



# Bellinghen Public School

*'Courtesy and Knowledge'*



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Term 2 Week 5

Monday, 23 May 2022

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we welcome back Mrs Cavanagh. Thank you all for your support while I have been in the role of Relieving Principal.

The Bellinghen Show also saw a return to our students being able to perform! Miss Scott was very excited. The Opera House Choir and Junior Strings performed on Saturday morning, lifting the spirits of the audience with their beautiful harmonies and talented playing. Thankyou to Miss Scott for organising this performance. Thank you also to Ms Taylor who coordinated and set up the school's display at the Show with the help of Ms Scott and Miss Viv. This beautiful display showcased artwork and projects from students. Ms Scott and Miss Viv were also responsible for an amazing garden display featuring our compost and waste management and for taking down the display. Thank you.



Congratulations to our netball team who played against Macksville last week. While they were defeated, they enjoyed and learnt from this experience. Thank you to Miss Byrne for her organisation of this event.

Kindergarten is an amazing year. Watching these students in their first year of school develop a love and enthusiasm for learning is exciting. Their growth from the start of the year to now is HUGE. I have been listening to students in Kinder Aqua read. They should be very proud of their efforts.

A reminder to all families that our canteen is open on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY ONLY. We are also looking for volunteers to work with Jen in the canteen on these days. Friday is a particularly busy day. If you are able to commit some time to helping out, please talk to the front office staff to find out more information. Please note all volunteers must be double vaccinated.

Enjoy your week.

**Elizabeth Mulligan**  
Relieving Principal

## NRMA Roadshow

### MONDAY 6TH JUNE- Best practice road safety education with NRMA

The NRMA Science and Road Safety program is delivered **free** of charge to schools in Sydney, ACT and regional NSW.

This best practice road safety education focusses on increasing the knowledge and skills of students, teachers and parents. The program is mapped to the [NSW K-6 PDHPE, English and Science Syllabi](#).

The Roadshow will explicitly teach the **WHAT, WHY and HOW** of road safety for our students; increase children's knowledge to drive changes in their attitudes and behaviours towards road safety; educate parents so they know how to keep their children safe and provide to teachers with resources.

This is our third attempt to host the Roadshow due to Covid! What a fantastic opportunity for our students.

There will be 4 shows with Kindergarten having their own session. **Students who own bike or scooter helmets can bring them along on the day as helmets feature in the presentation.** Please label with their name.

Parents are welcome to attend. This link has a couple of short videos and information about the Roadshow. <https://www.mynrma.com.au/roadsafetyday>

### NRMA ROADSHOW SESSION TIMES

<b>Science Show for Stage 2 -</b> Show runs for 50 minutes	9.10am
<b>Science Show for Early Stage 1</b> Show runs for 40 minutes	10.10am
<b>Break 1</b>	11.05am - 12.00pm
<b>Science Show for Stage 3</b> Show runs for 60 minutes	12.00pm
<b>Break 2</b>	1.45pm - 2.10pm
<b>Science Show for Stage 1</b> Show runs for 40 minutes	2.10pm

## Uniform Shop

Our Uniform shop is open on Friday from 8:40-9:30. Uniform order forms are available from the office or on the school website under current notes. Please note, payment must be made by cash or cheque.



## Bellingen Show

Bellingen Public School was well represented at the Bellingen Show on the weekend.

Our Opera House Choir sang six songs to entertain a huge audience of fans. The color of their bright uniforms and cheerful faces under the lights, enhanced their beautiful singing.



They were followed by members of our Junior String ensemble who were polished in their performance. They showed such courage to play before so many people and we were very proud of them.



Daniel hosted a gig for the pianists from his studio and our school. Kate Butcher, Annie Phelan, Viv Evans and Daniel had students playing and they were terrific. The finale was a group of musical yr 4 students presenting a song with two keyboards accompanying. Their enthusiasm was infectious.



Then there was the Schools Display which captured the artistic talent of our Students at BPS. Kathy Taylor included art works from every class and positioned each one with her own artist finesse. There was also an interactive display from our wet garden which included compost to feel, vermicompost with worms and tadpoles swimming about in punch bowls! Miss Scott and Miss Viv were responsible for this display.







There were also many individual students represented in the Main Pavilion with prizes for their fruit and vegetables, cooking, Lego and craft. Congratulations to those families who make such a huge effort to keep our Show exciting. Big thanks to our school families that came out on a wet weekend to support our community and our students. Pride in our school is a lovely thing.

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

### Close Contacts Attending School

On 20 April the NSW Premier announced that from 6pm 22 April 2022, close contacts (including household contacts) would be able to leave isolation with certain exemptions in place.

The announcement means that from the beginning of Term 2, students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be able to attend school following certain guidelines.

Refer to the [Close contacts guidelines](#) page for further information.

### Visitors on school sites

Schools and early childhood education and care (ECEC) services can invite visitors to their sites regardless of their vaccination status, in line with settings in the broader community.

### Workers and volunteers must meet double vaccination requirements including:

- volunteers or staff operating uniform shops and canteens
- visitors supporting school operations and curriculum delivery
- allied health partners for the wellbeing of students
- university and TAFE students coming on school sites to complete their practicum or teacher training.

Visitors including volunteers, allied health partners and staff providing professional learning who are close contacts should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending a school or ECE site.



They must also wear a mask indoors at all times (except when eating or exercising)

Visitors are also required to advise the school that they are a close contact if they are interacting with students before they come on site.

### Music News



Emily Greer is enjoying her singing lessons with our lovely inclusion to the music team, Cathryn Burgess. She has places available on Wednesdays for passionate singers.

### Excursion Budgeting

Excursions can be paid off weekly, fortnightly, monthly or as it suits your family budget.

Stage 3 Lake Keepit excursion - October 31st to November 4<sup>th</sup>. \$490 due in school 18 school weeks @ approx \$27 /week. **Please note new costing.**

Opera House Choir excursion – October 18th to October 20th. \$477 due in school 16 school weeks @ approx \$30 /week.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying for any school expenses please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6655 1147.

Payments can also be made online located on the School Website:

<http://www.bellingenp.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Select **MAKE A PAYMENT** and follow the prompts.

### District Cross Country

Last Friday, the 20th of May, 17 Bellingen Public students competed in the Mid North Coast Cross Country in Grafton. It was a very muddy and rocky course and lucky for us the rain stayed away for the day. It was a fun day with lots of exercise and participation from everyone who was there. Although the competition was tough, we all tried our best and still had smiles on our faces when we finished.

By Lucy and Mimi 5Jade





### 3 Aqua's Endeavours

We have been quite busy this term with persuasive text writing – Dogs or Cats? ; Children should set their own bedtime – and are now working at developing our informative writing skills. Of course, Naplan has also been a focus over the last two weeks and we moved through the online testing well. We were all focused as our photos show.

We are looking into the three states of matter – solid, liquid, gas – for Science.

With Mrs Browett, we are learning about the arrival of the First Fleet from an Indigenous perspective.

We are also enjoying working with Ms Scott as she takes us on a musical journey.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, we have not had sport for a while.







[Lunch Box Builder](#)



## What's inside?

- Wholegrain dinner roll
- [Oaty biscuits](#)
- [Sesame crusted snapper](#)
- [Carrot salad with orange and ginger](#)
- Apple
- Milk
- Water

## 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](#)

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## Attachments with this Newsletter:

- [Housing Needs Survey](#)
- [Cartoon Workshop](#)
- [People's Library Bellingen - Bringing Storytelling to the Community](#)

## School Organisation

### Bell times for our school

- 8:40 First bell – Teacher on duty
- 9:00 Line Up
- 9:05 Class
- 11:05 Eating
- 11:15 Lunch 1 (no bell)
- 11:35 Lunch 2
- 12:00 Class
- 1:45 Recess
- 2:10 Class
- 3:10 Home

### School Office Hours

Our office is open from 8:30-3:45 Monday to Friday. If you ring out of these hours please leave a message on our answering machine. We will follow up the message on the next business day.

### Contacting staff

If you wish to contact a staff member, please email the school on [Bellingen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Bellingen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Please put a brief outline of the reason to ensure the staff member has the information you need before they contact you. Staff will contact you either by phone or email as soon as possible.

## Diary Dates

### May

- Thur 26<sup>th</sup> WSA
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> GRIP Leadership Conference
- Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Opera House Choir to Coffs Eisteddfod

### June

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> School Photos
- Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Strings & Concert Band to Coffs Eisteddfod
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Compass Music Festival - Coffs Harbour

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	NRMA Roadshow
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting - indigenous education at BPS
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Readers Writers Workshop ?????
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Readers Writers Festival – Author visit
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leadership Day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wind Band Workshop – BHS
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	WSA
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Athletics Carnival
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup>	Chamber Music Concert

## July

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Term 2
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Day (staff only)
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	First Day back for Students – Term 3

## August

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	P & C Meeting - BPS wellbeing policy
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	North Coast Creative Arts Camp to
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	North Coast Creative Arts Camp
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	WSA
Wed 17	Opera House Cluster Rehearsal – Narranga PS
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting - New Curriculum initiatives - experiences of being early adopters

## September

Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	WSA
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## October

Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Opera House Choir Excursion to Sydney
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Opera House Choir Excursion to Sydney
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>	Opera House Choir Excursion to Sydney
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting - School approach to teaching writing
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion

## November

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion to
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	P & C meeting – transitions

## School Photos

**School Code: 118117**

School Photographs will be taken on **WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE 2022.**

Package details are available to be viewed when ordering online by visiting [www.donwoodphotography.com.au](http://www.donwoodphotography.com.au)

Students are asked to wear their full school uniform with correct socks and footwear on the day of their photograph. Please do not send children in their sports uniform.

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

Bringing Storytelling to the Community

**STORYTIME  
EVENT AT  
LIBRARY**

SATURDAY  
28TH MAY  
10.30AM - 12.00PM  
FREE  
BELLINGEN SHIRE LIBRARY  
29/31 HYDE STREET

A morning with chai in hand (bring your own mug) and storytelling. Come support local storytellers of our region, as they share their tale with you.

Community Transport is available to/from the library. Please enquire and book prior to the 25th May if you require transport 0420 432 847. Applies to dwellings within a 50km radius of Bellingen.

**Bookings for Community Transport essential**  
Contact Simona [hello@voice-within.co](mailto:hello@voice-within.co) for further information