



Bellinghen Public School

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Term 3 Week 2

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From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for following the advice for schools during this time. We have had to postpone many events set down for the start of Term 3. These include: the District Athletics Carnival, NAIDOC Week celebrations and the P&C Colour Run. We will let you know when the events are rescheduled.

Year 5/6 Excursion

As our camp is set down for week 5 this term, and we may be out of lock down, we are still going ahead with the planning of camp. Please ensure you have completed all online registrations, continue payments and permission notes are returned by next Friday 23rd July.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Unfortunately, we can't hold our face to face meetings set down for week 3. If you would like to discuss your child's report with their class teacher please contact the office, either by phone or email, to organise a phone interview.

Uninvited Visitors

Over the last few months we have had many uninvited visitors in the school. Some have made poor choices and caused damage to buildings which include breakages, graffiti and general trespassing. Over the holidays, at nights and most weekends we have had security guards on site. Please ensure you remind your children that they shouldn't be on site after school or on the weekend.

Have a great week

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

COVID Update

Currently Level 2 restrictions are in place. This means:

Masks are recommended but not mandatory indoors.

Non-essential visitors are not permitted in schools.

All visitors must sign in using the QR code and report to the office.

Please check

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> for up to date information.

Attendance

Attendance each day at school is very important to ensure students have the best chance of learning. Sickness cannot be helped but having days off for no reason or constantly arriving late or leaving early does affect students and their education over the course of their school life.

The Department of Education has a strategic direction for attendance across all schools. Research highlights a clear correlation between student attendance and the achievement of quality academic, socio-economic and health outcomes. This research tells us that students with an attendance rate below 90% are educationally at risk. Above 95% is the Department of Education's expected student attendance.

Our Semester 1 results at Bellinghen Public School are:

Term 1	Term 2
95-100% - 0%	95-100% - 8.16%
90-95% - 25.83%	90-95% - 29.61%
80-90% - 24.20%	80-90% - 40.97%
0-80% - 50%	0-80% - 21.45%

These results do look harsh and that we have a long way to go to for the majority of our students over 95% but we can lift our attendance as is already proven between Term 1 and Term 2 results. COVID is not helping our results but that is not an excuse to stop our children from attending each day.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal



WELCOME TO 2 AQUA

English

For the past term, 2 Aqua have been building their phonemic and phonological awareness during whole class and independent activities in morning literacy.

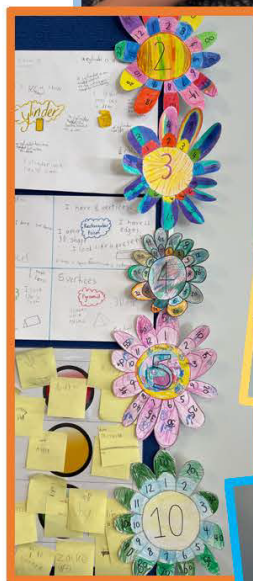
We use magnetic letters and say each letter-sound to practise decoding our spelling words and then blending the words together.

We love using our finger spelling to segment unknown words into sounds before spelling and reading. This has seen us all come leaps and bounds with our spelling and reading!



Maths

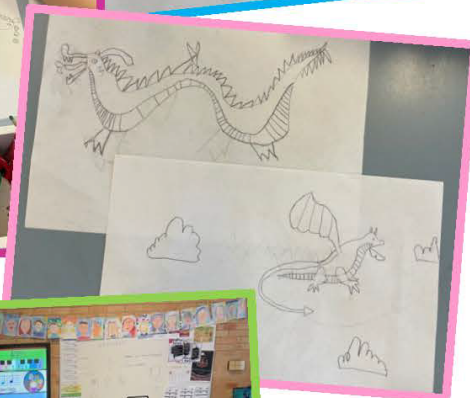
Each day after our Number Talk, 2 Aqua have been practising their skip counting and times tables which will help us in other areas of mathematics. We also made 'times tables flowers' to help us remember our multiplication and division facts and solve mental math computation problems.



Art

This term in Visual Arts our focus is on our ability to explore storytelling through drawing and painting. We have been viewing and discussing other artists paintings and how they use line, shape and colour to create their story. We are using what we have learned to tell our own story in our artworks.

Check out what we have drawn so far!



Music

At the end of last term, we used our bodies to make music. This is called body percussion.

Then we used instruments like drums, maracas (which are like shakers) and clapping sticks. We used the percussion instruments to play along to the song Che Che Koolay. We loved it because we got to make lots of different sounds, and it was loud which was fun.

By Eadie and Immy



P & C Meetings

All parents and carers are invited to the Bellinghen 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.

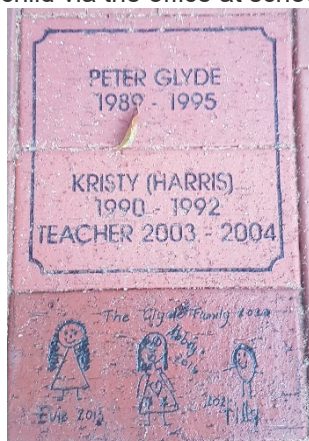


150th Update

At this time we are still planning for our celebration on the 11-12 September but this is very dependent on the COVID-19 rules.

We are going to do another run of pavers to add to the walkway that was laid in the holidays which looks fantastic.

You can access an electronic form on the facebook page **Bellinghen Public School 150yr Reunion** or send an email to bellinghen150@gmail.com and we can arrange an emailed form to you or one can be delivered to your child via the office at school.



The origins of the naming of the sport houses.

Marx House

Marx house is named after a prominent pioneering family who started a vineyard at Marx Hill, one of the first farming ventures in the valley.

Noble House

Noble house is named after a prominent pioneering family.

Doepel House

Doepel house is named after Mr J.C. Doepel, a boat builder in the early days of Bellinghen. His ships carried cargo to and from Bellinghen, the most famous being the "Alma Doepel" built in 1903.

Jarrett House

Jarrett house is named after Mr John J. Jarrett the first white child born in the Bellinghen area.

Library New

I am in need of some help with covering all the new books that we have purchased. If you are able to cover a bag of books, please let me know, via replying to the school email, and I'll give you a call before the books are sent home. bellinghen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Thank you in anticipation.

Belinda, Librarian/RFF K- 2

Kathy Glyde, 150th Committee

100 Day Challenge

I am hoping that families enjoyed reading about their child's progress in their mid-year reports.

I had the pleasure of reading every report and becoming more familiar with each child who learns an instrument at school. We presently have 93 students learning an instrument at BPS with 6 additional students learning from teachers out of school time.

We are proud to offer this program at our Country School which attracts 11 Instrumental Specialists willing to come each week to our school to share their expertise with students.

This Semester, all instrumental teachers are encouraging short daily practices to encourage constant progress. Our challenge over Terms 2 and 3 is to reach 100 days of consecutive playing.

Keep an eye out for your yellow workbook with the 100 Day Challenge Chart on the back page.

Parents will be integral in helping their child to succeed by assisting to find the time slot available and reminding their child on hectic 'Sporty' or 'Sleep Over' days!

I do have extra charts if you miss a day and have to go back to the start!!

There will be an Awards Day when students receive their Certificate. It indicates such commitment that students will be able to include it in their Resume.

Please see the attachment to the Newsletter for a greater understanding of how this incentive program will work.

Elizabeth Scott, Music Co-ordinator

Gardeners

Thank you to the families who were ready to help tame our Veggie Garden on the weekend. With COVID Restrictions, our working Bee was unable to proceed. Can we take a rain check, lovely families?

We have Kate Sommerville, myself and Viv Evans (the most amazing volunteer, ever) working each week with the approximately 20 students. Most students now come regularly and we have enjoyed harvesting and sharing our citrus fruit with the whole school. The students are industriously making delicious concoctions from weeds and manure to fertilize our growing plants and trees.

BPS Stall at the Plant Fair – Saturday, 11 September 2021.

To help fund the garden activities and buy tools, seeds and loads of Compost from BioMass in Coffs Harbour, we prepare for a plant stall at the Bellingen Plant Fair held in September.

Can you help? This is what we need; pots of plants to sell that you have propagated from your favorite plants at home. (I have trays of geraniums and begonias so far, growing for the stall)

Are you good at veggie seedlings? They always sell fast. NB. Annoying creepers may be somebody's delight!

If you can grow it, we will sell it!

If growing is not your thing but you wish to help, you could donate a bag of potting mix for the busy growers at school. So far we have 50 succulents, salvias and coleus looking GREAT.

If the Plant Fair does not go ahead, we could have an 'In School' sale.

Happy Gardening

Elizabeth Scott, Music Co-ordinator

Colour Explosion Obstacle and Fun Run

The P and C along with the school are hosting a Colour Explosion Obstacle and Fun Run (new date to be advised) 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! Students raise 3 x more when they fundraise online.

Visit <https://myprofilepage.com.au/> to create your child's cybersafe fundraising profile.

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.

Happy Fundraising

Kim Childs and Fleur Blainey Deen

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



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.

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.

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

Student Banking Coordinators

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 – due now.

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**.

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

Attachments with this Newsletter

- 100 Day Club - For All Bellingen Instrumentalists

Value of the Week – Respect

Respect is a
two-way street,
if you want to get
it, you've got to
give it.

JENNY GARRETT

Diary Dates

July

Mon 26th Education Week to
Fri 30th Education Week

August

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

Sat 11th BPS Stall at the Plant Fair
Sat 11th BPS 150 years Anniversary
Sun 12th BPS 150 years Anniversary
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

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Vaping. What do parents need to know?

Northern NSW and Mid North Coast local health districts are hosting a free parent webinar on up-to-date information about vaping, facilitated by drug educator Paul Dillon. Vaping is the use of electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes or 'vapes' and is a growing concern for parents.

All Northern NSW and Mid North Coast parents and caregivers of students from NSW Education Department schools, Catholic and Independent schools are invited to attend the free online session.



Paul Dillon is the Director and founder of Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) and he is passionate about ensuring that the community has access to accurate and up-to-date alcohol and other drug information.

For more information visit
www.darta.net.au.

WHEN:
Wednesday 11 August 2021
7-8pm via ZOOM

RSVP BY 6 AUGUST:
Scan QR code or via [link](#)

