away mountains of learning, invaluable experience and friendships.

I am in a very privileged position to be invited into people's lives and be trusted with so much. It has been a pleasure working with Bellinghen families over the past 4 years trying to help students move through some tough patches, discover how they learn and function and help target intervention. To you all ... THANKYOU, it's been a pleasure. Sincerely

Brad Poidevin, School Counsellor

NAPLAN Online 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between **11 and 21 May 2021**.

In preparation for NAPLAN Online, our school will also be participating in practice tests between 22 March and 1 April. The practice test is a trial-run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN Online in May. It is not an assessment of student ability and the tests will not be marked. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site \(https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site\)](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

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Looking forward to seeing all the bright, colourful and creative hats!

K – 2 Organising Team

Cross Country

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Attachments with this Newsletter

- Bellingen Show – Power Point

Whole School Assembly

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the students who were due to receive their Student of the Month awards in week 8 at the Whole School Assembly. As this assembly was cancelled due to flooding, certificates were handed out this morning at assemblies.

These students have demonstrated outstanding attitude and citizenship at school.

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| K Aqua | Indigo & Harriet |
| K Jade | Winnie & Albie |
| 1 Aqua | Adeline & Scarlet |
| 1 Magenta | Angel & Rashard |
| 1-6 Emerald | Ochre |
| 2 Aqua | Zara & Jett |
| 2 Purple | Lexi & Jian |
| 3 Magenta | Zaliah & Josephine |
| 3 Purple | Grace & Acacia |
| 4 Orange | Mimi & Baden |
| 4 Magenta | Jaxon & Jasmine |
| 5 Jade | Grace & Gypsy |
| 5 Purple | Lily & Rusty |
| 6 Aqua | Tyler & Lainey |
| 6 Magenta | Rhianna & Caspar |
| 6 Orange | Max & Yemaya |



Stage 1 Students of the Month – Back Row L to R Jian, Ochre, Zara, Jett & Lexi
Front Row L to R - Scarlet, Adeline, Indigo, Harriett, Winnie & Albie



Stage 2 Students of the Month - L to R Jaxon, Rusty, Zaliah, Acacia, Jasmine, Mimi & Josephine



Stage 3 Students of the Month – L to R Rhianna, Lainey, Gypsy, Caspar, Tyler, Yemaya, Lily, Grace, Rusty & Max

New Music Teacher

Introducing our additional Guitar Teacher for Bellingen Public School's Instrumental Teaching Program - Josh McGovern

I am a Bello local through and through (30+ years). I have been performing along the East Coast of Australia for the last 15 years. I love seeing how music affects people and I fully believe that it can be one of the most powerful things to experience in life. I love teaching my students both how to play and why, that it is a lifelong skill that can bring enjoyment at any skill level and that it is a universal language! I teach beginner and intermediate guitar, bass, and drums, starting with the fundamentals and building a firm foundation for their development. All lessons involve learning to read and play music, to understand rhythm, and most of all to enjoy the process!



P & C Meetings

All parents and carers are invited to the Bellingen Public School P and C meetings. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the Month at 6:30pm in the staff room. The next meeting will be held tonight, Monday 29th March 2021.

Monthly meetings are capped at one hour. Items not covered will be held over to the following meeting.

Value of the Week – Responsibility



Stewart House

For over 40 years, the Stewart House Donation Drive has been their major annual fundraising event in NSW public schools. Staff and students are encouraged to enter the draw. For as little as \$2.00, you could win a prize valued at \$4000.



Stewart House Donation Drive 2021 Celebrating 90 years!

Your donation supports the 1,700 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

“ Staying at Stewart House was an important component of my childhood. I am thankful for the experience and that there were people out there that truly believed in kids from complex backgrounds, without judgement. ”

Email message from past student (10/10/2020) **NSW Public Education's Charity of choice**

Win a \$4,000 holiday/gift voucher

- 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 28th May 2021 in time for the draw at 12pm on this date

Please consider making a \$2 donation and return your envelope by **Friday, 7 May 2021**. Additional envelopes are available from the office.

Canteen Helpers Wanted

We are on the lookout for volunteers to join us on our exciting journey of enhancing the health and wellbeing of our School Community. Bonuses are your children are happy to see you in their favourite place – school and you'll get to meet new people and make new friends within our school community. Simply collect the volunteer form, obtainable from the office, complete and hand it back to the front office and we can get you onboard our team.

Matt Knight, Canteen Supervisor

Head Lice

Head Lice have been detected in a number of classes. Would you please check your child's hair and treat with the appropriate treatment if you detect lice or eggs. Students should not return to school unless this treatment has been administered. We recommend that students with long hair keep it tied back.

Uniform Shop

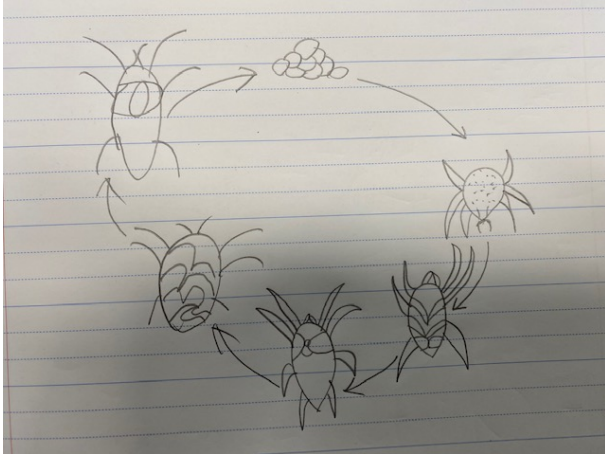
Uniform orders can be placed by having your child drop off an order form with payment to the office. We will fill the orders have them ready for students to take home or call parents to come to the gate for collection. Please note the Uniform shop accepts only cash or cheques, correct money would be 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.

School Banking

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Wednesday**. Thank you to all our student bankers. This year rewards will be a mixture of rewards from past years, this will ensure that none of our School Bankers miss out on items from last year. These include the tomato seed kit, water skimming ball, and much more! If you have earned 10 tokens you will be sent a redemption slip to order your reward.

1-6 Emerald News

This term, in 2-6 Emerald, we have been exploring the various life cycles of insects and animals. We nurtured Mealworms from their worm stage to their adult stage and made lots of great connections to the world around us. In other areas, we explored writing and the various techniques to make us better writers. In Technology, we have been exploring assistive technologies that support our writing and understanding of texts, and have been learning to code in Minecraft Education. Our exploration of these technologies has allowed us to excel and become more independent learners. We hope to continue this journey and start teaching others about our successes and failures, when using these technologies.



Happy Holidays from
Richard Frade, Marie Mellon and 2-6 Emerald Students

Harmony Week



More photos from Harmony Week.





What's inside?

[Dolmades](#)

[Pork and apple rissoles](#)

[Babaganoush](#) with vegie sticks

Canned fruit

Yoghurt

Water

Music News

Please return your applications to learn a woodwind or Brass Instrument this week so we can place your child with a teacher for next Term.

Kind Regards

Liz Scott, Music Coordinator

Diary Dates

March

Mon 29 P & C Meeting, 6:30pm Staff room
 Wed 31 Easter Hat Parade & Raffle drawn

April

Thur 1 Cross Country
 Thu 1 Last day of Term 1
 Mon 19 SDD
 Tue 20 First Day back for students T2
 Wed 28 Yr. 4 Cascade Excursion – depart 9am to
 Fri 30 Yr. 4 Cascade Excursion – arrive 3pm

May

Fri 7th Last day to return Stewart House envelopes

Sat 8th Bellingen Show
 Sun 9th Bellingen Show

June

Mon 7th School Photos

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

Kids/Teens Art Workshops
 With Toni Southwell

**Classes start Term 2 2021
 @ Art Space Urunga:
 Mixing up the Media PLUS
 Old School Animations
 Enrol your child online
 Contact Toni for details:
 tonisouthwell@gmail.com
 tonisouthwell.com/about
 0421 910 345**

CREATIVE KIDS
 REGISTERED PROVIDER
with your A&P teacher

arts MID NORTH COAST **SHINE** Funded by the NSW Government through Arts Restart. **NSW GOVERNMENT**

Don't forget coming up in a few weeks is the
BELLINGEN SHOW
MAY 8 & 9
AT BELLINGEN SHOWGROUND

- COLOURING IN COMPETITION
- PAVILION ENTERIES
- CHILDREN'S PASSPORT
- MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN THE TENT
- FACE PAINTING
- ROCK CLIMBING
- HORSE AND CATTLE EVENTS
- GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE BULL
- SIDESHOW ALLEY, RIDES AND FOOD
- MONGREL DOG SHOW
- FOOD EVERYWHERE
- WOOD CHOP

COME AND TRY TOUCHFOOTBALL

When: 15th April 2021
 Where: Sawtell Toormina Sports & Rec. Club
 Time: 9.00am - 2pm
 Cost: \$40 (includes lunch & football)
 Register: Link on our Website & Facebook Page
 www.coffsharbour.nswtouch.com.au

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