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Term 3 Week 1 Tuesday, 13 July 2021

From the Principal

Dear Parents.

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you've had a restful break.

COVID Update

Bellingen Public School is now in Level 2 for COVID Safety. This means that:

- Non-essential visitors are not allowed on site (including parents and carers).
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only.
- Assemblies are allowed but with no parents or carers.
- Excursions within Local Government Area only.
- Staff and visitors must sign in and out using the school QR code.

This is an ever-changing landscape and we are getting new updates and guidelines regularly and making needed changes. I thank you for supporting us while we work together to ensure everyone is safe. At present these changes are for this week only but we have been advised that they may be longer depending on COVID outbreaks.

Due to this, we have postponed our NAIDOC celebrations for next week to hopefully later in the term. We also have Education Week and parent meetings in Week 3, a P&C led Colour run in Week 4 and our 5/6 Lake Keepit Camp set down for Week 5. I will keep you posted as soon as I know any final decisions based on current COVID restrictions but if we stay at Level 2 these events will be postponed or cancelled.

A decision regarding the District Athletics Carnival set down for Friday of Week 2 will be made this week as it is out of our LGA and we will be mixing with other schools. Staff are meeting students at the gates each morning and will walk K-2 to buses and front gate pick up. This will help our students who are feeling a little bit anxious about coming to school.

As changes occur that affect our school and student's I will endeavour to let everyone know via email, Facebook and the Skoolbag App. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Congratulations to Amber Young who was successful at interview for the MC Class teacher. She has taken up this position this term and Mrs Karen Hopperdietzel has taken up the teaching position on 3M for the remainder of the year.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal NAIDOC Week

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID health

measures in place, we have made the decision to postpone our whole school NAIDOC activities which were to be held next week. Another week will be chosen later in the term.

The NAIDOC 2021 theme is 'Heal Country'



END OF TERM FUN AND GAMES

Did we have fun? Did we ever!

When else would you get to throw a gumboot or 2 at the principal??

Gumboot toss, bubble blowing, dress up relays, egg and spoon, parachute, ultimate obstacle course and sock wrestling were just some of the activities students K-6 participated in on the last day of term 2.

What a great way to end the term! Congratulations to the SRC and Student Leaders who helped to organise and lead the activities.

It was great to see high levels of participation, cooperation, fairness, sharing, sportsmanship, peer support and FUN!!





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Year One Maths Extravaganza!

Year One students participated in maths sessions focused on exploring various types of measurement, as well as engaging in activities to reinforce student understanding of patterns and algebra.

During the various experiences, volume, capacity and mass were explored. The students enjoyed measuring liquids using formal units, such as millilitres and litres, and both discussed and demonstrated capacity in many experiments.

Mass was explored using scales to weigh objects in the classroom and determine those which were heavier and lighter than other objects. Discussions and worksheets were employed to cement understanding, with students making links to their environment during authentic learning experiences.

Patterns and algebra were explored using paints and beading to create patterns that repeated.

Overall, the two classes gave the maths experiences a huge thumbs up, with enjoyment and learning occurring in equal











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Mrs, Head and Mrs.Corridore 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.

Excursion Budgeting

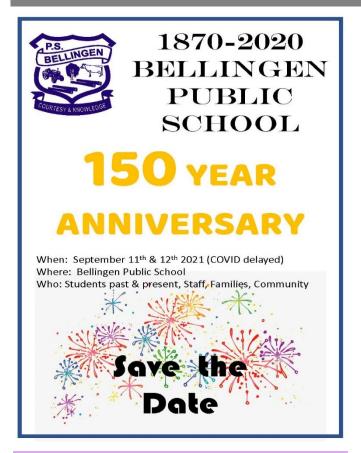
Excursions can be paid off weekly, fortnightly, monthly or as it suits your family budget. Below is a breakdown of the number of school weeks until the final payment must be received.

Lake Keepit Excursion, August 9- 13 @ \$341 - 2 school weeks approx \$170/week.

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



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Colour Explosion Obstacle and Fun Run

This term the P and C along with the school are hosting a Colour Explosion Obstacle and Fun Run to raise money for a set of Djembe drums for the school music program, improvements to outdoor areas and other yet to be decided projects. We are asking for wish lists from staff and students.

Start fundraising this week! Students raise 3 x more when they rundraise online.

Visit https://myprofilepage.com.au/ to create your child's cybersafe fundraising profile. Instructions are in the sponsorship booklet which will come home this week.

The big day is coming! We are so excited to host our Colour Explosion Obstacle and Fun Run (Especially the obstacle bit (a)) on Wednesday 4th August, Week 4 Term 3. Parents are invited to attend. If you wish to help out you will need to have a current Working With Children Check, Complete the WWCC Declaration for Child-Related Work – Specified Volunteers and Child-Related Contractors (available from the School office), provide a photo ID and let us know through the P and C facebook site. Or you can contact me (Kim Childs) on my email kimchilds3@gmail.com. On the day make sure your child brings a white shirt for the run. They will be covered in non-toxic, high quality colour powder from head to toe. They will also need a waterbottle and their hat.

How do prizes work? Help your child fundraise by setting a prize goal. It's ok if they change their mind, you order prizes later. Student's can choose a prize based on the total amount they raised or mix and match smaller prizes. Thankyou for supporting our school and we hope to see you at the event.

Happy Fundraising

See attached fund raising flyer with this Newsletter.

Kim Childs and Fleur Blainey Deen



Student Banking

Due to the low number of students participating in Student Banking, we will be phasing out this service by Week 5, Term 3.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the parent volunteers for their continued support with this program. Children can continue their regular savings at any Commonwealth Bank branch or online.

School Banking rewards.

The rewards available during 2021 are:



- Terry Denton's Activity Book
- Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)
- Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Treetop Stationery Set
- Snowy Origami Set
- Treetop Handball
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Tomato Seed Kit
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers
- Emoji Wallet
- Scratch Art Cards
- Snakes & Ladders Game

For every deposit made at school students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a School Banking reward item.

How to redeem your tokens for a reward To redeem your reward item from School Banking:

- Complete a reward redemption slip by writing in your details and ticking the item you would like to redeem.
- Place the slip in your yellow Dollarmites wallet with your 10 Dollarmites tokens.
- Hand it in with your School Banking Deposit on School Banking day.

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

Student Banking Coordinators

Uniform Shop

Unfortunately the Uniform Shop cannot be open due to Covid restrictions

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.

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Current Notes

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

- Covid restrictions
- Year 6 Shirt
- Lake Keepit Yrs 5 & 6 Information

Value of the Week - Respect



Diary Dates

July

Tue 13th First day for students Term 2 Fri 23rd District Athletics

Mon 26th Education Week to Fri 30th Education Week

August

Wed 4th Colour Run

Fri 6th Whole School Assembly

Fri 6th MNC Athletics

Mon 9th Lake Keepit Excursion Yrs. 5 & 6 to Fri 13th Lake Keepit Excursion Yrs. 5 & 6

Mon 16th Science Week

September

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

October

Mon 4th Labour Day Public Holiday Tues 5th First day for students Term 4 Tues 5th World Teachers Day Community Notices - Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.





