



Bellingen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 1 Week 6

Monday, 1 March 2021

This Friday 5th March our school will be involved in Clean Up Australia Day (weather permitting).

A Schools Clean Up is a great way to inspire our students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in their community. It's a day when students and teachers work together to clean up an area which is special to them - their school.

Students can help out by bringing ~ a pair of gloves



~ a container to put rubbish in.



If it is raining the Clean Up will take place on the next dry day.

LET'S MAKE EVERY DAY CLEAN UP DAY!!

From the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,
Congratulations to the swimmers who competed at the Mid North Coast Swimming Carnival held in Coffs Harbour last Thursday. Everyone tried their best and had a great day. Congratulations to Anouk who will be competing at the North Coast Swimming Carnival this Wednesday. Last Thursday students from Yr4-6 attended the Dylan Edwards Gala Day. The students had a great day and were well behaved, listened to instructions and were proud ambassadors for our school. Congratulations everyone who attended.

I have attached our Bushfire and Flood Policy and procedures advice. Please read and familiarise yourself for future reference. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

The school P&C meeting will be held this Tuesday evening in the staff room. It will begin with the AGM at 6:30 and move straight into the first regular meeting. There are a number of positions available so come along and be involved.

This Friday the students will be involved in Clean Up Australia day at school. Please provide gloves (if possible) for your child and a bag to collect rubbish.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

P & C Meeting and AGM

All parents and carers are invited to the Bellingen Public School P and C AGM tomorrow, Tuesday, 2nd March at 6:30pm in the staff room. The monthly meeting to follow immediately.

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

Dylan Edwards Football Gala Day

The day started off great for the Bellingen under 12s tackle team, which included Deegan, Seth, Morgan, Boston, Harry, Elijah, Ollie, Braydon and Tyler.

The under 12s tackle team displayed great tackles, line breaks, runs, tries, stellar chase downs and the best sportsmanship. The Bello team went undefeated.

Fun was had, everyone was happy to play some football and everyone had a SUPER FUN DAY! What a day for Bellingen Public! The weather looked bad all week, but in the end, we got there and luckily we did.

Written by Tyler



Students in years 4, 5 and 6 participated in the Dylan Edwards NRL GALA day last Thursday. The weather luckily held off for touch league tag and within 5 minutes of getting there, the canteen was already packed up tightly with students wanting to buy an icy pole. The scorching sun was radiating everywhere. With the sun still getting hot, we headed towards mid-day and with the grass like a swap the games begun. The rules were then discussed with the teams that were going to play first. The whistle was blown to signal that the first round of 20 minute games had started. The games were played with a great attitude and sportsmanship by many students from each school playing the best they can. Around 12 o'clock Australian Defence Force Rugby Team (ADFRT) came and helped us with our league tag skills and encouraging us to play our best. At the end of day the ADFRT selected one person who they thought was playing their best with great sportsmanship and a student from Urunga Public was selected. A footy ball especially made for the ADFRT was awarded. By 2 o'clock the last games were being played and everyone was tired but kept on playing strong. We were all having fun until we found out that we had to walk back, after what felt like decades we made it back alive to the air-con (you can never go wrong with air-con, unless of course the doors and windows are open)

By Hannah & Isla



Value of the Week – Respect



4M News

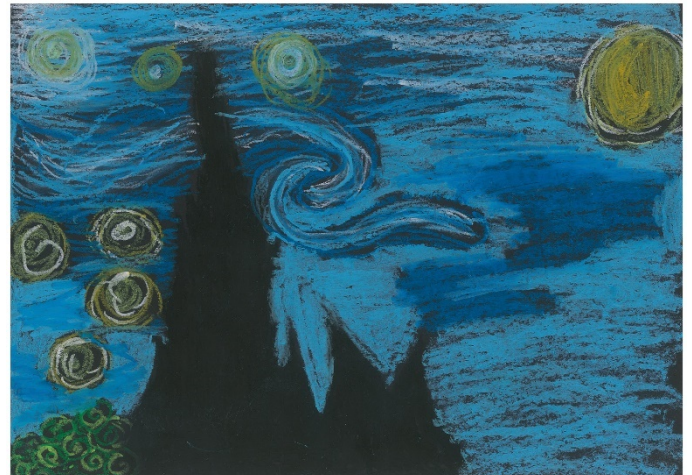
In English we are studying the book 'Starry Starry Night' by Kate Mitchell. We are also studying Vincent Van Gogh's art work.

While studying the book, 'Starry Starry Night', we have been doing our own picture of the painting 'Starry Night.' We began with a practise sketch. Then we used oil pastels on black paper to colour and draw our interpretation and we hope to continue with more of Van Gogh's art works. We learned the trick is to start at the bottom left hand corner and continue working up to the top right hand corner.

For the book we have been predicting, summarising and questioning. We got to a point where we stopped at a really interesting part. We have learnt how to write really complex sentences.

We have all made great progress throughout these weeks in our Starry Starry Night unit. It has been great fun and we can't wait to continue.

By Ayla and Ginger - 4 Magenta

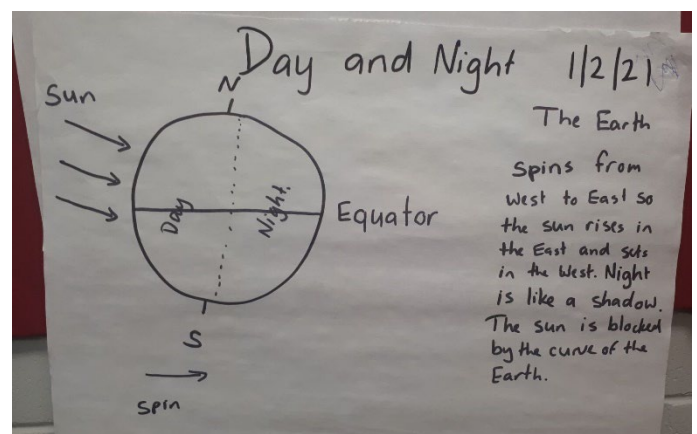


This term we are learning about day and night and seasons in science.

We learned that in the summer the poles get light 24 hrs a day and in winter it gets dark 24 hrs a day because of the tilt of the Earth.

We learned that the Earth rotates West to East and that is why the sun rises in the East and sets in the West. We applied this knowledge and found that the best spot to park in the school carpark in summer is the far left corner. You reverse park there because the trees behind the car shades it and if you have a sun shield it will shade the front of the car so when you go in you don't burn your hands.

By Jaxon, Farris and Luca – 4 Magenta



Music Notes

So much is happening in our music department and I am hoping that parents are trusting and waiting to see the beautiful rainbow appear after the showers of 2019 and further to the beginning of 2020. 🌈

Whats Happening Now?

Until last Friday, we have not been able to sing in groups of more than 5 students which makes for very small choirs! The organisers of the Festival of Choral and Instrumental Music in the Department's Arts Unit have the concerts on hold for 2021, due to the uncertainty of a Sydney performance.

This comes as a sad blow to the members of this year's potential Opera House Choir. Fortunately, the BHS Choir is often involved in the High School Festival so our singers may not miss out at all but attend when they are older. 😊 The usual Semester Music Program has been swapped this year and the music component of CAPA is in progress. All students at our school will be able to attend and enjoy a Musica Viva Concert in May. World class harpist, Alice Giles and her daughter will play music that depicts the Antarctic landscape and wildlife. (Our Bellinghen Youth Orchestra is in need of a student to study and play harp with the orchestra and I believe that one child will totally fall for these amazing instruments and play for life!)

Students throughout the school are working with Mrs McCormick and Miss Scott in 4 week blocks to prepare for this concert through fun and meaningful music activities. Our favorite contemporary Australian composer who has written brilliant film music for Antarctica, is Nigel Westlake. His music is all things; gentle, powerful, playful and energetic. Add him to your lounge room playlist and explore the harp with your children through your favorite music platform.

Following the concert is Semester 2 and our usual weekly Choir Time should be able to resume by then.

Stage 3 will be working on their singing and dancing to prepare for a terrific musical and our special choir will reform, rehearse and then audition for the Opera House Concert Series for 2022.

Bellinghen Agricultural Show

May 8th and 9th

BPS has a 1 hour time slot under the Performance Big Top!

We can perform in groups of 8-10 so instrumental teachers are getting creative with our players and ensembles. More information will follow as we work hard at sounding great!!

Lessons clashing with School Activities

It is a difficult decision when Gala Sporting Days or District Swimming, occurs on the same day as your child's music lesson. 😊

Solutions;

1. Call your instrumental teacher and tell them there is a clash. With 2 days notice, they can often find a time to reschedule the lesson. This may come in the form of a double lesson in the next week, or a floating lesson that can fit in a time slot when another student is away during the term.

Teachers all try hard to accommodate students and family needs eg illness, appointments, floods, and Gala Days,

however, you must let them know with the most ideal time being 48 hours.

Please also be mindful that asking to shuffle a lesson time also affects the student that shifts to accommodate your child. There is a further ripple effect to classroom teachers, being unsure of where their students are. Thus-

2. Let your classroom teacher know of any change. 😊

3. Our Instrumental teachers have students at other schools in the wider community and may not have potential to make up lessons when every day is filled at a different school. In this case you may have to forfeit the lesson if you make a choice to be somewhere else. They do however want the consistency of learning and are very diligent. 😊

4. If you make no attempt to let them know and they find your child is away from school for any reason and have not been informed then they should and will charge for the lesson.

I believe this is highly reasonable. We all know how frustrating it is to sit and wait for nobody! (especially when they were the first, early morning student) 😊

I hope this gives the clear message that it is up to you to communicate and negotiate where possible. We want your child to succeed and be happy.

Fond Regards

Elizabeth Scott, Music Coordinator

Rebel Community Givebacks

Rebel Community Givebacks is a program designed to allow sports clubs and schools to earn instore credit at rebel to purchase essential sporting equipment and teamwear. Registered sports clubs and schools are rewarded with 5% back on sales linked to a member or student who is a rebel active member. Just become a rebel member and nominate Bellinghen Public School



when you shop. For more information see the flyer attached to this newsletter. There is no charge and as you can see from the photo above our students benefit with new sporting equipment or prizes for fundraising.

Thank you to those parents and carers already nominating Bellinghen Public School when they shop at rebel.

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 skipping ball, and much more! If you have earned 10 tokens you will be sent a redemption slip to order your reward.

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.

The disruptions to education in 2020 and the emerging trend in recent years of a decline in school fundraising mean they need your ongoing support to ensure the longevity of our unique residential program.



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

Students have been given a donation envelope today. Please consider making a \$2 donation and return your envelope by **Friday, 7 May 2021**.

Stay Connected

There are a number of ways to stay up to date with news at Bellingen Public School. Apart from our weekly newsletter. How about trying:-

- Bellingen Public School Facebook page.
- Bellingen Public School P and C Facebook page
- Skoolbag app
- Bellingen Public School website

facebook

SkoolBag

Attachments with this Newsletter

- BPS Bushfire Plan
- BPS Flood Plan

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.



What's inside?



[Soy and ginger chicken noodle salad](#)



Carrot, baby corn, capsicum sticks with [hummus](#)



Pear



Custard tub



Water

Healthy Lunchbox Video for Parents

Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District has created a practical and fun video designed for parents to help you pack a healthy lunchbox for your child. Follow the link for some great tips and suggestions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMmnitS9amk>

Diary Dates

March

Tue 2nd P & C AGM and Meeting -6:30pm in the Staff Room (please note the change of date and location)
Wed 3rd NC Swimming Carnival, Coffs Harbour

May

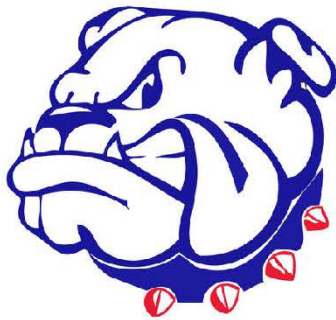
Fri 7th Last day to return Stewart House envelopes
Sat 8th Bellingen Show
Sun 9th Bellingen Show

June

Mon 7th School Photos

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

BELLINGEN BULLDOGS JUNIOR AFL CLUB



Registrations now open for the 2021 season

@ play.afl

Auskick, U11's, U13's, U15's and Youth Girls

Training starting first week of March

Active kids vouchers accepted

Any enquiries call Milo 0447305085

Coffs Harbour Baseball Association Come & Try Days



Coffs Harbour Baseball is looking for new and old junior and senior players.

Men, women, boys and girls are encouraged to come on down.

T-Ball – 5 to 9 years

Junior – 10 to 14 years

Senior – 15+

\$100 Active Kids Program voucher redeemable

For more information contact:

President: Ben McCall 0404 896 394

Secretary: Carleen Bake-Smith 0431 890 799

Where: Stadium Drive Diamond 1

Sunday 28 February 2021 9:00am -11:30am

Sunday 14 March 2021 9:00am-11:30am

Sunday 28 March 2021 9:00am-11:30am

We hope to see you there!



Registrations Now Open for the 2021 season.

Under 8s, 10s, 12s and Girls 15's teams.

Register via the Rugby Xplorer app

Or

<https://myaccount.rugbyxplorer.com.au>

Active Kids Vouchers accepted.

For further inquiries email dorrigorugbyclub@gmail.com



Bellingen Netball

New players welcome



Come and try netball!

Registration & Clinics Saturday

13th, 20th & 27th March

Jrs 5-8yrs, intermediate 8-12yr, high school/ladies

bellingennetball@gmail.com

ingen Netball Club Facebook page PIC•COLLA



Bellingin Football Club is open for registrations for the 2021 season. All years Kindy to Year 12, Opens/all-age, and over 35s.

Teams fill up fast and training will begin in early March.

If you are intending to register now is the time!

Register at <https://www.playfootball.com/register>

For more info see Bellingin Football Club on Facebook (@bellinginfc) or webpage bellinginfc.com.au

Active kids vouchers accepted (enter as a voucher code on the sign up payment page).



**BELLINGEN DORRIGO JUNIOR
RUGBY LEAGUE**



2021 Registrations are now open

Register today at <https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register>

Registration Cost: U6's – U13's & Girls Leaguetag \$120

U16's \$150

No experience required, No weekly fees.

Active kids Voucher is accepted upon registering

www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher

All registered players receive a club shirt, shorts, socks, & drink bottle.

Training Times Commencing Tuesday March 2nd

- U6s-U9s – Wednesdays 4pm-5pm @ connell park
- U10s-U13s – Tuesdays & Thursdays 4pm-5pm @ connell Park
- Girls Leaguetag 13+ – Tuesdays & Thursdays 5pm-6pm @ Connell Park
- U16s – Mondays & Thursdays 5pm-6.30pm @ Connell park

For more information please see our Facebook page Bellingen Dorrigo Junior Rugby League or email us at belligo@live.com.au



COME & PLAY HOCKEY

Bellingen Hockey Club are inviting all junior players (4-16yrs) to give hockey a go for the 2021 season. We are fielding teams in Minkey, Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 13s & U15s (16 aged players can play if not registered in seniors) mixed competitions.

Bellingen Come & Try sessions are for 8 years & above and will be held Tuesday 9th & 16th March 5-6:30pm in the MPC at Bellingen High School.

Hockey Coffs Coast sessions are open for ages over 5 years old and will be run by Hockey NSW accredited coach and local club coaches assisting:

- Monday 22nd March 5pm-8pm
- Saturday 27th March 9am-12noon.

For further information please contact Emma Brownlee 0421 869 326 or email bellingenhockeyclub@gmail.com



**Tuesday 9th & 16th
March**

5pm-6:30pm

Aged 8 years & Over

**Bellingen High
School MPC**

**New & Existing
Players Welcome**

**Hockey Sticks &
Shinpads available
for use**

REGISTER TO PLAY

Saturday Mornings at the
Coffs Hockey Complex

Comp Starts mid April
Training Tues 4:30-5:30pm

All new players receive a free
stick & club Hoodie