Bellingen Public School

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Monday, 2 August 2021

Term 3 Week 4

From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for continuing to support the Level 2 restrictions advice from the Department of Education.

Year 5/6 Excursion

Unfortunately, our Year 5/6 excursion to Lake Keepit has been cancelled. We are currently unable to hold overnight camps/excursions and leave our Local Government Area. A note has been sent home to all families and the office will send another note explaining how to receive a refund or to transfer the funds to outstanding accounts. Year 5 are also able to put their payment towards the 2022 camp.

Buses and pick up

Please remember to use the school crossing near the hall when picking up students. Do not call students to you across the road or take them between buses to cross. It is an extremely unsafe practice and is not teaching our children how to safely cross the road.

Buses, Pedestrian Crossing and Kiss and Drop Zone

I have had a few meetings with Bellingen Council, bus companies, Service NSW and the Police to discuss a change of school crossing and adding a 'Kiss and Drop Zone' at the front of the school. More information will be provided as I know more. This is great news!

P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting set down for tonight at 6pm will now be held in CWA hall, next to the ambulance station in Church Street.

District Athletics Carnival

Currently, all the schools are in discussion as to how, where, when and IF we can hold our District Athletics Carnival. If we cannot hold the carnival, then students school results will be used to send students to the Mid North Coast carnival.

Waterwise

This week we will have Jo Cunningham from Cascade EEC delivering the Waterwise program across the school with 4M undertaking a Water audit. It is hoped that, through Waterwise Schools, students will adopt environmentally responsible behaviour towards the use of our water so that now, and in the future, they become advocates and spokespeople for sustainable water usage habits.

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/advicefor-families

for up to date information.

Attendance

Attendance each day at school is very important to ensure students have the best chance of learning. When students constantly arrive late to school, they miss valuable learning time and the morning routine information.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal



Senior Choir

What a delight to see 32 students excitedly arrive at the Hall on Wednesday morning. Thank you to all the parents who dropped their children for the 8:15 rehearsal. Within 45 minutes, singers had warmed up with pitch games, increased their vocal range, worked in three singing groups to harmonise beautifully. They buzzed off to start their day with a skip in their step and a brain, all ready to create, remember and love to learn. **Elizabeth Scott, Music Co-ordinator**

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100 Day Practice Challenge

Enthusiasm for this Challenge is high. The thought of starting again if we miss a day is definitely the motivation to get our instrument out and what a delight to see children remembering their instruments and being so proud of their chart and improved playing!

It is timely that we are attempting such a task during the Olympics as we can relate to how much dedication these superb athletes must have to prepare for the many years it takes to acquire the fitness and skills we see in each discipline.

Please draw attention to this connection.

This week's handy hints.

• Stop what you are doing, sit on the couch and love listening to your child for a couple of their practice sessions this week.

• For fun, ask them for a little lesson and see what you can play!!

• Play them your favorite song from the 90's.

Elizabeth Scott, Music Co-ordinator

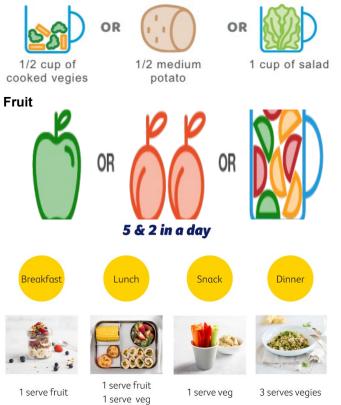


Hungry? Why not choose fruit and veg and get your 5 & 2!

Did you know we need to eat 5 serves of vegetables and 2 serves of fruit each day to stay healthy?

Vegies and fruit are important for health and should form a major part of you and your family's diet. They are a great source of fibre, vitamins and minerals. They also contain antioxidants and phytochemicals that help protect cells against damage.

What counts as 1 serve? Vegetables





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

The next meeting will be held tonight, Monday, 2nd August 2021 at the CWA Hall (next to the Ambulance statio). Monthly meetings are capped at an hour and a half. Items not covered will be held over to the following meeting. Please note covid regulations will be in place and masks are required.



Gratitude

We're cultivating an attitude of gratitude here at Bellingen Public School! What are you grateful for today?



Student Shout Out!

We are so proud of all of our students at Bellingen Public School and all that they do. Each week a student is selected to be featured in our Student Shout Out so that they can share their interests, aspirations and achievements.



What is your favourite book and author? I like the Harry Potter series and J.K.Rowling, because there are really good details in her books. What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be an actress because I think it will be a fun experience and I can meet new people. What is your favourite subject? I like English because I love reading and writing stories. Interviewed by Tom & Rhys (6 Aqua)

Staff Shout Out!

We have an amazing staff here at Bellingen Public School and thought it was important for the community to get to know them. Each week a staff member is selected for a Staff Shout Out and they are interviewed by year six students. We hope you enjoy reading their interview.



Mrs Green – I liked her because she was very kind and caring, and she had a great sense of humour.

Interviewed by Sam & Tyler (6Aqua)

Jemma Petty



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 **Bellingen Public School 150yr Reunion** or send an email to <u>bellingen150@gmail.com</u> and we can arrange an emailed form to you or one can be delivered to your child via the office at school.



Kathy Glyde, 150th Committee Library News

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. <u>bellingen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

Thank you in anticipation. Belinda, Librarian/RFF K- 2 Gardeners

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

THE BEST PET

I feel that dogs are better than cats and here are my reasons to prove it.

Firstly, lets go back to the history of dogs. Dogs all started as wolves, hungry for meat. But across time they evolved, became gentler and took more shapes. Big, small, short, tall and don't forget cute. How cool is that?

Secondly, they're playful. Have you ever seen a cat play fetch? I don't think so. Dogs are really energetic and playful. They love going for long walks. This means you can walk your dog for exercise. For this reason dog owners are usually quite fit.

Thirdly, dogs can tell when you're sad. When you're upset your dog will sense it and walk over to you. They do this because they care. Most cats don't do this. Because of this dogs are more sympathetic.

Finally, dogs love water. Most cats don't like water and lick themselves clean instead (which if you ask me is kind of gross). On the other hand, dogs do. So they are very clean compared to cats.

These reasons clearly show dogs are better than cats.

By Ella, 3M

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 anc C Facebook page
- Skoolbag app
- Bellingen Public School website

facebook

Skool Bag

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.

Attachments with this Newsletter

Snippet from 125th Anniversay book – Ola Bourke
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, that's only two more banking days.

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**

Current Notes

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

Lake Keepit – Cancellation







CLASSROOM BUZZ



WELCOME TO OUR **LEARNING SPACE!**

Where we all have the opportunity to reach our potentials.

Throughout the year we have been had the opportunity to use technology for coding, music with Miss Scott and participate in Sporting Schools.

This term we are focusing on literacy and history highlighting important Australian events, maths covering many concepts, science with Miss Austin, PDPE with Second Steps as well as drama and visaul arts linking to our history unit.



Awards: Emilia and Kian

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In Literacy this term, 5 Purple has been reading 'A Banner Bold', were we have been able to create our own journals from 1854 during the Australian Gold Rush.

In Maths this term, we have covered decimals and budgeting money with long term and short term goals. Each Maths session we have been practising our timetables and numeracy ninjas, to challenge our mathematical thinking.

Q: Why are scalene triangles always upset? A: Because they are never RIGHT!

AUGUST 2021



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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 rundraise online.

Visit <u>https://myprofilepage.com.au/</u> 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 Value of the Week – Responsibility



Diary Dates

August

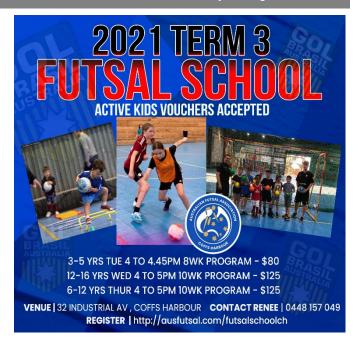
Fri 6th Whole School Assembly Mon 16th Science Week

September

October

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

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Primary ETHICS "When I have an idea and have to explain 'why' to the class, the idea becomes stronger in my head." - kindy ethics student Are you interested in helping children develop their critical thinking skills? Do you have half an hour to spare each week on a **Friday** 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.

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 <u>link</u>





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