



# Bellinghen Public School

*'Courtesy and Knowledge'*

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Term 2 Week 6

Monday, 30 May 2022

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Jen, our wonderful canteen manager is looking for volunteers to help in the school canteen on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. If you can give a couple of hours of your time on these days, please contact the front office for more information.

😊 Thank you! 😊

### From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Week 6

Thank you to everyone for their well wishes while I was on leave. It is great to be back. Thank you to Elizabeth Mulligan who relieved as Principal and all staff for helping with extra duties and supporting our students.

This week, 27th May to 3rd June, we recognise National Reconciliation Week and its 2022 theme "Be Brave. Make Change." It is a time for all Australians to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all. Students will be involved in different activities with their class and grades.

Last Thursday was National Sorry Day. I invite you to watch Oswayo's Acknowledgement of Country with an explanation of why we recognise Sorry Day and what it means to him. It is currently on our school Facebook Page. Thank you Oswayo for being so respectful and heartfelt.

Welcome to Ms Phoebe Maguire who is completing her classroom practicum with 2P and Mr Harry. We know you will enjoy working at our school.

School photos are on this **Wednesday, 1st of June**. Please wear full school uniform. Yr 6 are also to wear their school shirt NOT their Year 6 shirt. Orders are available on line through '[Don Woods Photography](https://www.donwoodphotography.com.au/)'

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Good luck to the Opera House Choir, Senior Strings and Concert Band who will be competing at the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod on Tuesday and Thursday.

Congratulations to the students who received awards for Student of the Month and Consistent Attendance for Term 1.

Congratulations to students in year 4-6 who attended the Dylan Edwards Gala day last Wednesday. Everyone had a great time and learnt some new skills.

Our school leaders participated in a GRIP Leadership Day in Coffs Harbour last Friday. It was a great day as our leaders interacted and planned activities with other school leaders from across the Coffs and Clarence regions.

As the weather is starting to cool down we are starting to see many random coloured jumpers. School jumpers/jackets are available from the Uniform shop or there are some second hand ones available as well. Shorty shorts in any colour are also not part of our school uniform. If you are having difficulty purchasing school uniform items please contact the school.

Have a great week!

**Ness Cavanagh, Principal**

### 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.

**Whole School Assembly**

**Students of the Month**

Congratulations to the students who were recipients of the Student of the Month award at last week's Whole School Assembly. These students have demonstrated outstanding attitude and citizenship at school.

- K Aqua** Primrose and Ely
- K Jade** Kai and Sylvie
- 1 Magenta** Isla and Miles
- 1 Purple** Nikau and Winnie
- 2 Aqua** Jude and Angel
- 2 Purple** Adeline and Milani
- 1-6 Emerald** Ashton
- 3 Aqua** Kai and Lexi
- 3 Magenta** Eadie and Zaine
- 4 Orange** Henry and Bodhi
- 4 Purple** Amelia and Matilda
- 5 Jade** Kira and Madison
- 5 Purple** Xavier and Coco
- 6 Aqua** Emilia and Lanieka
- 6 Magenta** Riley and Lola



L to R Kai, Primrose and Ely



L to R Miles, Isla, Nikau and Winnie



L to R Adeline, Milani, Jude and Angel



L to R Zaine, Eadie, Lexi and Kai



L to R Matilda, Amelia, Bodhi and Henry



L to R Coco, Xavier, Madison and Kira



L to R Ashton, Lanieka, Lola, Emilia and Riley

### Careers Day

On Friday, 14th May, the Year 6 students went on a careers excursion to Southern Cross University. First the year 6's and teachers split into groups (also groups from other schools) and visited different parts of the university including the hospitality area, sports science, health, and we also completed a treasure hunt. The year 6's also had to wear colour coded hats so no one got lost or accidentally went to another group. We also went to another place which was the Marine Biology Centre where we were taught about marine animals and corals, and their habitats. There was lunch provided which included a wrap, a sandwich, a brownie, and a piece of fruit (vegetarian/vegan and dietary requirements were included). It was such a fun day! We then caught the bus back to school and talked about the amazing time we had. By Jet and Kian - 6M





Congratulations to Emilia and Genevieve who came second in the careers poster competition! 😊

**Jemma Petty, Teacher 6A**

**PSSA AFL**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24 of May, I participated in the 2022 PSSA All Schools Primary Girls Australian Football Championships. Competing against 5 other teams, Mid North Coast and Inland, Metropolitan West, Metropolitan East, South Coast and Southern Inland. I was on the Northern Coastal and Inland team with people I play with on the weekends and people all the way up to the border. Our uniform was all green and a little black. We played at the CEX stadium in Coffs Harbour, which was live streamed on YouTube. We won our first match but lost the remaining 4. It was a great two days with lots of fun and mud.

**Grace, 6 Aqua**

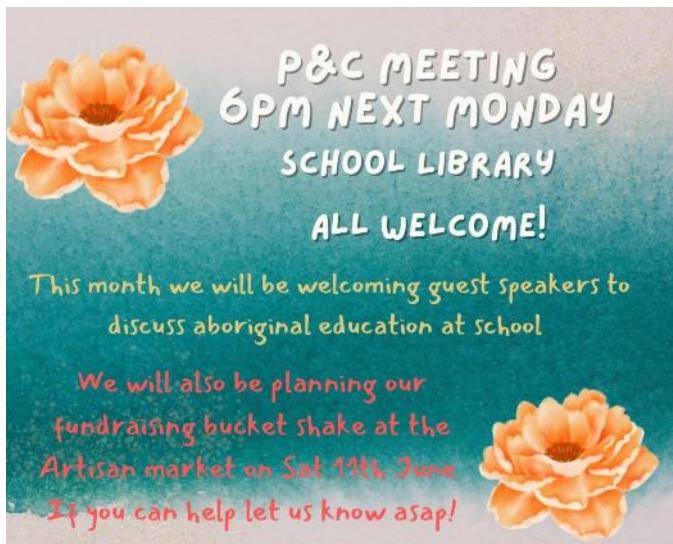


**PSSA AFL**

Last week I competed in the PSSA NSW AFL State championships. I represented the North Coast team and played 5 games. Out of the 5 games we won 2. The Championship was held at the Coffs Harbour stadium and there were players from all over the state of NSW competing.

**Finlay, 6 Aqua**





### NRMA Roadshow

Road safety will be the hot topic at school next week as we host the NRMA Science and Road Safety Day here on Monday, 6 June 2022. Let's make our school community safer by demonstrating good road safe behaviour to our children by:-

- using the crossing on William Street.
- holding childrens hands when crossing the road.
- parking where its legal and safe.

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 teachers with resources.

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

### Blackfit

Smiles, games, push-ups, sit-ups, crunches, smiles, dancing, music, stories and more smiles! This is what happened at the Blackfit Fitness sessions.

Please read what Jazminah has to say about Blackfit:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students at school recently went to Blackfit camp. Blackfit camp was 3 x 45 minute lessons where we learnt about our culture, how to find witchettie (witjuti) grubs and freshwater mussels. We did lots of physical exercise. It was fun but now I am sore. We also learnt how to do the rainbow serpent dance. I shared the rainbow serpent dance with my class after. It was lots of fun. I enjoyed it a lot because I now know more about my culture.

Jazminah, 4 Orange

These sessions were run by the New South Wales Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. (NSW AECG Inc.) in conjunction with the Department of Education's Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships Directorate. The host of the sessions was Joshua Toohey who engaged the students with cultural stories about bush tucker, games, fitness activities, Dreamtimes and Traditional Dancing.

**Donna Williams, Organising Teacher**





**Dylan Edwards NRL Gala Day at Urunga Soccer Fields.**

65 students had a fabulous day at Urunga playing NRL. Bellingen Public School took 6 League Tag teams and 1 Tackle team to join in the competition. It was a lovely sunny day and each team played 4 or 5 games. Excellent sportsmanship was shown by our representing students. It was great to see the students go to different fields to cheer on their peers when their team was on a bye. Thanks to all students for participating and having such a fun time. Ms Williams, Miss Byrne and Mrs McFarlane had a great time watching you all play. Many thanks to Gaz for organising such a terrific event and so thankful that the rain went away so that the day could finally go ahead.

**Donna Williams, Organising Teacher**





**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 17 school weeks @ approx \$29 /week. **Please note new costing.**

Opera House Choir excursion – October 18th to October 20th. \$477 due in school 15 school weeks @ approx \$32 /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.

**Attachments with this Newsletter:**

- Australian Air League NSW Group Recruitment Drive
- Fee Free Course - Bring Your Own Device
- Suicide Prevention Training



**Lunch Box Builder**



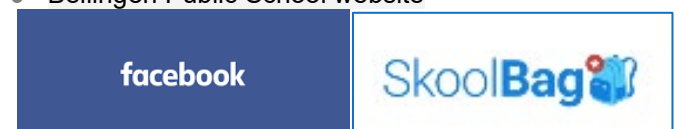
**What's inside?**

- Pita bread
- [Apple and date bliss balls](#)
- [Super Crispy chicken fingers](#) with [Mexican salsa](#)
- Celery sticks
- Mandarin
- 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



## 4 Orange



### 4 Orange Snapshots

We have been having a wonderful time in our classroom creating ochre artwork and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Students enjoyed painting themselves, their friends, and their teacher!

It has been a busy time this term – learning about First Nation Culture in History, State of Matter in Science, our busy schedule in Maths. We are working on Information Reports of Australian Animals in Literacy.





**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.

**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 preschool uniform with correct socks and footwear on the day of their photograph. Please do not send children in their sports uniform.

**Diary Dates****May**

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 Stage 3  
 Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Multicultural Perspective School Speak Off  
 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  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Country Fair

**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  
 Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion  
 Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion  
 Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Book Fair  
 Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Book Fair  
 Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Book Fair  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Book Fair  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> P & C meeting – transitions

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Triple Thread Learning presents:

**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS EVENING**

for parents and educators.



Wednesday 8th June  
@ 4:30- 6:00pm.  
@ Bishop Drutt College

Presented by Sonja O'Connor  
and Claire Murphy

What is dyslexia?

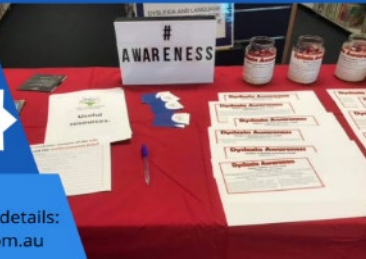
What are the signs of dyslexia?

How can I be more dyslexia aware?

\$35

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**FREE EVENTS AT BELLINGEN LIBRARY**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 4pm – 5pm



**Oliver Phommavanh**

(TED CHENEY LIBRARY EVENT SERIES)

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 9am – 10am



**Uncle Micklo**

**GUMBAYNGGIRR STORYTELLING**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 10:15 – 11:15am



**SHIVAUN PLOZZA**

(TED CHENEY LIBRARY EVENT SERIES)