



Bellingen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 3 Week 8

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From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to the school community for their support during the current lockdown. The current lockdown is scheduled to end on the 10th September and depending on what is announced at this time will determine if we return to school or continue with only essential workers children and minimal staff.

Please send in any photos of your children engaging in online or learning packs and we will post on our facebook page. It is great to see everyone trying so hard with the work that has been provided.

Our next P&C meeting will be held online on Monday 6th September. More details will be sent out soon.

Next week is Book Week. The theme this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. Each Stage is organising an online parade for students to dress up if they wish. Information is being sent out.

Unfortunately, our Kindergarten information night and tabloids event has been postponed until next term. We will send out updated information as soon as activities are reorganised.

Thank you to all parents who have completed the anonymous Attendance Survey. The survey will help the school understand how we can best support students and families with attendance and expectations of the Department of Education. It is not too late to complete it and can be accessed on the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=muagBYpBwUecJZOHJhv5kT52OXJcjpIPvOeQKnCNi qZUN1YzQkdQQ1A5S0VITTVXRTJTSlpWRTkxOC4u>

Unfortunately, on the weekend we had visitors who had a bonfire on the top playground. They have burnt tires, other items and moved furniture including our new benches. If you know anything about this please contact the school on 66551147. Local police can also be contacted if you notice intruders at any time.

Have a great week everyone.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

Level 4 Restrictions currently in all schools

- Parents and carers in areas under stay-at-home rules must keep children – across primary and secondary school – at home unless they need to be at school. Schools and outside of school hours care (OOSH) services are open for any child that needs it.

- Schools will have minimal supervision on site for those students who cannot be educated at home, if their parent or carer is an essential worker.
- All non-core curriculum related activities are to cease on school site.
- Students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:
 - they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
 - they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received. Find your local [testing clinics](#).

- Attendance – if your child is engaged in the learning from, either via the packs or online then they will be marked as 'f' flexible. If they are not engaged at all then they will be marked as absent. Teachers will be doing regular check ins with students.
- Canteens and uniform stores are not to operate.
- Bubblers will be locked or water turned off. All students who need to attend will need to bring a water bottle.

Colour Explosion Obstacle and Fun Run

The P and C along with the school are hosting a Colour Explosion Obstacle and Fun Run with a new date to be decided. The Colour Fun Run is 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

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 on, Monday, 6th September 2021. Monthly meetings are capped at an hour and a half. Items not covered will be held over to the following meeting.

Advice will be sent out via Skoolbag and emails regarding how this meeting will be held i.e. Offsite or a zoom meeting.



Healthy Lunch ideas



[Veggie pikelet sandwiches](#)

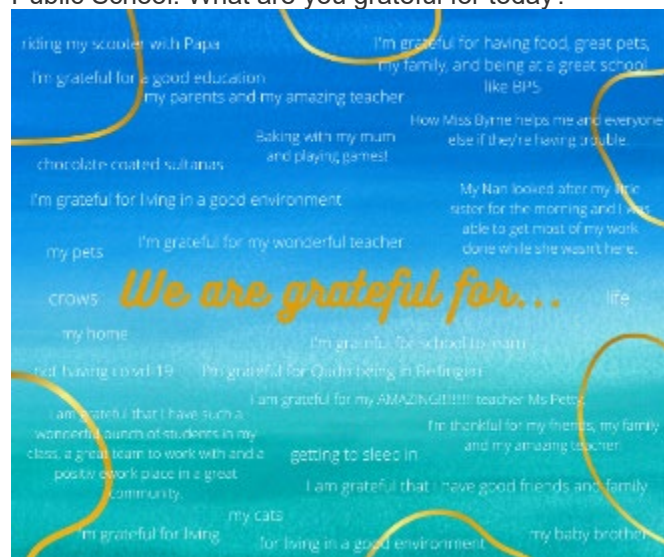
For more ideas go to:

<https://healthy lunchbox.com.au/>



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.



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.



Jemma Petty

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Art

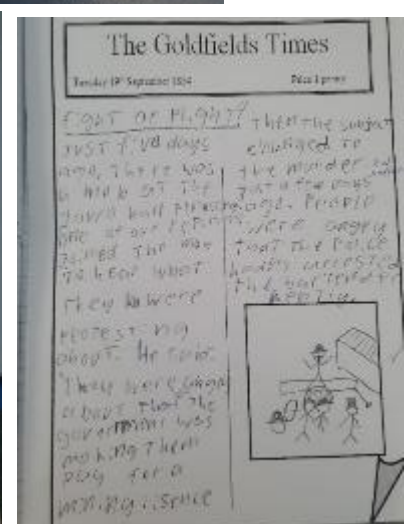
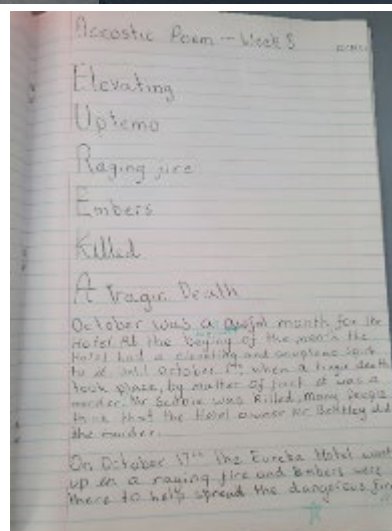
Check out these cool native birds we did, which were inspired by Pete Cromer's artistic work. We used watercolour paints!



English/History

Goldrush

This term we have been learning about the Australian Goldrush and other significant events and people during this time. You can see examples of some of the fantastic work that the students have completed, including; biographies, acrostic poems with key vocabulary and newspaper articles.





Kind regards,
Jemma Petty, 6A Teacher

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

Uniform Shop

Please call the office on 6655 1147 if you require uniforms.

Please note the Uniform shop accepts cash or cheques only, correct money would be appreciated. Order forms are available under [Current Notes](#) on the school website.

150th Update

Hurry time is running out to get your orders in.

We are going to do another run of pavers to add to the walkway that was laid in the holidays which looks fantastic. Orders will close on **Friday, 10th September 2021.**

You can access an electronic form on the facebook page **Bellingen Public School 150yr Reunion** or send an email to bellingen150@gmail.com and we can arrange an emailed form to you.



Kathy Glyde, 150th Committee

Attachments with this Newsletter

- [Bellingen Vacation Care - September Holiday Program](#)

Value of the Week – Participation**Diary Dates****September**

Fri 10 th	Closing date for 150 anniversary paver orders
Sat 11 th	BPS Stall at the Plant Fair
Fri 17 th	Country Fair
Fri 17 th	Last day of Term 3

October

Mon 4 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 5 th	First day for students Term 4
Tue 5 th	World Teachers Day
Tue 19 th	Colour Run