



Bellingen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 2 Week 1

Tuesday, 20 April 2021

From the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,
Welcome back to Term 2. We are all excited to see everyone after the Easter holidays and hope that everyone had an enjoyable break.

COVID-19 Updates for schools

We have seen some changes in the information to schools around COVID -19 and are delighted that parents and carers are now welcome on site. If you are dropping off or picking up then you do not need to sign in but if you are onsite for other reasons please sign in at the office to comply with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Staff Development Day

Yesterday, teachers were involved in a number of professional learning activities. They have completed Multi Sensory Learning (MSL) training with Gemma Ovenden, programming and planning around progressions and Additive Strategies with Jacqui Lyons and also looked at Microsoft Teams implementation with Miss Byrne, Miss Hunt and Mrs Sommerville. It was a great day of learning and our students will definitely benefit.

ANZAC Memorial Service

We will be holding a school ANZAC Assembly on Thursday, 22nd April at 9:30am at the Hall All parents and carers are welcome to join us.

The Bellinger River RSL sub branch will be holding a small memorial service on Sunday 25th April at 9am at the War Memorial. As there is limited space at the War Memorial only 2 students and 1 staff member will be able to be seated. The public may watch from a distance. Due to NSW government guidelines there will not be a march this year.

Technology Use Update

This is a gentle reminder that students are to hand in iPads, mobile phones and smart watches to the office on arrival to school. They will then be locked in the safe until the end of the day where students can then retrieve them. This is in line with the DoE guidelines and is part of our Digital devices and online services procedures policy.

Bellingen Public Cross Country

The school Cross Country carnival was held on the last Thursday of term. All the students had a great time and tried their hardest. Students who placed in the top 10 were given letters on the day to attend the District Cross Country at Bowraville on Friday 23rd April.





Easter Hat Parade

Last term's Easter Hat parade definitely showed some amazingly creative hats. I am always astounded at what parents and children are able to create.





Check In Assessment

Next Monday and Tuesday Years 4 and 6 will be undertaking Check In Assessment through the Department of Education. This is an online Assessment that the students will complete in Reading and Maths.

World of Maths

All students will be able to attend the World of Maths next Thursday and Friday with their class. The World of Maths will present hands on activities for the students to be engaged in. Notes are being sent home today.

Leadership Camp

Our school and house leaders will join other school leaders in a 1 day leadership camp at Coffs Coast Adventure Centre, Bonville on Friday 30th April. It is a great day working together to support their leadership skills. Miss Byrne will be accompanying them.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

Farewell Peter Morgan

We wish Peter well for his new placement in Coffs Harbour, closer to his home.

Peter has worked with Woodwind Students and run our band for 12 Years and we are very appreciative of his fine teaching and instruction. He generously gave of his time, attending our Whole School Assemblies and Presentation Days to conduct the Band. He will be missed.

Fortunately Hazel Buchanan is coming to our school to share with our students her expertise. Read on to meet her and learn about her exciting way to boost our Band Program. With group tuition and a Training Band to instantly inspire young players, I am extremely excited about the prospect!

Liz Scott, Music Coordinator

Concert Band Director

Exciting News! We have a new Concert Band Director starting this week! Hazel Buchanan is a Woodwind specialist with a passion for teaching children. She lives in Dorrigo and is very excited to be working with students in Bellingen. Hazel is an oboist (one of a very rare breed). Since the start of the year, she has been tutoring the oboes in the BYO, where she's already inspiring the woodwind section with her tireless enthusiasm. If you are not exactly sure what an oboe is, click on the link to find out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WJhax7Jmxx>

Hazel comes to us after ten years at Bishop Druitt College. She built the excellent Primary Band program there from scratch, as well as creating and directing five wind ensembles in the Secondary school. The BPS Concert Band will continue to rehearse on Thursday afternoons from 2-3 pm, starting this week. If you are already a member of the band, Hazel is greatly looking forward to meeting you, so please remember your instruments and music on Thursday. For those not yet playing a band instrument (woodwind, brass, percussion, bass guitar), now is the time to start! See the attachment with this Newsletter for details of our new Training Band Program and the sign up form.

The Lunch Makers program

During Term 2 Year 3 will be joining with MidWaste and the NSW Government's Love Food Hate Waste program to explore food waste reduction measures in NSW schools.




The first step was to complete a pre-program food waste audit with Donna, an Educator who we will be working with. This was pretty gross but everyone got into the spirit of the audit and were amazed to see what students at our school had thrown away instead of eating - whole pies and sandwiches, canteen lunches and whole pieces of fruit. 3M and 3P will complete a short lesson each week during Term 2 exploring how Bellingen PS can reduce food waste.

Welcome to The Lunch Makers program

Did you know that lots of perfectly good food gets wasted in Australian schools?

Food Waste Facts

Every student wastes 3kg of food each year on average. In Australia each year, students throw away:

-  3.5 million uneaten sandwiches
-  3 million pieces of whole fruit
-  1.3 million items of packaged foods

Our school is participating in The Lunch Makers pilot program during Term 2.

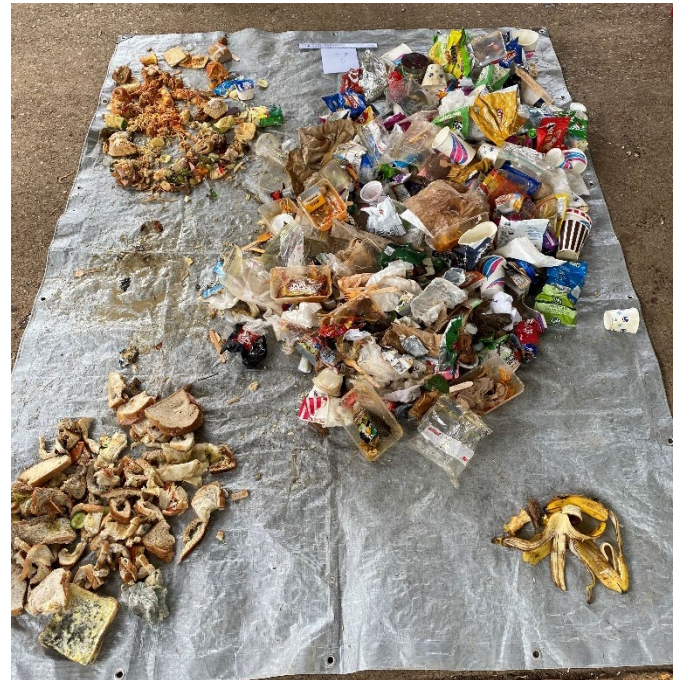
We'll be exploring how we can reduce food waste by empowering students to be more involved in preparing and making their own lunch. We hope this will reduce the amount of food they throw away or leave uneaten.

We'll celebrate the students' new skills with a 'Make Your Own Lunch Day' in Week 8 this Term.

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Attachments with this Newsletter

- Training Band Program

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 Monday, 3rd April 2021. Monthly meetings are capped at one hour. Items not covered will be held over to the following meeting.

Value of the Week – Care

VALUE THIS FORTNIGHT IS CARE

1. Be kind to other students.
2. Help other students.
3. Help your teacher.
4. Let others take a turn.
5. Look after your possessions.
6. Take care of the schools equipment and property.
7. Take care of the environment
8. Show that you care.
9. Care for yourself - live well, learn well.

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

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.



What's inside?



Rainbow sushi



Green beans and cucumber with hummus



Mandarin



Reduced fat custard tub



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 this Term.

Liz Scott, Music Coordinator

Diary Dates

April

Tue 20	First Day back for students T2
Thur 29	Yrs 4, 5 and 6 – World of Maths
Fri 30	Yrs K, 1 and 2 – World of Maths
Fri 30	Leadership Camp

May

Fri 7 th	Last day to return Stewart House envelopes
Sat 8 th	Bellingen Show
Sun 9 th	Bellingen Show
Mon 10	Yr. 4 Cascade Excursion – depart 9am to
Wed 12	Yr. 4 Cascade Excursion – arrive 3pm

June

Mon 7 th	School Photos
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Community Notices - Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

Cleaners Required

ISS Facility Services are seeking anyone who is interested in casual cleaning work. We are in need of staff to cover shifts in the School.

These are casual roles to relieve our existing cleaner when needed.

The hours are: Mid Clean Monday-Friday.

Morning shifts is 5am-9am Monday-Friday

Afternoon Shift is 2PM–6PM. Monday –Friday

Applicants will be required to have or obtain a Working with Children Clearance & pass a police check.

All equipment & chemicals are provided & kept on site.

All interested candidates please contact

Vicki 0437477197

Or email vicki.garrett@au.issworld.com



BELLINGEN DORRIGO JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Calling all boys & girls aged 11 & 12 yrs old.

With the season start fast approaching (May 1st) we are still after more numbers for the above age groups.

New players welcome, no experience necessary.

Registration cost \$120 includes: club shorts, socks, Team polo shirt, & drink bottle. Active kids voucher accepted.

For more information contact us through our fb page, email belligo@live.com.au or see us at training Tuesday & Thursday 4pm-5pm @ Connell Park

