



# Bellingen Public School

*'Courtesy and Knowledge'*

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Term 4 Week 6

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## GIANT RAFFLE

**\$1000 raised!!**

**THANK YOU** to the Student Leaders and the Stage 2 and 3 SRC representatives who helped with selling raffle tickets over the past few weeks and to all the students and families who supported this fundraiser.

The joy and surprise on the faces of the winners last Tuesday was priceless! A list of the lucky winners is attached to this newsletter. The SRC will collect ideas from students and staff for items this money could be put towards.

Great result ~ thank you 😊

**Mrs Mulligan**

### From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Week 6. With the new level 3 guidelines we welcome back most of our tutors to school. Music lessons bands and ensembles can recommence IF they are not wind or brass instruments.

#### Celebration of good news!

Today I spoke with 12 other Principals and the Executive Director, Mrs Lisa Muir discussing our significantly improved results in NAPLAN. Our year 3 and 5 students average marks for Reading were well above State and the year 3 Numeracy results were also. Year 5 numeracy showed significant growth from 2019 to 2021. These are great results for students and staff and shows the fantastic direction that the school is taking in supporting our students learning.

#### Attendance

Last week Mrs Mulligan and I met with the District Office Attendance team discussing the improvement of student attendance. We were quite excited to explain how our student attendance for students attending  $\geq 90\%$  of the time has improved even with COVID restrictions. Term 1 = 26.5%, Term 2 = 54.5%, Term 3 = 69.8% and currently

for Term 4 = 67.1%. Great work everyone! We all know that consistent attendance supports student learning.

#### Colour Run

The P&C Colour Run will be held on Tuesday 23rd November. Students will require a white shirt and their sponsorship forms. Only 2 weeks to go for last minute fundraising. There will be prizes for the highest amount raised by a student in each stage.

#### Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be held on the 17th to 29th November in the Library. All classes will visit the library to look and make a wish list. They can purchase books at lunch times. More information will be sent home around the organisation.

#### Presentation Day

Presentation Day has been set down for Wednesday 8th December. Details of the day will be provided closer to the date.

#### Level 3

We continue to be under Level 3 restrictions for the start of this term. This means we follow these guidelines:

- Unfortunately, parents or non-essential visitors are still not allowed on site unless they are double vaccinated



and are there for a specific reason such as canteen or educational purposes. Please continue to ring the office for non urgent pick ups and drop offs of students and/or their equipment.

- Masks and double vaccinations are mandatory for all staff and essential workers
- Bands, ensembles and music lessons are allowed but not choirs or wind and brass instruments.
- Assemblies can be held but parents cannot attend.
- Enhanced cleaning will continue.
- Classes will open windows and doors for cross ventilation.
- SRE/SEE lessons can be held but teachers will need to be double vaccinated.

Have a great week!

**Ness Cavanagh**  
Principal

### View Club Tutors ~ THANK YOU

For many years the ladies of the local View Club have supported Bellingen PS on a weekly basis by listening to reading, assisting with writing and being a significant 'other adult' in the lives of many of our students. As community members they brought a new perspective to revising work or providing a willing ear to listen to and celebrate achievements or talk through problems that might be raised. They also provided financial assistance for leadership camps and Presentation Day.

When COVID struck, Bellingen PS lost a fantastic resource in this dedicated group of ladies who were here 100% for our students. Sadly, this original group, together for many years, will not be returning in the future. Robyn, one of these lovely tutors, also regularly provided handknitted weighted chooks for our classrooms. These are her latest delivery.



Tyson, Abbey, Willow and Nova getting to know our new knitted chickens.

On behalf of the school and its community I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks. It was a pleasure to work with this dedicated bunch in our school, to see the close bonds developed between them and the students they took under their wing and the improvements made socially and academically because of this program.

**Elizabeth Mulligan**  
Assistant Principal

### Students of the Month

Congratulations to the students who were recipients of the Student of the Month awards are being handed out at Stage Assemblies. These students have demonstrated outstanding attitude and citizenship at school.

<b>K Aqua</b>	<b>Jesse &amp; Winter</b>
<b>K Jade</b>	<b>Annabelle &amp; Louis</b>
<b>1 Aqua</b>	<b>Olive &amp; Monet</b>
<b>1 Magenta</b>	<b>Eido &amp; Isla</b>
<b>2 Aqua</b>	<b>Toby</b>
<b>2 Purple</b>	<b>Clara &amp; Khoul</b>
<b>3 Magenta</b>	<b>Felix &amp; Nina</b>
<b>3 Purple</b>	<b>Akua &amp; Lewis</b>
<b>4 Magenta</b>	<b>Kira &amp; Leo</b>
<b>4 Orange</b>	<b>Harmony &amp; Xavier</b>
<b>5 Jade</b>	<b>Poppy &amp; Theo</b>
<b>5 Purple</b>	<b>Lanika &amp; Swaye</b>
<b>6 Aqua</b>	<b>Marley &amp; Meika</b>
<b>6 Magenta</b>	<b>Aydon &amp; Banyan</b>
<b>6 Orange</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Sam</b>



Stage 1 Students of the Month



Stage 2 Students of the Month



Stage 3 Students of the Month



## 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 Bellingren Public School for over 17 years.

## Giant Raffle Prizes

### PRIZE

Scooter & Helmet  
Fitbit Star Wars  
Fitbit Camouflage  
Bag toss game  
Smashball Set  
Body Bumpers  
Inflatable Lineup 4 game  
Giant Noughts & Crosses  
Quoits  
NRL Classic Touch (white)  
Badminton Set  
Zoingo Boingo Pogo  
Snorkel Set (green)  
Snorkel Set (Pink)  
Rugby Ball  
Nike Backpack pack  
Beach Cricket set  
Tennis Racquet  
Red Basketball  
  
Tennis ball adjustable  
Phlat ball  
Towel bottle gift pack (silver)  
NBA Warriors Navy/Yellow  
Gilbert Netball  
Foam Baseball set  
Zee rocket  
Soccer ball (orange)  
Soccer ball (yellow)  
Catch (grip) ball  
Pink drink bottle  
Dive Rings  
Skipping Rope (black)  
Skipping Rope (lime)  
Waboba Vibe ball

Frisbee

55 handballs  
Amelia D 3M, John 1A, Louis 3P, Evan 3M, Tyler 6A,

### PRIZE WINNER

Grace 5J  
Eido 1M  
Edward 2P  
Rio 3M  
Rusty 5P  
Samara 2P  
Marie (Staff)  
Lola 5J  
Maya 2A  
Monet 1A  
Brooke 1M, Tilly KJ  
Zaine 2A, Scarlett 2A  
Harpur 1M  
Lucy 4M  
Alya 4M & Nate 2P  
Ava 2P, Isla KJ  
Henry 3P  
Hannah 6A, Lilly 5J  
Ruby 3P, Jude KA,  
Charlotte 1M  
Ethan 1M  
Qwen 3P  
Lexie 2P, Patsy 5J  
Emma (staff)  
Mrs Mulligan  
Felix 3M  
Ivy 4O, Phoenix KA  
Louis KJ  
Lyra 2P  
Milani 1A, Sandra  
Immogen 2A, Jake 1A  
Paige 1A  
Dan Osland  
Grace 3P  
Zara 2A, Connor 6A,  
Winter KA  
Pacific 6M, Anya 5J,  
Lowanna KA,  
Mr Mulligan  
Dom 2P, Nate 2A,

2-6 Emerald, Rashard 1M, Sadie 1M, Asher 3M, Emilia 5P, Lola 4O Mikani 1A, Luma KA, Isla G 1M, William 4M, Wren 2P, Mimi 4M, Nina 6M, 2A Class, Charlotte 1M, Ashlie (staff), Abbey 5P, Neeko 5J, Nova KA, Indie 6O, Sienna Mai KA, Emmy 4M, Josephine 3M, Mrs Davies, Kira 2A, Eddy 3P, Tahj KA, Grace 6O, Teddy KJ, Anouk 6A, Joanna 2P, Ashley 6M, Luka 2P, Hannah 3P, Ella 3M, Jet 5P, Jack 3P, Mrs Hopperdietzel,

## 100 Day Challenge

Congratulations Amelia. 100 days playing the piano, Amelia said "100 days was hard work, but I pushed through and feel great about it"

Isabella loved hearing her playing improve so much and plans to restart the Next 100 days to take her through the Christmas Holidays and up to High School.

Kind Regards

**Elizabeth Scott**

**BPS Music Co-ordinator**



Amelia



Isabella

## Book Fair - 17th to 29th November



## Library News

This week, week 6, will be the last week students will be able to borrow from the library for the year.

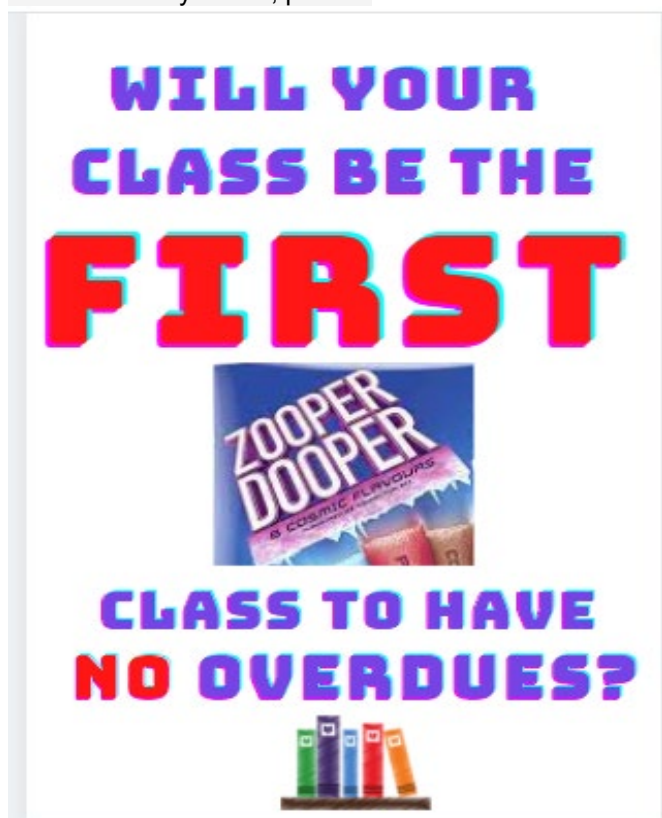
Week 7 will be our annual Book Fair. Students will be able to purchase items during some class times as well as designated lunch and recess times. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, parents and caregivers will not be able to come into the library. A website will be available soon to see all items to assist with choices.

Week 8 is the annual library stocktake and ALL books must be returned by Friday 19th November, or as soon after as possible.

Books can be returned at any time during the day on every day of the week. Children do not have to wait for their library day to be able to return books.

There is a class prize for the first class in K-2 and 3 - 6 who has no overdues, or the class with the least overdues by the 19th November (end of week 7) will earn the prizes.

Please look under beds, behind the lounge and in the car for those library books, please.



Mrs Mellalieu

## P & C Meetings

All parents and carers are invited to the Bellingen Public School P and C meetings. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the Month at 6:30pm.

The next P & C meeting will be held at 6:30pm, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Venue details will be emailed prior to the meeting.

## 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

## Value of the Week – Integrity

# INTEGRITY FEELS BEST

- Even when it makes parts of my life harder
- Even when it allows others an unfair advantage
- Even when it requires uncomfortable conversations
- Even when it exposes my weaknesses
- Even when it means I won't fit in
- Even when no one else will know the difference
- Even when it requires me to treat others better than they've treated me

## Colour Explosion Obstacle and Fun Run

The P and C along with the school are hosting a Colour Explosion Obstacle and Fun Run on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. 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.

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

All Things Animal Mufti Day



On Friday, November 12, our SRC will be holding a Mufti Day fundraiser. The charity that the SRC voted to support is ARCH- Animal Rescue Coffs Harbour.

The theme for the mufti day is **All Things Animal!** You could wear your favourite animal t-shirt, animal pyjamas, animal ears, an animal costume or just an everyday outfit with some animal socks!

The SRC ask that you bring a gold coin donation to support ARCH.

ARCH is a not-for-profit group based in the Coffs Harbour area who rescue and re-home animals. ARCH was established in 2013 and is completely run by volunteers. All money raised goes to meeting the ARCH objectives. Primarily these are veterinary costs for animals in their care.

ARCH Website: <https://www.animalrescue.org.au/app/>

Thank you,

Ms Everson and the SRC.



## Is it okay to keep animals in cages?

The display board is a collage of posters and information about free-range farming. The main title is "Free Range Chickens". The posters include:

- Go free range!**: A poster with a green background and a photo of a chicken. It lists benefits of free-range farming, such as "Better quality meat", "Better quality eggs", "Better quality chickens", and "Better quality farms".
- Run Free!**: A poster with a green background and a photo of a chicken. It lists benefits of free-range farming, such as "Better quality meat", "Better quality eggs", "Better quality chickens", and "Better quality farms".
- Chickens Should Have Space and freedom**: A poster with a green background and a photo of a chicken. It lists benefits of free-range farming, such as "Better quality meat", "Better quality eggs", "Better quality chickens", and "Better quality farms".
- Pick Free Range Eggs**: A poster with a green background and a photo of a chicken. It lists benefits of free-range farming, such as "Better quality meat", "Better quality eggs", "Better quality chickens", and "Better quality farms".
- Engaged VS Free Range**: A poster with a green background and a photo of a chicken. It lists benefits of free-range farming, such as "Better quality meat", "Better quality eggs", "Better quality chickens", and "Better quality farms".
- Don't Buy Free Range Eggs if you can't see the chickens**: A poster with a green background and a photo of a chicken. It lists benefits of free-range farming, such as "Better quality meat", "Better quality eggs", "Better quality chickens", and "Better quality farms".

The board is decorated with photos of chickens and text explaining the benefits of free-range farming. The text is written in a simple, easy-to-read font. The photos are of various breeds of chickens, including some that are free-range and some that are not.

1. Orcas belong in the ocean not in tanks they have different diets.

2. They have to perform tricks in a crowd their tanks are too small. Sometimes their tank is big.

3. It is bad to keep them in captivity there are 50 orcas in captivity.

4. They are taken away from their home and orca family?

5. Whales should be free.

Louisa E.

Around the world, there are over 150 Orcas in captivity. Trapped in small tanks and made to perform tricks for crowd of people. This is a huge problem because these animals are not suitable for this treatment. The following reasons why this should never happen in the first place.

The main reason whales are kept in captivity is people will pay to come and see these poor creatures do these tricks. Money is the main driving force. Because of this, tank sizes can often be far too small and the quality of food and vet care can also not be what whales deserve.

Because now there in small cages there in small cages there is nothing to do but swim around 1,400 times in a tank a day. this is not respect for a whale. Even when they can't express there feeling, they still have a life too.

Whales are meant to be swimming around oceans not being in captivity. Whales want to do what they want, not being bossed around a forced to do tricks, these depressed poor animals needs there homes back, let them be free!

by Hannah.D

Excellent argument  
Hannah!  
NB  
5/11/21



Around the world there are 50 Orcas in captivity. Trapped in small tanks and made to perform tricks for a crowd of people. This is a big problem because these animals are not suitable for this. Should never had happened in the first place.

The main reason whales are in captivity is people pay to see them perform. They like to play and swim around. An Orca can swim 1,564 around the pool to swim around in the wild life.

Orcas are big animals. They are friendly animals. They like to be with their family. When they aren't with their family they lose their skills. They are lonely and depressed. Their family helps them survive in the wild.

Whales are very depressed in captivity.  
They lose their music, they die easier.  
The top line that helps them swim turns over.  
The owner just want money.  
let orcas be free and love life.

And those are my reasons why Orcas are big friendly animals. Let them be free and be happy.

by Grace

4/11/21

### Captive Orcas

Around the world there are 50 Orcas in captivity trapped in small tanks and made to perform tricks for a crowd of people this is a big problem because these animals are not suitable for this should of never happen in the first place.

Orcas often get taken away from there homes this is horrible. They get taken to captivity they also don't have as much as a healthy diet any more there fins fall down when they get put in captivity it's horrible people take them away.


Orcas don't like it when they get taken to captivity they also hate it when one of there family members get taken away because they've been together for ages.

Orcas get very lonely when they get taken away they start making cring noises hoping they'll be set free again in the big blue Ocean.

It is wrong to keep whales in captivity if you want whales to be free then do the right thing by not catching them if you want to do the right thing.

This is why whales should't be in Captivity.

By Ruby



### Orcas Care!!!

Around the world there are over 50 Orcas in captivity. Trapped in small tanks and made to perform tricks for a crowd of people. This is a big problem because these animals are not suitable for this treatment. The following reasons will show you why this should never have happened in the first place.

The owners are spoiled which means the tanks are to small. They have to spin lots of laps. They will lose their skills.

Now lets get the Orcas free. Please please care. If you can, dont go to marine parks that have captive Orcas. Hopefully very very soon capturing Orcas will only be in history. we can make a change so try.

Guenddyn Iawn

Izaac Hillery, 3P Teacher

### Music Notes

Lovely news that your instrumental teachers are back teaching at school. Each teacher will contact their students and families with their days and timetable to the end of the term.

String Ensembles and Bands are commencing this week.

Musicianship classes for band and ensemble players have worked really well while we were not able to rehearse. Students have their own work book that can be a resource to add to, about understanding notes and their value and all other information associated with music reading. It can double as a scrapbook for tickets, invitations, concert programs, gig guides and photos, keeping a record of each child's musical life.

The wind and brass players are still not able to play at school, but Hazel will ensure these students have melodic percussion instruments so they continue to learn each week and feel a part of their bands.

Karin is very excited to see her guitar students again.

We will have relaxed 'in house' concerts so children can ease back into performing.

### Music Tuition for 2022.

Fill in the application to learn for next year and drop it back to the office so I can place you with a teacher before the end of term. Students already learning do not have to do this, just potential new students.

Thank you all for your commitment and patience. I watch and am in awe at how music relaxes old people, young babies and all of us inbetween!

**Elizabeth Scott, BPS Music Co-ordinator**

### Chicken Pox

Chicken pox has been detected at Bellingden Public School.

#### What are the symptoms?

- Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.
- The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
- The rash appears over three to four days.
- Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

#### How is it spread?

- The infection is highly contagious to people who have never had chickenpox or who have not been immunised.
- People are infectious from one or two days before the rash appears (that is, during the runny nose phase) and up to five days after (when the blisters have formed crusts or scabs)

#### Who is at risk?

- Anyone who has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated in the past can get chickenpox.





### Stay Connected

There are a number of ways to stay up to date with news at Bellingin Public School. Apart from our weekly newsletter. How about trying:-

- Bellingin Public School Facebook page.
- Bellingin Public School P and C Facebook page
- Skoolbag app
- Bellingin Public School website



**Sandwich Alternative, Easy to Freeze, Nut Free & Vegetarian – [Tomato, spinach and cheese calzone](#)**



### Diary Dates

#### November

Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Orientation
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	ARCH – Mufti Day – All Things Animal
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair (ends 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Orientation
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	NRMA Roadshow
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Colour Run
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	WSA
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 6 BHS Orientation
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	End of Book Fair

#### December

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Day
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr. 6 Farewell
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>	Kinder Best Start
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Best Start
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	First day for Kinder 2022 students
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Carnival
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Carnival – back-up-date

### Attachments with this Newsletter

- Go4Fun Brochures x 3
- The Smith Family Saver brochure