RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations! To our lucky winners in our Get Active Mega Raffle. Akaya Ellem, Pudding Shiell, Sacha Booms, Kirsti Hudson, Mel Wilton, Daniel Collingwood, Jenna Alford, Tim Burns, Neaves Family, Urukhai Vallance, Liam McFarlane, Vallance Family, Ralee Painter, Michael Casey, J Mellalieu, Suzanne & Elle Vassallo won the book seller prize.

We would like to thank all families who supported this great fund raising event. A total of $1198 was raised and will be used to support the Tools for Learning program. Mel Wilton, Organising Teacher

BPS NATURE PLAYGROUND

Hi parents, staff and friends
The Nature Playground is developing, and we need fresh input from people who are interested to run their own creative project for the space.

Whatever your skills, we can use your time and energy!
Projects include:
- Design
- Building / construction
- Crochet / knitting
- Planting
- Maintenance
- Grant writing
- Fundraising

Check out the Facebook page ‘Bellingen Public School Nature Playground’ for ideas and information.
Click on ‘Like’ and then ‘Get Notifications’ (dropdown menu under ‘Like’) to get ongoing updates about the Playground.

Please contact Liz Brown or Elizabeth Mulligan to discuss what needs doing, and how you can get started.
Liz: 2.liz.browngmail.com or 0405 667 441, Elizabeth: elizabeth.mulligan@det.nsw.edu.au or 6655 1147
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4. I trust that you all enjoyed a lovely holiday break. A special welcome to those new families who have joined our Bellingen Public School community. We look forward to getting to know you.

Yesterday was World Teachers Day. I am sure as parents you join me in thanking our wonderful teaching staff for their efforts and dedication to the students at Bellingen Public School and their commitment to the programs we offer. An overwhelming body of research clearly tells us teachers are the single most important element in supporting students to learn effectively, to develop the necessary skills for their future and also in developing discipline, leadership skills and community values. The importance of their role is reflected in the concept of World Teachers Day.

The roles and responsibilities of teachers requires the ability to manage a rapidly changing educational and technological environment, to deal with increases in expectations, limitations on resources and growing community expectations. I personally recognise and appreciate their efforts in meeting these challenges and in keeping our students as their focus and core business at all times. I appreciate the team we have here at Bellingen Public School and celebrate the positive difference they make to the lives of our students.

Have a great week.

Elizabeth Mulligan

DESIGN A TEE SHIRT COMPETITION

Children are invited to design a tee shirt about an endangered animal as part of our current theme in the school library.

The competition will run for another couple of weeks. The cost to enter is a donation of 50 cents or more which will go to an orang-utan relocation program, and other endangered wildlife programs.

There will be prizes for each stage.

Thank you.

Carole McCaul, Librarian

PENCIL GRIPS FOR SALE

As there are many students in our school requiring the support of a pencil grip to assist them with their handwriting, we have ordered in a few different types of pencil grips that will be sold at the front office. Once this current stock is sold out, you can purchase your own grips from the following website: http://www.pencilgripsplus.com.au

Thanks Rachel Pregnell

BOOK WEEK

On Wednesday the 25th of August, Bellingen Public School participated in Book Week. In celebration everyone came to school dressed as their favourite book character.

There was a big variety of characters including some very unique costumes! Then we went to the hall and showed off our costumes to the parents, staff and students of the school. After parading a bit we had to go up on the stage and the students had to guess what the other students were dressed up as. This was much fun and involved the whole school.

When the class 5/6A came into class, as their name was marked off the role they said a quote from their favourite book which made the book week even more fun. It was great to see what other student’s favourite books were and see all the interesting costumes.

Asha Hartfiel

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

We would appreciate if all accounts could be finalised for Term 3. In particular music invoices. A number of accounts for music lesson are still outstanding. We accept cash, cheques and EFTPOS. Payments can be made in person or over the phone for EFTPOS.

Thank you.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

We are currently seeking Year 6 parents to assist us with the organisation and running of the Year 6 Farewell. We need a handful of parent volunteers to assist us to ensure the night is a success. Jobs include; decoration set up, catering, serving and clean up on the night. Even if you can only assist with small parts ‘many hands make for light work’ and we would appreciate any contribution you can make. Please contact Jo Barr on 6655 1542 if you are able to assist in any way.

Thank you.

Jo Barr (Year 6 Parent)

Piano/Keyboard Lessons

Daniel and Ms Viv have several spots available now in Term 4 for any students keen to start learning to play an instrument.
We have forms available for parents to pick up in our Music Rooms or at the office, please feel free to call in for a chat with us on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday’s and we look forward to meeting you and getting to know your child through the joy of making music.
Daniel & Miss Viv

UNIFORM SHOP

The P & C Uniform shop currently has on special Girls Long Pants $10 and old style Surf Hats $5. Why not buy and extra hat as a spare. Order forms can be picked up from the office or go directly to the Uniform shop which is open Mondays and Fridays from 8.40 until 9.30.
Please remember to all items must be labelled. We cannot give it back if it does not have a name.
We would also like to thank those families that have donated second hand items for resale. Pre-loved is well-loved.

EXCURSION BUDGETING

Excursions can be paid off weekly, fortnightly/monthly or as it suits your family budget. Below are some of the major excursion costs and the number of weeks till final payment must be received.
Canberra Excursion, Nov 9 –13 @ $530 – 5 school weeks approx $106.00/week.

SCHOOL BANKING - PRIZE UPDATE

School Banking Term 4 New Rewards Launched
The reward items touching down to planet savings in Term 4 are (available while stocks last):
• Outer Space Glider
• Outer Space Savers Money Box
For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.
Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).
If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.
Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!

PARTNERS IN LEARNING SURVEY

Have you completed the Partners In Learning Survey?
We are seeking your participation in the Partners In Learning survey which is designed to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents/carers and school by gaining insights into parent/carer and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parent/carer voice on school support of learning and behavior. The survey results help to build an accurate and timely picture that we can use for practical improvements. It complements student and teacher surveys on the same topics.
How does it work?
Parents/carers take the survey online in their own time.
The survey usually takes less than 30 minutes and is anonymous.
What to do?
Go to website www.tellhemfromme.com
Username (for all parents from BPS): parent16842
Password (for all parents from BPS): Bel1181
The survey is open until October 16th 2015.
Thank you for your participation.

CRUNCH & SNIP SNIPPET

Children are more likely to enjoy their Crunch and Sip if their produce is fresh and delicious. Choose fruit and veg that are currently in season and that feel firm, smell ice and look appealing.

EXCURSION BUDGETING

Choose these simple, tasty swaps for your family’s brekkie: they’re fruit and vegie rich and will give you the energy to get through the day!

Swap this Breakfast For these Healthier Options
White toast - Choose wholemeal
- Add fresh tomato or avocado
- Spread ricotta, top with sliced fruit for a sweet treat
Flavoured milk - Make a fruit smoothie: blend frozen raspberries + honey + reduced fat milk + yoghurt
Rice bubbles - Porridge or wheat biscuits topped with banana + a small amount of honey

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back for the last term of the year. Finally, our diminutive scholars can return to their studies after enduring the enforced two week hiatus of the term break.
It is understandable that these mind expanding munchkins have been champing at the bit to return especially to experience the culinary delights of the first canteen weekly special.
This week’s special will be shepherd’s pie and peas. These will be available on Thursday and Friday only at a cost of $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink.
Feeding your children to a better education,
Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor
**Canteen Roster - October**

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**CURRENT NOTES**

- Year 5 Leadership Training day note
- Year 2 & 3 Swim School note
- Year 6 Canberra Parent EOI
- Parent Direct/Chalk Brochures
- Year 6 High school enrolment forms

**Diary Dates**

**October**

- Tue 13 Year 5 Leadership Training day
- Fri 16 Closing date - Tell Them from Me Survey
- Thur 29 Grandparents Day

**November**

- Fri 6 Kinder Orientation – Welcome
- Fri 6 Return date for Parent Direct/Chalk brochure
- Fri 6 Return date for Year 2 & 3 Swim School note
- Mon 9 – Fri 13 Canberra Excursion – Yr 6
- Mon 9 – Fri 20 Year 2 & 3 Swim School
- Fri 13 Kinder Orientation – Literacy & Numeracy
- Country Fair, incl sausage sizzle
- Fri 20 Kinder Orientation – Home/School relationship building
- Sat 21 & Sun 22 – Family Portrait Fundraiser
- Fri 27 Kinder Orientation HSIE– No Parent/Carer Session

**Community Notices**

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

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**Bellingen Swim Club!**

The 2015/2016 season starts on Friday, 9th of October at 5:30pm

The night begins at 6 o’clock every Friday at the Bellingen Swim Centre

For existing/new members log onto
www.nsw.swimming.org.au

For more information call:
Tina Maher 0401 282 519
Jo Hodgson 0419 442 089

Hope to see you there :)

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**Book Launch at Bellingen Library**

October 15 @11am 2015

A fun family activity book learning about
THE FRAGILE FAUNA
Of the Bellinger Valley

Produced by Bellingen Environment Centre Inc.

Written and Illustrated by Susie Peake
Edited by Mark Graham