



Bellinghen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 3 Week 10

Monday, 19 September 2022

From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the last week of Term 3. We have a busy short week with plenty to do.

This Wednesday morning from 7:30 am we are hosting a Big BBQ Breakfast followed by open classes. At 9:30am we will hold a Whole School Assembly where the String Groups and Band will perform. Student of the Month Awards will be presented to students. We look forward to everyone joining us for the morning. Please complete the order form or let us know via email if you are attending the Big Breakfast for catering purposes.

Preschool children who joined in with our Kindergarten Orientation Tabloid Sports morning last Friday had a great time. Our Kindergarten students and preschoolers, with the Year 6 Leaders supporting, played games together and enjoyed playing on the equipment. It was a great morning for everyone.

Year 4 returned from the Cascades Environmental Education Centre tired but excited about their 3 days away. It was the first overnight excursion that we have been able to hold since COVID restrictions were put in place. Thank you to Ms Williams, Mrs Healy, Mr Hillery and Ms Schmidt for accompanying the children.

Country Fair will be held this Friday, 23rd of September. There is a major raffle with 47 prizes and each class has organised games and stalls. Students can bring money for tickets to be used at each stall or activity. \$1 per ticket. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the fun. Canteen will be closed on Friday but students can pre-order a sausage sandwich.

Congratulations to the string groups students who performed at the Bellinghen Markets on Saturday. I have received many complimentary comments about the performance. Thank you to the parents who were able to take them to the markets. Live performances are a wonderful way to show off the hours of practice that each student completes each week.

The Tell Them From Me survey is open for students, teachers and community. Please take the time to complete the parent survey. We have had 26 parents complete it so far. It gives the school direction for improvements across numerous areas at school. To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/5d9hn>

This term we farewell Ms Mittasch and Mrs Head as they take leave for Term 4. Miss Petty will replace Ms Mittasch

on KJ and Miss Allman will be the 1M teacher. Miss Byrne will be the 6A teacher replacing Miss Petty.

With the weather warming up there is a mountain of lost property. We endeavour to return students items when they are labelled but please ask your child to check the lost property box for jumpers, containers, drink bottles, socks and lunch boxes. It is amazing what turns up in lost property.

A reminder to all visitors to remain respectful to all students and staff, at all times. I have attached the Community Charter as a reminder of expectations of all visitors to school sites.

At Bellinghen Public School we are SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL. Please support our students by modelling these values at and around the school especially when picking up and dropping off students.

Have a relaxing holiday and we will see all students back on Monday 10th October for a very busy Term 4.

Ness Cavanagh, Principal

COUNTRY FAIR

We're getting organised for a great Country Fair this Friday!!

What you need to know ~

- sausage sizzle notes are due back no later than Wednesday morning for catering purposes.
 - every student at school on Friday will be given 5 tokens.
 - students can bring their own money to school which will be converted to tokens on Friday morning ~ \$1=1 token.
 - there are about 18 different games or stalls. Each game or stall will cost either 1 or 2 tokens. Eg: handballs 2 tokens, ice-creams 1 token, raffle 1 token etc
- We are looking forward to all students participating and enjoying this end of term activity.

Giant Raffle

This is part of the Country Fair but tickets will also be on sale this week at lunchtime, under the big shelter - \$1 per ticket.

Bus Travel

Due to the increased volume of students who don't normally travel on Keough's Bus Service in the afternoon to go to friends, family's residence, the High School or somewhere other than their home address. Please ensure all students have a note to accompany the Student notifying the Driver of the following:

- Name of Student travelling
- Contact Number
- Address the Student is travelling to

Years 3, 4 & 5 Check-In Newsletter Item

Year 3, 4 & 5 students will participate in Reading and Numeracy Check-in Assessments during weeks 1- 4 in Term 4.

The Check-in Assessment is a NSW Department of Education online Reading and Numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessments will be scheduled for our Year 3, 4 & 5 students during Term 4 Weeks 1-4.

Yr. 5 - Weeks 1&2

Yr. 4 - Weeks 2 & 3

Yr. 3 – Weeks 3 & 4

Students with a disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

If your child would like to use their own headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment, please have your child/ren bring them to school during the testing week with their name clearly marked on it. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

Nicole Bratfield (McFarlane), Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Chicken Pox

Chicken pox has been detected at Bellingen 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.

P & C Twilight Fete

Thankyou to everyone who has responded to the blue notes that went out asking for volunteers to help make the twilight fete happen this year on Saturday 5th November, 3-7pm. The fete is a different and separate event to the Country Fair. There has been some confusion about this. We do still need class stall coordinators for the following classes 3A, 3M, 5P and 6M. If you are a parent from these classes we would love to hear from you. There are still some fun stalls to coordinate. We do have people organising the music and external activities. So we are

looking now for people to volunteer on the day and to take on coordinating the above classes.

We are also looking for a First Aid Officer for the day. All volunteers need to have a working with children check which is free to apply for through service NSW, the P&C needs a copy of this.

You can email or call Kim Childs with any questions on kimchilds3@gmail.com or 0438679259. Thankyou so much for your support so far.

Bellingen P & C



Country Fair

A student lead fundraiser for our school

Friday, 23rd September ~ 12:30-1:45pm

Students will receive 5 tokens – free!

Students can bring their own money too

and exchange it for Country Fair tokens to be used at each stall. They **will not** be carrying / using real money with them during the Country Fair.

All stalls will cost 1 or 2 'tokens'.

Lots of stalls ~ there might be.....

cakes paper plane competition

knock 'em down obstacle course

guessing competitions icecreams

games galore and much more.



Giant kids raffle with loads of prizes!

Parents welcome.

Bring your money with you!!



Garden Club


Thank you to the two families who have donated cucumbers, beans and a beautiful Imperial Mandarin tree to our garden. Just leave any seedlings on the Music Room Verandah or seeds up on the shelf, if you were not sure what to do with your donations.

Garden Club is Wednesday Lunch Times and parents are welcome to join us. Just check into the office and we begin at 11:15am for 45 minutes.

The Shed build is happening on Sunday October 9th. Please come along and assist if it is your skill. My partner Tom is volunteering to work with me on the project. We would love help to get it done in a day!! My number is 0403686267. If you can come, let me know and I will arrange refreshments and lunch.

Music Lesson

Does your child want to learn a Musical Instrument?

To sing beautifully, play cello, wrap around a double bass or play the trombone? We have teachers at the ready. Fill in an application to learn any of these instruments  at the front office and Miss Scott will find you the teacher. (Bagpipes excluded!!)

Elizabeth Scott, BPS Music Co-ordinator

Education Week Assembly

Sharing the Talent

Band and Senior Strings combine to make an 'orchestra' for our Wednesday, Whole School Assembly. Please stay after the BIG Breakfast as we are playing at the start of assembly, 9:30am. Students have been working hard for this performance and are very excited to play altogether.

String Concert

Friday afternoon at 2:00pm, following the Country Fair, our combined string concert is happening in the hall. It features both ensembles, playing their market repertoire (that went down a treat) and will be infused with soloists, combined players and we have special guest, Esther Henderson up from Melbourne, who was the only violinist at our school in 2002!!!

Such a beautiful way to kick off the holidays, sharing in the combined talents of our young musicians. This is an open concert and community members are also welcome.

There is a Gold Coin Donation at the door to raise money for a new Saxophone!!

Elizabeth Scott, BPS Music Co-ordinator

Sydney Choir

Have you purchased your tickets for the concert in Sydney. Tickets went on sale Wednesday, September 14. Details are on the yellow note.

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.



Lunch Box Builder



What's inside?



[Cauliflower and spinach dahl](#) with rice



[Naan](#)



Cherry tomatoes and cucumber pieces



Fresh fruit salad



Yoghurt tub



Water

Lake Keepit Online Registration Form

A reminder to parents of students attending Lake Keepit next term.

The online registration form needs to be completed by this Friday 23rd September for students to be eligible to attend.

These forms are a legal requirement of Lake Keepit.

https://officeofsport.ungerboeck.com/prod/emc00/Public/SignIn.aspx?&SessionID=fh8ei2ej4fgkfamfa9&Lang=*

Nicole Bratfield (McFarlane), Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Tell Them From Me Survey

From Monday 5th September to Friday 4th November, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Completing this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

The parent survey can be accessed from Monday 5th September until Friday 4th November 2022.

Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm.

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/5d9hn>

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. 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.

Year 4 Cascade Excursion

Year 4 has had an exciting adventure travelling up to Cascade Environment Centre for a 3-day excursion. We left on Wednesday 14th June, stopping at Dangar Falls on the way. Upon arrival, we were welcomed by John and the other staff at Cascade. Once we settled into our dormitories, we went on a Bush Walk along “Brushbox Ridge trail”. We saw a huge Brushbox tree, and lots of different plants. We had burgers for dinner and got ourselves settled in after playing on the basketball court or having quiet time with board games or colouring in. The first night we had fun with a Talent Quest which gave us lots of entertainment.

On Thursday, we walked to the creek to collect water creatures (aquatic animals). We identified the bugs and created a Food Web using the computers in the Earth Lab – the classroom at Cascade. We had a delicious lunch of nachos, then set off on our Archaeological Dig where we searched for artefacts which gave us an interesting lesson about the history of the Cascade town. Thursday night we had lasagne and apple crumble for dinner and settled into a quiet night watching a movie. Friday morning arrived and so did the sunshine, thankfully! After a night of rain, we were happy to see the weather clear up so that we could go on with the Low Ropes activity. Students had a lot of fun working in teams to support each other to complete the sections. We enjoyed some delicious wraps for lunch before loading our bags onto the bus for our journey home.

The students are commended on their excellent participation in all activities, their sportsmanship and teamwork and great manners to all the Cascade staff. We would like to thank John, Claire, Aleisha and Caritta for the wonderful program and hospitality provided at Cascade.

Donna Williams, Excursion organiser





Welcome to 2 Aquad

ENGLISH

As part of our daily literacy, we have been engaging with a wide range of picture books as inspiration for persuasive writing. We have been focussing on forming our writing into paragraphs and giving three strong reasons for our opinion about a particular topic. After reading **'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright**, we had to choose an animal other than a lion and persuade the reader that our chosen animal should be the new king or queen of the jungle. Here are some of our animals and reasons:

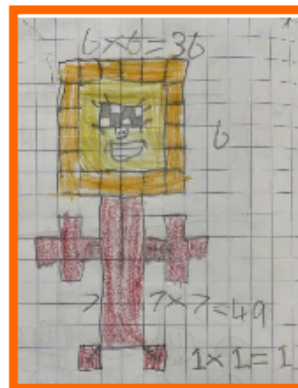
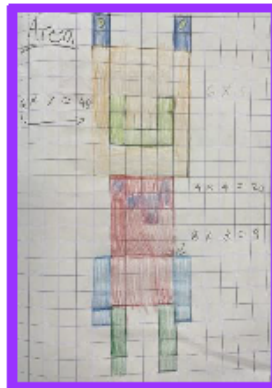
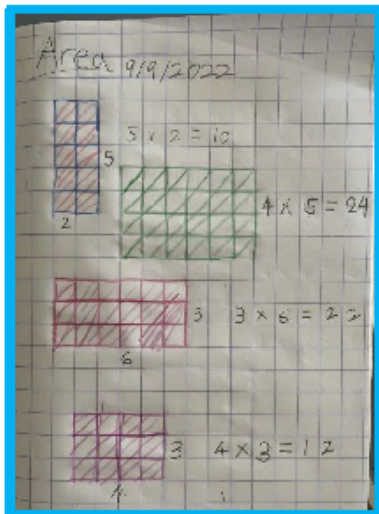
"African Wild Dogs are successful predators, so they are a great choice to be king of the jungle" - **Theodore**

"All bees should be the queen because without bees' plants would not be pollinated so there would be no plants for us to eat, like fruit and vegetables" - **Scarlet**

"I believe that the worm should be the king of the jungle because worms have five brains and can outsmart other animals." - **Lucy-Belle**

MATHS

We have been learning how estimate, measure and compare lengths in centimetres and metres. We had a treasure hunt to find objects in our classroom and used rulers to measure each to the closest centimetre. We also used our knowledge of multiplication facts to find the area of regular and irregular quadrilaterals.



CREATIVE ARTS

We have been learning about self-portraits in Visual Arts. We explored and discussed the famous self-portraits of Frida Kahlo and Vincent Van Gogh. Our first step was to fold the paper into quarters and then sketch our facial features. We mixed watercolour paint for each of our unique skin, hair, and eye colours.



COUNTRY FAIR

Raffle Prizes



- Boogie boards
- Soccer balls
- Netballs
- Footballs
- Soccer balls
- Frisbees
- Body Bumpers
- Tennis racquets + balls
- Electric Scooter
- Caps
- Snorkels
- Beach cricket
- Sports bags
- Zoingo Boingo
- Foot Golf set
- Mega Multigame 6 in 1
- Grip Ball
- Drink bottles

HEAPS OF PRIZES

Tickets on sale Week 10 and at the Country Fair.

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:-

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

facebook

SkoolBag

Kindergarten 2023

Do you have a child at home who will be coming to our school in 2023?

Please call us on 6655 1147 so we can add your child to our 2023 Kindergarten enrolment list.

Our transition program is now available.

Attachments with this Newsletter:

- Multi Class Development Day Flyer 2022
- SNC Para Swimming Registration Form 2022
- Circle of Security Flyer
- Triple P Flyer
- School Community Charter

Current Notes

These notes are current and can be found on the Bellingin Public School website under **Current Notes and/or Events**

- Sydney Town Hall Choir Excursion (yellow)
- Years 5 & 6 Lake Keepit – Camp Information (purple)
- Check In Assessment for year 6 ()
- Tell Them From Me Survey (white)
- Country Fair – Sausage note (yellow)

Diary Dates

September

Wed 21 st	Education Week – BBQ Breakfast 7:30am
Wed 21 st	Whole School Assembly
Thur 22 nd	Public Holiday
Fri 23 rd	Extra Yr. 6 High School transition
Fri 23 rd	Country Fair 12:30 – 1:45 (Canteen Closed)
Fri 23 rd	End of Term Music Concert
Fri 23 rd	Last Day of Term 3

October

Mon 10 th	First Day of Term 4
Mon 24 th	P & C Meeting - School approach to teaching writing
Mon 24 th	Sydney Choir Excursion travel to Sydney
Tue 25 th	Sydney Choir Excursion –Town Hall performance
Wed 26 th	Sydney Choir Excursion travel home
Fri 28 th	WSA
Mon 31 st	Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion

November

Tue 1 st	Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion to Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion
Fri 4 th	Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion
Fri 4 th	Kinder Orientation – Orientation Day 1
Fri 4 th	WSA
Fri 11 th	Kinder Orientation – Orientation Day 2
Tue 15 th	Book Fair
Wed 16 th	Book Fair
Thur 17 th	Book Fair
Fri 18 th	Book Fair
Fri 18 th	Kinder Orientation – Orientation Day 3
Mon 21 st	P & C meeting – transitions
Fri 25 th	Kinder Orientation – Orientation Day 4

December

Tue 13 th	Year 6 Farewell
Thur 15 th	Presentation Day
Mon 19 th	Year 6 Farewell Assembly
Mon 19 th	Last Day of Term 4

Community Notices - Bellinghen Public School does not endorse the following products or services.



Fun for the kids
Gondwana Nature Play

This is a seasonally varied hour of ranger-guided interactive games, discovery and play in the Dorrigo National Park for all children 5 - 10 years old.

When: Tuesday 27 Sept and Tuesday 4 Oct
2 sessions: 10am -11am and 11:30am -12:30pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Phone 1300 072 757
or online: <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/kids-gondwana-nature-play-5-to-10-years>
Adults not required to attend

You can also book on the day at the Rainforest Centre information desk, but it's best to book ahead online to secure your spot.



HOLIDAY SURF LESSONS!

PARENTS NSW VOUCHERS ACCEPTED HERE

SAWTELL BEACH

9am & 10:15am Tue to Sat (NSW holidays)
EXTRA DATES & SESSIONS IN XMAS HOLIDAYS

1 hour lessons from \$25 per person *Adult and kids groups includes all equipment

3 Day SurfGrom programs, 5-12yrs 9am - 11am Tue to Thu.
2hr session each day, Surf Awareness, Beach/Surf Activities/Surf Skills.
Includes Rip Curl hat & \$25 voucher.

PRIVATE LESSONS

An exclusive surfing experience for individuals or groups. Available all year round for all ages and ability. You choose your day, time and location, or let us guide you with our local knowledge.

All lessons 1 hour

1 person	\$100
2 people	\$100
3 people	\$120
4 people	\$140
5 people	\$150
Extra's	\$30 p/p

BOOK ONLINE: WWW.SOLITARYISLANDSSURFSCHOOL.COM.AU 0438 561 370

We're coming to your community



NSW Government services will be available
In Bellinghen on Wednesday 21st of September
between 8:30am and 2:30pm

This includes:

- driver licences, proof of identity documents, and Photo Card applications
- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Working With Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Check
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- up to /0 government rebates and savings
- Stay NSW and Parents NSW voucher applications.

Find us at:
Gill Lyons and I and Sue's
Bellinghen

Visit service.nsw.gov.au or call **13 77 88** to check our schedule. Unfortunately, sometimes our routes change at short notice.

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BELLINGHEN SWIMMING CLUB

Starts Tuesday 11 October
545pm - 7pm at Bellinghen Pool
Ages 5 - 18
Swim races, games, BBQ, carnivals
Come for some swimming fun!

INQUIRIES TO
BELLINGHENSWIMCLUB@GMAIL.COM



City of Coffs Harbour Logo Design Competition

A design competition to find an inspiring and striking new logo and tagline for City of Coffs Harbour has been launched.

There will be three categories for logo design entries:

School students – open to all primary and high school students who attend a school within the City of Coffs Harbour LGA

Local non-professional aspiring creatives who reside within the City of Coffs Harbour LGA

Local professional branding and design businesses within the City of Coffs Harbour LGA

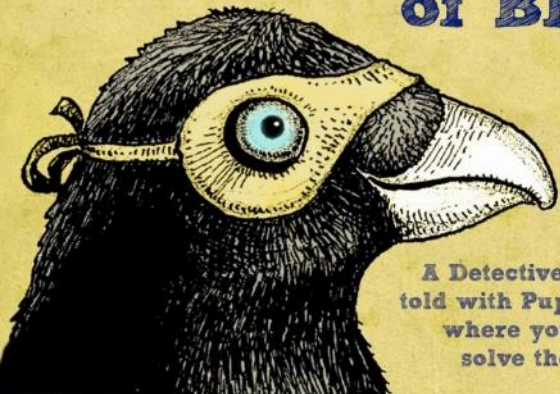
There is a 4th category for **tagline entries**.

Each category winner will receive a Coffs Coast destination experience to the value of \$250. The overall winner of best logo design will receive a \$500 gift voucher to buy local anywhere in the City of Coffs Harbour local government area.

Entries close on **4.30pm Friday, 14 October 2022**. To find out more about the competition and how to enter, visit coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/logo-comp.

Little Wing Puppets Presents

A Little Bit of Blue



A Detective Story, told with Puppetry, where you help solve the case!

Thursday 29 September, 2022, 10am
Followed by a Puppetry Workshop 11am
Brierfield Hall
900 Bowraville Road, Brierfield
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCDUL>
More info: www.littlewingpuppets.com
Enquiries: 0408 808 699

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This project is proudly supported by Arts on Tour and the NSW Government through Create NSW

School Holiday Camps

The NSW Government is pleased to announce a series of FREE kids camps this coming School Holidays providing relief to those communities affected by the challenges of the past couple of years.

Take a break, get active, and have some fun at our fantastic Sport and Recreation Centre camp locations. The programs are a combination of day and residential camps across four Sport and Recreation Centres. The free camps include all meals, accommodation (residential camps only) and activities.

*Activities may include Slip n slide, stand up paddleboards, raft building, archery, mountain biking, BMX, catapult, canoeing, kayaking, cook out, survival skills, orienteering, initiatives, and problem-solving activities.

* Please note, activities vary between camps and are subject to Centre specific facilities.

Holiday Break camp inclusions:

Holiday Break programs are available for kids 12-15 years from regional NSW communities.

Camp Inclusions

- Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea (for day camps)
- Accommodation and all meals (for residential camps)
- All organized activities, safety equipment and supervision

See website for more details:

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/holiday-break-camps>



Spring School Holiday Program

Old Time Games

Take a trip back in time with a morning of tried and tested old school games!

Bellingen Tues 27th Sept, Dorrigo Wed 28th Sept

Urunga Tues 4th October



Mask Making

Bellingen

Tues 4th Oct



Dinosaur Doings

Urunga

Wed 28th Sept



Holiday Bunting

Dorrigo

Wed 5th Oct



All events 10.30am START



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Dorrigo Folk & Bluegrass Festival inc.

21st, 22nd & 23rd October 2022
Dorrigo Showgrounds, NSW

Come celebrate 20 years with us!

Featuring some of the very best Folk, Bluegrass and Old-Time musicians from around Australia and Overseas.

Above the Bit - Bluegrass Parkway - Honeyfields - Glenn Skuthorpe
Kerryn Fields - Luke Byrnes & the Big Scrub Revival
Melbourne Songwriters Collective - Pascal Latra - San Miguel Fraser
The Morrisons - The Whitetop Mountaineers and many more!

View our full 2022 line-up online!

Concerts - Jams & Sessions - Hoedown, Ceilidh & Cajun Dances - Festival Choir
Vocal, Instrumental & Dance Workshops - Bluegrass and Poet's Breakfasts

Festival Tickets available now, online only!
4th Dorrigo Old-Time Music School: 19th, 20th & 21st October
Bookings available now

Camping available onsite at the Showgrounds
We aim to be an environmentally friendly, plastic, smoke, alcohol and drug free venue

Proudly Presented by the Dorrigo Folk and Bluegrass Festival Inc.
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