



# Bellinghen Public School

*'Courtesy and Knowledge'*

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Term 4 Week 10

Monday, 12 December 2022

## From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Week 10. The last week of term.

We have a very busy week this week to finish the 2022 school year.

The Year 6 Farewell will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 13th December. Students are looking forward to finishing their primary schooling with a dinner together followed by a disco.

On Wednesday 14th December a farewell afternoon tea at 1:45 will be provided by the P&C under the small shelter with Mrs Mulligan and Ms Scott followed by an assembly in the hall. Everyone is invited to attend and farewell these amazing educators.

Our Presentation Day will be held on Thursday 15th December at 9:30 in the school hall. It is a day to celebrate students across sporting, cultural and education areas. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A music concert will be held in the hall from 12:30 on Thursday 15th December for students and their families.

A talent quest will be held on Friday 16th December in the hall from 9:30.

Student reports will be sent home on Thursday 15th December.

The last day for students is this Friday 16th December but the school will still be open on Monday and Tuesday as staff will be involved in professional learning and organisation for 2023.

The first day for students will be Tuesday 31st January, 2023. Kindergarten will start with Best Start Testing on Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Their first official day will be Thursday 2nd February, 2023.

On behalf of the staff of Bellinghen Public School, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. We will see you in 2023.

Have a great week!

**Ness Cavanagh, Principal**

## Uniform Shop

Our Uniform shop is open on Friday from 8:40-9:30am. 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.

## Music Assembly

Don't miss our Music Assembly for all students at BPS who learn an instrument. It will be a celebration of their developing talents and a chance to see our extensive and collaborative program.

**Time-** 12:30pm Thursday 15th December.

**Place-** BPS Hall

**Purpose-** Award ceremony from our Music Staff to students who have gone the extra mile and to recognise students who completed the 100 Day Challenge.

Featuring - soloists, small vocal groups and ensembles (Guitar, Junior and Senior Strings, Band and Orchestra)  
**Acknowledgement-** The loyalty and brilliant teaching of Miss Viv and Karin Braidwood who are finishing up this year.

**Variety-** the Assembly will be punchy and full of variety and will conclude at 1:45pm with James Bond and the BPS Orchestra! This is a fine opportunity for you to thank your teachers and arrange times for the new year.

See you there.

**Elizabeth Scott, Music Coordinator**

## Year 6 Farewell

Just a reminder about the proceedings for Tuesday night's Yr. 6 Farewell.

5:00pm students arrive for photo booth opportunities under the hall shelter (photos to be taken by parents)

5:30pm Formal Presentation (parents invited to attend)

6:00pm Dinner (staff & students only)

7:00-8:30pm Disco (staff & students only)

We ask that parents arrive for student collection from the hall from 8:15pm for 8:30pm pick up.

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones or devices during the event.

Looking forward to a great evening.

**Nicole (McFarlane), Stage 3 Assistant Principal**

## Talent Quest

I am so excited to have auditioned more than 40 performances for the Talent Quest!!!! Our whole day would be the Talent Quest at this rate and I had to suggest a few soloists and groups of children wait for next year.

With the assistance of student compares, stage hands and tech support, and three extremely professional judges, the 2022 Talent Quest promises to tick the boxes for variety, talent and fun!

Children have all rehearsed with microphones and on the instruments in the hall and there are no more teacher-led rehearsals this week as the hall is heavily booked. It is up to students to put the final touches and polish to their performance.

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

## THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

You may have heard that I am retiring! Having commenced my teaching career as a casual teacher in 1981 in Campbelltown, it will conclude at the end of this term after 41 years with the NSW Department of Education. I am proud to have been part of Public Education for all that time. Of the seven schools I've worked in, two are standouts – Warnervale on the Central Coast and Bellingen. Both schools offered me professional challenges, opportunities that stretched my brain and a variety of roles to keep me on my toes! I have been at Bellingen since 2007 and certainly didn't intend to stay for 15 years. It is because of the opportunities to teach, lead and support; the challenges and obstacles I've faced; the different roles I've had; my amazing colleagues; great students and a supportive school community that I didn't need, or want, to move on. I will certainly miss the daily connection with my Bello school family - celebrating student successes (big and small) and the partnerships and support I have shared with all staff and parents.

I've been asked if I am excited to be retiring. After 41 years it will take some getting used to not going to work every day and being on a 'perma-holiday' 😊. It will be a work in progress.

A huge thank you for your trust, support, confidence, collegiality, feedback and friendship; the laughter, tears, frustrations and celebrations.

Bellingen PS will always hold a special place in my heart.

**Elizabeth Mulligan**



*"What you leave behind is not what is engraved on stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." ~ Pericles*

### Music Events for this week.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday- Make-up lessons at odd times as Thursday and Friday are 'out' for lessons.

Wednesday 14 -1pm Opera House Choir Last rehearsal. Bring T Shirts, Books and be ready for fun.

Thursday 15- 9:30 Presentation Day involving Opera House Choir and Band

Thursday 15- 12:30 Music Assembly (see Information in this newsletter)

Friday 16 - 9:30 Talent Quest

Parents are welcome to attend events on Thursday and Friday.

**Elizabeth Scott BPS Music Co-ordinator**

### Current Notes

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

- Yr. 6 Formal Farewell Presentation, Dinner & Disco
- Giving Tree

### 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, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program which has been a tradition at Bellingen Public School for over 18 years.





### Meet the Orchestra

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to Bellingen High School for the Bellingen Youth Orchestra's 2022 Schools Concert. We met all the sections of the orchestra and the talented teenagers who play the instruments. A particular highlight was seeing Miss Scott, our very own Sugar Plum Fairy, dance around the hall while the orchestra played Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite No. 3. Ari being invited to the stage to play the timpani was another high point. A good time was had by all, and the children, when asked if they would like to play in the orchestra one day, replied with a resounding yes.



**Ms Barbara Healy, Organising Teacher**

### The Shed

Thank you Morgan, Lachlan and Terry for coming in for a second Working Bee to complete the Garden Shed. It is colour coordinated with the garden beds and looks smart and very practical!!

Miss Viv, myself and the garden club members will have fun filling up the shelves in order to keep the garden less cluttered, more attractive and accessible.

A BIG thank you to the men for completing the task so willingly.







Elizabeth Scott, BPS Music Co-ordinator



## 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 [Bellingin-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Bellingin-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.

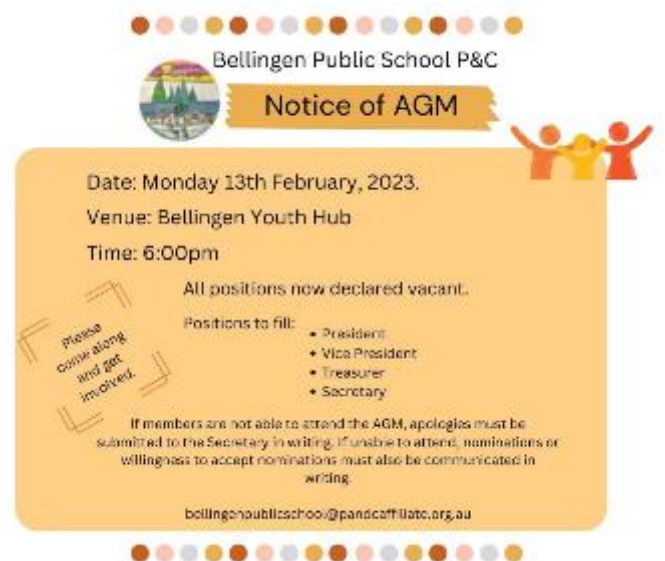
## Attachments with this Newsletter:

- No Interest Loans (two attachments) and back to school loans.

### 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-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Bellingin-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- Bellingin Public School Facebook page.
- Bellingin Public School P and C Facebook page
- Skoolbag app
- Bellingin Public School website



## Diary Dates

### December

Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Farewell
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Choir final rehearsal
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Day
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Day – Senior Choir and Band #
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	Music Assembly (all students learning an instrument) #
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bellingin's Got Talent 9:30 to 11:00 #
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 walk out
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for students
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	BYO Concert 6pm BHS "Proms and Songs" #
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	SDD
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	SDD

# Parents welcome

### January 2023

9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Creative Bellingin
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	SDD
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	SDD
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	First day back for students' years 1 – 6

Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Kinder Best Start**February**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Kinder Best StartThurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Kinder 1st day

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**SAWTELL** 9am & 10.15am most days \*please see online booking calendar for exact days.

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