



Bellinghen Public School

'Courtesy and Knowledge'

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Term 3 Week 8

Monday, 5 September 2022

From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to SASS Appreciation Week! We have the most amazing SASS staff who do everything they can to support our students at Bellinghen PS. Thank you Shireen, Sandra, Ashlie, Helen, Anthony, Trevor, Kristy, Sally, Laura, Marie, Maree, Lawrence, Emma, Angela and Kristy R. Thank you for everything you do!

Happy Father's Day to our amazing dads, step dads, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and significant others who love and support our students every day. We hope you enjoyed the gifts your children were able to purchase from the P&C stall.

Congratulations to Oswayo and Aiden who competed in the North Coast Athletics Carnival last Friday. What a fantastic effort to get this far!

Aiden and Oswayo will travel to Sydney for the NSWPSA Athletics carnival. Aiden representing the North Coast for High Jump and Oswayo for 100 metres.



Our Kindergarten Orientation parent information evening will be held this Wednesday 7th September between 6-7pm.

Our program has been sent to interested parents and is available at preschools and the office. If you know of any children who are beginning school next year and haven't enrolled yet please ask them to contact the school for more information.

Our postponed Education Week activities will be held on Wednesday 21st September. A Breakfast BBQ will start at 7:30 under the small shelter. Parents and carers can then go into their child's classroom to look at their work and chat to the class teacher. We will hold a Whole School Assembly in the hall from 9:30 where our band will join the string group for entertainment and the Student of the Month Awards will be handed out.

4P have been involved in nature drawing this term and they shared with Trevor (GA) their amazing drawings of the Nature Playground that he has been busy improving.

Thank you, Trevor. We have some wonderful artists in our school.

Our School Counsellor, Mrs Alex Kelsall, has taken leave for the rest of the year. We'd like to thank Mrs Kelsall for the fantastic connection she has made with students, families and staff during her time at Bellinghen PS. We will miss her. Currently, we are waiting for a School Counsellor to replace her.

This week the Tell Them From Me survey is open for students, teachers and community. Please take the time to complete the parent survey. It gives the school direction for improvements across numerous areas at school.

Year 6 will be completing Check In Assessment over the next 2 weeks in Literacy and Numeracy. More information is provided later in the newsletter and via a letter to parents.

School photos and NAPLAN results for students in yr 3 and 5 will be sent home this week.

Final payments for the Yr 5/6 excursion to Lake Keepit are now due. The school is required to pay the full cost of accommodation and buses this week. Please contact the school if you require support.

School hats are mandatory for playing in the sun at school. If your child requires a new hat please contact the school. Uniform price lists and forms are available from the office if you require one. Our P&C have endorsed the current uniform and we ask that students wear them every day.

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 great week everyone!

Ness Cavanagh, Principal
Canteen Closed

Please note the Canteen will be closed on the following days, Friday 16th September and Monday 19th September.

Lunch and recess will not be available on these days. We apologise for any inconvenience and would appreciate all parents ensuring their child/ren bring lunch and recess on both these dates.

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.



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Year 6 Check-In

Year 6 students will participate in Reading, Writing and Numeracy Check-in Assessments over the next three weeks.

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 6 students during Term 3 Weeks 8-10.

6 Magenta - Week 8 - Tuesday 6th September Reading, Wednesday 7th September Writing, 8th September Numeracy

6 Aqua - Week 9 - Tuesday 13th September Reading, Wednesday 14th September Writing, Thursday 15th September Numeracy

Students with 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.

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>

Eat Fresh and Win!

The school is registered for the "Fresh for Kids" canteen campaign. This will end on the 16th September.

How it works: Each time a student makes a healthy selection from the school canteen or brings a piece of fruit or vegetable from home (on the days canteen is closed) they will be rewarded with a signature on their entry form. Upon collecting 2 signatures, students return their entry form to the canteen and the child is rewarded with a minor prize and a bonus card to win one of 10,000 Rubik's Cube and other major prizes.

The major prize draw will take place on Wednesday 12th October 2022 for both students and school.

For further details, and information on prizes you can check out the website www.freshforkids.com.au



Jen DaConceicao, Canteen Manager



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.

COUNTRY FAIR IS BACK!

Our student lead Country Fair fundraiser has been missing from our school calendar for 2 years. It is fantastic that we are able to hold it again this year. (It's been a bit of a tradition at Bellingen PS for many years.)

It will be held on the last Friday of this term between 12:30 and 1:45pm. Country Fair is a student organised and run fundraiser which is always great fun and well supported. Parents are welcome to attend from 12:30. It will conclude at 1:45pm (recess). Students can pre-order a sausage sizzle lunch – note going home today. The canteen will not be open.

Can you help?

The P&C has kindly donated ice-cream, cones, and sprinkles for the Country Fair. We are looking for a couple of handy parents who can help scoop ice cream on the day. The canteen is used for this stall.

If you work for an organisation which collates child friendly sample bags or has stickers or 'freebies', these would be welcomed as possible small prizes for some of our stalls. Please call the office before sending anything in, however, so that we can check if appropriate or required.

Thank you

Mrs Mulligan



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!

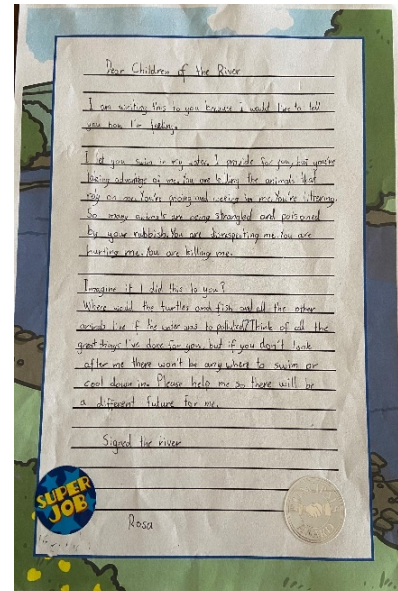
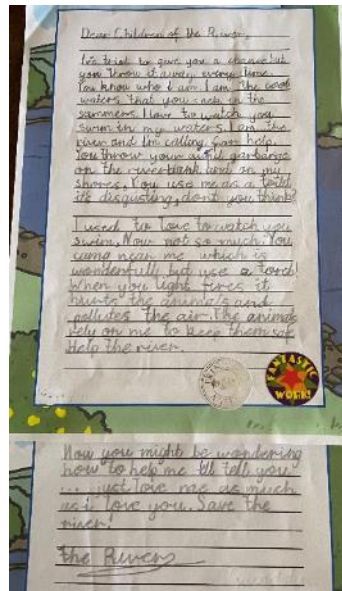
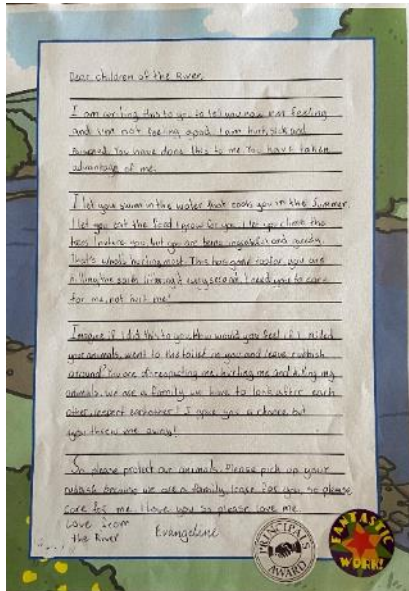
Parents welcome.

Bring your money with you!!



4 Purple News

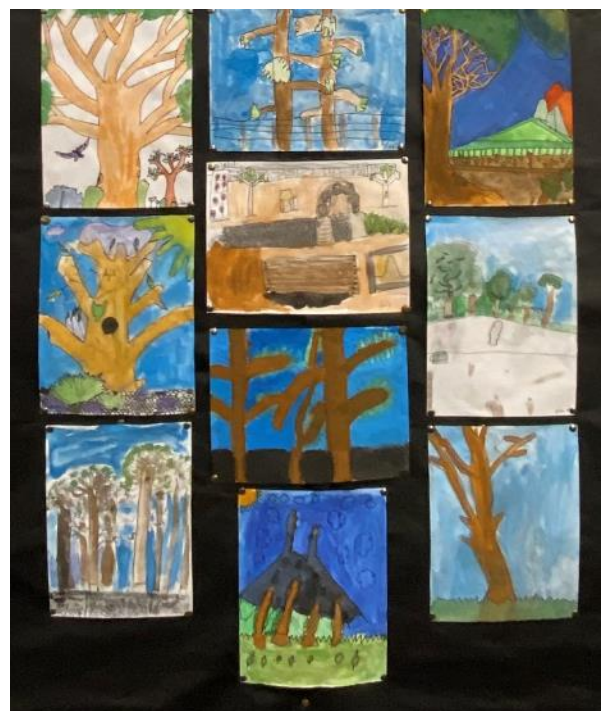
In Geography this term we are studying the unit, 'The Earth and Its Environment'. After reading Dear Children of the Earth by Schim Schimmel, we were so inspired by its message, that we decided to write our own persuasive texts, Dear Children of the River.



Sketching in the Garden

4P enjoyed many an afternoon basking in the sunshine and sketching our school's gardens.

We wanted to personally thank Mr Mulligan for helping to create and maintain our school's beautiful gardens and to let him know that they were the inspiration for our artworks.



Innovations - School Orchestra

Our Senior String Players are teaming up with the Band to form an orchestra of more than 30 students. This is especially fun for the players as they meet up with their friends playing different instruments and all feel very proud of their individual playing (strutting their stuff) before the excitement of playing together, where they tackle complex rhythms, learn about blending sounds and work towards producing a professional performance. You can hear this combined orchestra play James Bond at the Special Whole School Assembly on Wednesday 22, Week 10.

Band players are reminded to bring their instruments on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Pop-Up Concert at the September Community Markets

Junior and Senior Strings are playing separately and together at the Community Markets on Saturday September 17th from 11am. Please come and support our young players.

Instrumental places available.

CELLO with Liz Neville

SINGING with Cathryn Burgess

Still seeking a guitar teacher.

Elizabeth Scott, BPS Music Co-ordinator



[Lunch Box Builder](#)



What's inside?



Corn thins with cream cheese



[Mini crustless chicken quiche](#)



[Mixed salad](#)



Strawberries



Custard tub



Water

Attachments with this Newsletter:

- SWIFF Outdoor Movie Nights
- Living Well Photography Competition

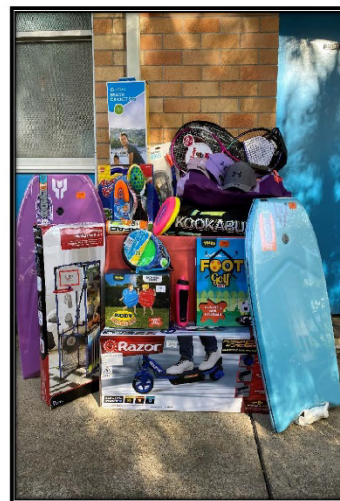
Current Notes

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

- Years 5 & 6 Lake Keepit – Camp Information (purple)
- Cascade Excursion- Updated Camp Information
- Hockey Gala Day
- Check In Assessment for year 6
- Tell Them From Me Survey
- Year 4 Cascade Excursion – Covid-19 Acknowledgement (green)
- P and C Twilight Fete – parent helpers (blue)
- Country Fair – Sausage note (yellow)

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

Plant Stall -We need your donations

Our new garden beds are filled with soil, the worm tea is on the ready, the children are eager to plant for spring and summer and more than 30 children come to Garden Club each week, hoping to plant and watch things grow!!!! Please buy an extra punnet or packet of seeds or a fruit tree (if you are feeling very generous) at the Plant Fair this Saturday.

IDEAS- sunflower seeds, bean, corn and carrot seeds, zucchini, cucumber, pumpkin or watermelon seeds (or seedlings). Silverbeet, lettuce, leeks, spring onions, tomatoes etc etc.

Imagine the bounty and healthy eating if every family donated a punnet of veggie seedlings!!!

Emperor mandarin trees are also excellent for students as they peel easily and the fruit has great flavour. Our Citrus grove has really benefited students without fruit in their lunch boxes this year and we can encourage this and add to our grove with more Navel oranges, mandarin trees and Lemonades. Thank you in advance. Miss Viv and Miss Scott

Elizabeth Scott, BPS Music Co-ordinator

Diary Dates

September

Mon 5 th	Tell Them From Me Surveys Open
Tue 6 th	6 Magenta – Check In Assessment - Reading
Wed 7 th	6 Magenta – Check In Assessment – Writing
Wed 7 th	Kinder Orientation - 6.00 – 7.00pm
Thur 8 th	6 Magenta – Check In Assessment - Numeracy
Fri 9 th	WSA
Tue 13 th	6 Aqua – Check In Assessment - Reading
Wed 14 th	6 Aqua – Check In Assessment – Writing
Wed 14 th	Cascade Camp for Year – New date
Thur 15 th	Cascade Camp for Year – New date
Thur 16 th	6 Aqua – Check In Assessment - Numeracy
Fri 16 th	Cascade Camp for Year – New date
Fri 16 th	Canteen Closed
Fri 16 th	Kinder Orientation – Tabloid Sports morning
Mon 19 th	Canteen Closed
Wed 21 st	Education Week – BBQ Breakfast 7:30am
Fri 23 rd	Country Fair 12:30 – 1:45
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.

Embrace Kids Screening coming to Sawtell!

A feature documentary for school-aged kids, EMBRACE: KIDS is an uplifting film by Taryn Brumfitt (EMBRACE 2016) which brings together a vibrant collection of stories from young people and famous friends alike, who share their experiences about body image, bullying, gender identity, advocacy, representation and more. Research tells us 77% of young people dislike their body, come find out what we can do to support our young people and change the story!

When: 18th September at Sawtell Cinema.

Cost: \$15

Find tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/embrace-kids-screening-sawtell-tickets-408370917407>

Children must be accompanied by an adult!



Embrace Kids

SPECIAL SCREENING EVENT

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
MAJESTIC CINEMAS
DOORS OPEN 4.45PM
\$18 ADULTS
\$15 CHILD

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL GO TO THE BUTTERFLY FOUNDATION AND TRANSCEND AUSTRALIA

BOOK NOW
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/E/EMBRACE-KIDS-SCREENING-SAWTELL-TICKETS-408370917407](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/embrace-kids-screening-sawtell-tickets-408370917407)



Scan me!

We're coming to your community



NSW Government services will be available in Bellingen on Thursday 22nd September between 9:00am and 3:00pm

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 70 government rebates and savings
- Stay NSW and Parents NSW voucher applications.

Find us at:
St Andrew's Church
26 Hyde Street

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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Council is getting behind the [R U OK](#) movement which encourages people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times in their lives.

On Thursday 8 September we will be hosting a 'A Cuppa with Council' in Maam Gaduying Park from 8.30am – 10:30am where we are inviting our community to grab a coffee and have a conversation with some of our staff.

The morning will also feature a series of information stalls from local community groups so make sure you drop by and grab a cuppa. Keep cups are encouraged!

A Cuppa with Council

MAAM GADUYING PARK

From 8.30am – 10:30am

An opportunity to network with local community and Council employees.



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This was co-developed by Bellingen Shire Council in partnership with the Mental Health Commission of NSW in collaboration with R U OK?

Our council cares

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Dorrigo Dramatic Club presents

THE BEAST

Written by
Eddie Perfect

Directed by
Tamar Collier



2 - 17 September 2022

Old Gazette Theatre, Hickory Street, Dorrigo

\$25 adults/\$20 members
<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/9m55o>
or call: 0419 558 028

Suitable for mature audiences only. Contains coarse language, adult themes, sexual references and simulated violence



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