



Bellinghen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 2 Week 9

Monday, 15 June 2021

From the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,

MPPS Public Speaking

Congratulations to Evangaline, Maddison, Anya and Hannah who presented speeches at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking finals last week. All girls represented our school and themselves to a high ability. Congratulations girls!

North Coast Representation

Congratulations to Indie who recently represented North Coast in the PSSA State Hockey Championships in Lismore. Indie and her team mates played so well they won the carnival. Congratulations Indie!

Athletics Carnival

Well done to all the students who participated in events at our Athletics Carnival last Friday. We still need to run the 1500m and relay events which we will endeavour to complete this week. Thank you to Stage 2 teachers who organised the carnival and our wonderful volunteers who helped out on the day.

Swimming Success

Congratulations to Anouk who was recognised for her performance at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championship last term. Anouk was named in the 2021 NSW PSSA Merit Team. The NSW PSSA encompasses 13 Associations and 393169 students. To gain merit selection in 2021 is an outstanding achievement. What a great achievement!



Reports and parent interviews

All going well with printing student reports will be handed out on Monday of next week. Official interviews will be held in Week 3 Term 3. If you require an interview before this time please contact the school to organise a suitable time with your child's class teacher.

Teacher Shortage

Currently, NSW schools are facing a casual teacher shortage and Bellinghen Public School is at times affected. As a school, to ensure consistency of class programs we employ casual teachers to cover classes when teachers are sick or attending professional learning. If we cannot secure a casual teacher for the day then we split the students, with work, into the other classes across the school.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Isla and Anouk who represented Mid North Coast at North Coast Cross Country in Lismore on Friday, 4th June.



Unwelcome Visitors

Lately, we have had many unwelcome visitors in the school grounds destroying property, damaging gardens and equipment and being very unsafe running on rooves of buildings. If you see or hear anyone in the school grounds please contact the Bellinghen Police on 6690 1100, the school via our facebook page and/or you can ring the Safety & Security number on 1300 880021 or 9672 2000 which is posted on our school sign. Thank you for helping to keep our school a safe place to play and learn.

Have a wonderful week 9.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The NSW Department of Education is committed to supporting all schools to undertake the required Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD), and to using the data collection process to help ensure all students with disability are participating and engaged in learning and able to pursue life opportunities.

All Australian schools are required to participate in the NCCD on an annual basis.

The NCCD is an annual data collection that requires information on the extent of adjustments made for students with disability. The data collection supports a broader model of engagement and support for these students that draws on teachers' professional judgement and practices throughout the year to support students with disability to access and participate in education on



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the same basis as other students. Implementation of the model enables schools to fulfil their mandatory obligations to students under the national Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) and Disability Standards for Education 2005.

Bellingen Public School is currently collating this data for 2021.

Elizabeth Mulligan, Assistant Principal Learning and Support

P & C Meetings

All parents and carers are invited to the Bellingen Public School P and C meetings. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the Month at 6:00pm in the staff room. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 2nd August 2021. Monthly meetings are capped at an hour and a half. Items not covered will be held over to the following meeting.

Reports Explanation

Sometimes there is much confusion around what the Achievement marks mean.

We have 5 levels: Outstanding, High, Sound, Basic and Limited.

Outstanding – The student is working extensively above their grade level and are able to put all the knowledge into different settings.

High – The student is able to use their thorough knowledge of grade content and able to apply it in most situations which may include end of stage work.

Sound – This is the level where students are working at their grade level. They have a good understanding of grade content. This is where most student will be working.

Basic – The student is requiring some support to understand all the content and may not have acquired all the understanding for grade level.

Limited – The student requires extensive support or is on an individual program to support their understanding at grade level.

Rugby League

Our Bellingen PSSA rugby league team traveled to Coffs Harbour to take part in the Mid North Coast gala day on Thursday of Week 8. The boys played their first game against Toormina Public. The team was looking strong after we found the try line early in the game. This momentum carried throughout the first half and into the second session with our boys taking the win with a very large margin.



After a long wait to play our second game against an experienced Woolgoolga Public School, the boys took the field knowing that this would be a closer game. Bellingen drew the first blow with Lachlan finding the try line. Unfortunately the kick for conversion hit the post. The Woolgoolga team struck back with a quick try to level the score and the conversion to lead by two. Some penalty calls did not go our way and our boys lost chances in possession which gave the opposition time to score another converted try before the half leaving the score at 4 - 12.

The second half saw our team defending some aggressive attacks but Woolgoolga kept coming and scored a series of quick tries which sealed the game. Our players should be proud of their strong effort and skill against a very hard playing opponent. Everyone in our team gave it 100% and have the bumps and bruises to prove it. Thank you players for representing our school proudly and thank you parents for spectating and organising transport so our students can participate in events such as today.

Izaac Hillery, Class Teacher

2 Purple

This term 2 Purple has been having a strong focus on building Phonemic and phonological awareness to assist with reading and writing development. Phonemic awareness is student's ability to hear and say the sounds correctly. We have been working on this through our daily Heggerty program as a whole class. The students have been enjoying playing with rhyming, listening for initial and final sounds and replacing sounds to make new words. This has been highly successful in setting the platform for reading success when reading independently. We have engaged deeply in phonics through our sound waves program this term to also assist with the reading and writing of our sounds. 2 Purple are enjoying these two new additions this term and are having great success.



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.

Excursion Budgeting

Excursions can be paid off weekly, fortnightly, monthly or as it suits your family budget. Below is a breakdown of the number of school weeks until the final payment must be received.

Lake Keepit Excursion, August 9- 13 @ \$341 – 3 school weeks approx \$113/week.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying for any school expenses please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Current Notes

These notes can be found on the Bellingen Public School Website under *Current Notes*.

- Year 6 Shirt
- Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 Term Newsletter
- Lake Keepit – Yrs 5 & 6 EOI

Attachments with this Newsletter

- STEM UP – After school STEM for Primary and secondary aged students

Uniform Shop

Great News! The Uniform Shop is open on Fridays from 8.40 – 9.30.

If you cannot make this time uniform orders can still be left with the office to be completed. Orders will be filled and delivered to students to take home or we can call you when they are 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 into the office to collect one.

Readers and Writers

Last Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed a presentation from author Dr Kate Forsyth as part of the Belling Readers and Writers Festival. The students were mesmerized by her story telling abilities with many staying into recess to have a chat and get a few autographs.

We are so lucky to be able to have this quality author come and speak to us and engage our students in the art of creative writing and story telling.



Belinda Mellalieu

Harvest

Congratulations to all students.

The fruit was left to ripen on the trees this year and everyone benefited from the bountiful harvest at the Athletics Carnival.



Students enjoying fruit at the Athletics Carnival

Mandarins were also distributed to year 5 students after their NAPLAN test. Fruit as Treats, Yeah!

Ms Scott, Ms Viv and Mrs Sommerville

Veggie Garden Working Bee

Saturday, 17 July (Weekend of Week 1)

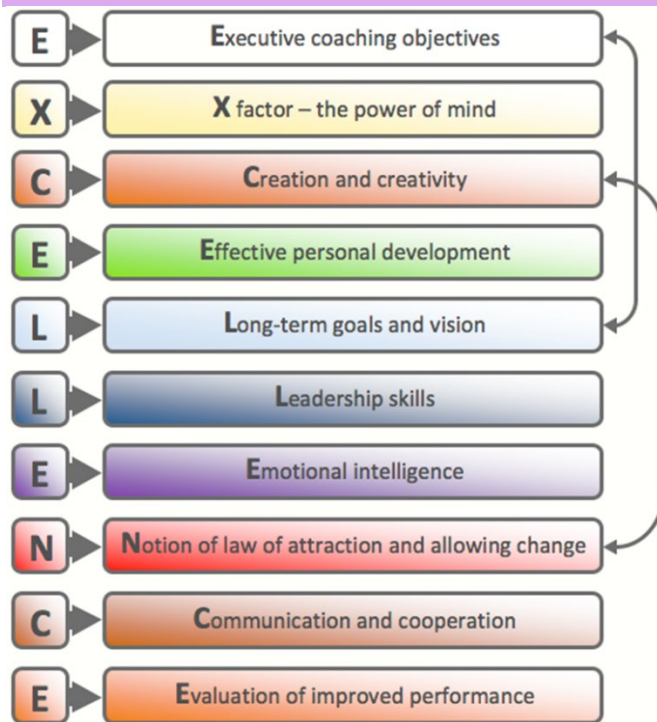
Please bring your family and help tame our garden patch! Activities will include tree trimming, bed weeding, soil moving, path mulching – all the heavy jobs students are not capable of.

Delicious morning tea provided.

Time: -11: 00am- 1:30pm (after football)

Ms Scott, Ms Viv and Mrs Sommerville

Value of the Week – Excellence



Diary Dates

June

Fri 18 th	Whole School Assembly
Fri 18 th	Guitar Concert, 3:30pm
Mon 21 st	Reports Home to parents
Fri 25 th	Last day of Term 2

July

Mon 12 th	SDD
Tue 13 th	First day for students Term 2
Sat 17 th	Veggie Garden Working Bee
Mon 19 th	NAIDOC week to
Fri 23 rd	NAIDOC
Fri 23 rd	District Athletics
Mon 26 th	Education Week to
Fri 30 th	Education Week

August

Wed 4 th	Colour Run
Fri 6 th	Whole School Assembly
Fri 6 th	MNC Athletics
Mon 9 th	Lake Keepit Excursion Yrs. 5 & 6 to
Fri 13 th	Lake Keepit Excursion Yrs. 5 & 6
Mon 16 th	Science Week

September

Fri 17 th	Country Fair
Fri 17 th	Last day of Term 3

October

Mon 4 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
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Tues 5th First day for students Term 4
 Tues 5th World Teachers Day

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Art Workshops for Kids
 @ Art Space Urunga
 with Toni Southwell

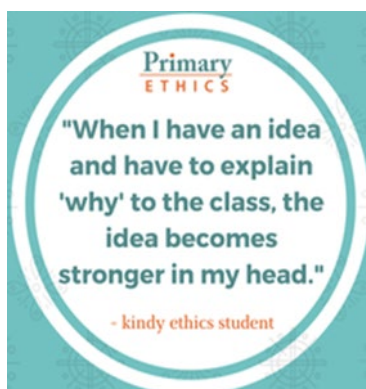
Classes Term 3 2021
 @ Art Space Urunga:

Paper Sculpture
 Mon 4-5pm

Working with Colours
 Mon 5-6pm

Enrol online
tonisouthwell.com/about
 0421 910 345

Are you interested in helping children develop their critical thinking skills? Do you have half an hour to spare each week on a Thursday at 12.15pm? Primary Ethics and Bellingen Public School are looking for more volunteers so that ethics classes can be made available for all K-6 students who are interested in participating. Ethics teachers receive full training from Primary Ethics, consisting of flexible online training sessions. Lesson scripts and ongoing support are provided. Want more information? Visit www.primaryethics.com.au



Free Ear Health Checks

Otitis Media Awareness Day

Thursday 17th June, 2021

Coffs Harbour

Park Beach Plaza (near BOOST Juice)
10am-5pm

Is this your child?

- Frequent colds and ear infections.
- Delayed speech development.
- Has difficulty concentrating in class.
- Says "what" or "pardon" often.

FREE

Ear Health Checks for Children
No Appointment Necessary

This event is initiated by the NSW Department of Education in conjunction with the Mid North Coast Local Health District and Galambila Aboriginal Health Service.

**Hard to Hear,
 Hard to Learn!**

DISABILITY EXPO 2021

Friday 27 August 10am – 1pm

TOORMINA HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Access to over 20 local service providers
 Information will be available for young people with a disability from Stage 3 onwards and their parents/guardians to assist with general support programs and the transition from school to a range of post school options for high school students

Including schools from Grafton to Macksville

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