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### From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Tomorrow Tuesday, 7th December the teaching staff at Bellinghen Public School will be on strike and our school will be **non-operational**. Please make alternate arrangements for your children for this day. This campaign and strike is about the crisis in education; including extensive teacher shortages and crippling workloads, which are impacting your children, and their education. I have attached the NSW Teachers Federation flyer which provides further information. The department's learning from home resources will be available for ongoing curriculum support. You can access these at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home> Students will learn from home for the day and return to school on Wednesday 8th December. We appreciate your support.

### Colour Fun Run

Thank you to the P&C for organising and holding the Colour Fun Run last Tuesday. The rain held off just enough for the run to be completed. The students, teachers and P&C helpers had a great time and raised a large amount of money for the school. All students who raised funds were eligible for prizes from the Colour Run and the highest fundraisers in each stage.



Aliyahna in Stage 1 raised \$1097



Congratulations to Lou in Kinder who raised \$413



Leo and Saffron in Stage 3 both raised \$180

Romi in Stage 2 raised \$605 (picture unavailable).  
Enjoy your scooters!



### Artesian Markets

Congratulations to the P&C and families who helped out at the markets on the weekend. They raised a further \$1566.05 for the school. They have definitely had a busy week!

### Farewell

Max Metzger Storm, School Learning Support Officer extraordinaire is bidding us farewell as he moves away from the area. He has been at BPS for 7 fantastic years supporting hundreds of students. We wish Max and his partner all the best for the move.

### Transfer of Duty

Mrs Kate Sommerville has accepted a transfer of duty to Glen Innes High School for 2022. Kate will be taking the Learning and Support Teacher role for the school. It is an exciting opportunity and we know she will learn many new skills to bring back to BPS in 2023. Good luck, Mrs Sommerville!

### P&C Meeting

The last P&C meeting for 2021 will be held tonight at the Federal Hotel at 6pm on the top verandah.

### Presentation Day

Presentation Day has been set down for Thursday 9th December. We will be holding 3 separate presentations as student cohorts cannot be mixed. No parents will be able to attend due to COVID restrictions. Parents will be advised that their child will be receiving an award beforehand and we will be taking many photos.

### Library borrowing

All library borrowing has now finished and we ask that all students return any books they may have at home to the library.

Have a great week!

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

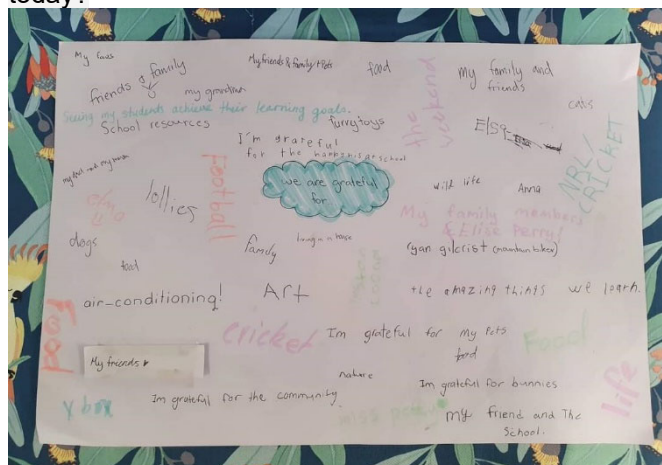


Dairy Free, Gluten Free, Nut Free, Featured in: Sandwich alternatives, Salads – [Soy and ginger chicken noodle salad](#)



### Gratitude

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



### Student Shout Out!



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### Elijah - 1 Aqua

**Who is your favourite Author?**  
Emily Rodda, because I like Deltora Quests because they are very adventurous.

**What is your favourite food?**  
Nachos because I like hot food!

**What's your favourite movie?**  
Matilda, because I love the book and the storyline.

**What's a subject you wish you could do more of?**  
Science and Technology, because Mrs Mellalieu is an awesome teacher!

**Who is your teacher?**  
Mrs Vardabasso, I like her because she says "Okey Dokey" and we say "says the man from Karaoke!"

Interviewed by Dana & Anouk (6 Aqua)

We are so proud of all of our students at Bellinghen 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!

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### Sally - SLSSO (Student Learning Support Officer)

**What is your favourite subject to help teach?**  
Reading groups, because the kids find it really fun.

**What is your favorite food?**  
Pavlova.

**What is your favourite movie?**  
Star wars.

**How long have you been teaching here?**  
9 years.

Interviewed by Felix & Bob (6Aqua)

We have an amazing staff here at Bellinghen 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



## *The Fairies Have Been to Year One!*

This term in Stage One we have been focusing on reading and writing imaginative texts. In Year One we had a surprise visit from the fairies who live in our nature playground. They left us a note to say that they were worried about losing their habitat, so Year One decided to design and build them some new houses. Each week we learnt a new building technique and we were given a new tool for building. Along the way we gave feedback to each other about our building. At the end of the process we decorated our houses and used clay to create some interesting additions such as pets, furniture and guards.

Here are some examples of our work;







Denise Head and Fiona Vardabasso, Year 1 Teachers

### Value of the Week – Excellence



### Uniform Shop

Uniform order forms are available under [Current Notes](#) on the school website and can be downloaded, completed and dropped at the office. Orders will be filled and sent home. Please call the office on 6655 1147 if you require uniforms or an order form sent home. Please note the Uniform shop accepts cash or cheques only

### Diary Dates

#### December

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting 6:00pm, Federal Hotel
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Industrial Action – School Non Operational
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Day
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reports sent home
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 6 Farewell dinner
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 6 Farewell Assembly

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 4

### January 2022

Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	SDD
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	SDD

### February 2022

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	First day for Yrs. 1 – 6
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kinder Best Start
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kinder Best Start
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day for Kinder 2022 students
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Carnival
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Carnival – back-up-date



## Meals on Wheels Giving Tree

Every year at Presentation Day gifts have been collected by a representative from Open Arms Care for distribution by Meals on Wheels to our elderly residents on Christmas Day. This year gifts will still be collected by the school and delivered to Open Arms Care. We ask that families supply a wrapped gift for a man or woman with perhaps a personalised message on your card to really make someone's day. Students can drop gifts into our front office by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program which has been a tradition at Bellingen Public School for over 17 years.

### 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

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SkoolBag

### Attachments with this Newsletter

- Summer Reading Club
- Teachers Federation flyer

**Community Notices - Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.**



**Community Christmas Carols**

7.00 pm Friday 17 December  
Bellingen Uniting Church grounds

**Family Carol singing**  
All welcome!

Carols by Glowstick light

On Friday 17 December there will be family friendly Community Christmas Carols with live music.

The event will be outdoors and according to COVID safe regulations in the grounds of Bellingen Uniting Church

There will be drinks, hot or cold, and nibbles, also, a safe Glow band for all children.

The Bellingen Drive Thru Covid testing clinic recently operated by Sullivan Nicolaides pathology has now closed permanently

The Coffs Harbour Drive Thru testing clinic is open 7 days a week – 8am – 4:30pm M-F and 8am to 2pm Sat & Sun. (Coffs International Stadium, Stadium Drive, South Coffs Harbour). Additional testing clinics are located in Nambucca – Nambucca Respiratory Clinic (booked appointments) & Sullivan Nicolaides walk in. Sullivan Nicolaides also offers walk in clinic in Coffs Harbour. Service NSW website has details. Please check ServiceNSW website to look for latest times & services in our region.