School Photos - Tomorrow!

School photos will be taken tomorrow. Please ensure all students are in full school uniform!
If you have note returned the envelope orders can be made direct to Don Woods Photography on 9150 9503.
They will need to know school name, child’s name, child’s class and which pack you would like to order.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
What a wonderful day last Friday was! It was fantastic to have the whole school involved in the Athletics Carnival at the same time. Thank you to Mr Ellem, Mrs Wilton and Mrs Vardabasso for their organisation of this day.

Education Week is here again. Events this year include:
- Our annual Community Breakfast from 7am. Join us for a bacon egg sandwich, fruit salad and tea and coffee.
**Term 3 - Week 2**

**Monday, 20 July 2015**

- **'Education on Show'** - open to the whole school community at Bellingen High MPC at 5pm. Performances from ten school will showcase talent from across our Learning Community. Bellingen Public will be represented by the String Ensemble and Dance Group.

- **Thursday 30th July Whole School Assembly** at 9:30am, including a performance by the dance group.

- **Open classrooms** after assembly. Visit your child’s room to see work on Higher Order Thinking Skills.

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**Move to Learn**

Move to Learn will start again in week 4. This program gives the students in Years 1 and 2 a well-earned ‘brain break’ on Tuesday mornings and me the opportunity to get to know these classes and their skills in fine and gross motor activities. Parent helpers are more than welcome if you would like to join next term.

Elizabeth Mulligan  
Principal

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**Learning an Instrument at Bellingen Public School**

Please consider enhancing your child’s education through extra music tuition. Bellingen Public is unique in offering this extra opportunity to learn in school time.

We have a number of highly skilled musicians/teachers visiting the school and an excellent Music Hub in which to teach.

A store of well maintained instruments are ready for hire. At present the string programme is full and children are on the waiting list for lessons in the future.

Our band program, which feeds clever players into the high school, needs more players. Bellingen High School is fortunate to have the renowned teacher, Annie Phelan. She coaches our young musicians into senior years and the years of practice is realized in HSC performances. The key to future success is learning an instrument in primary school so skills develop in a way that music offered to students in bands, ensembles and orchestras is challenging and enjoyable.

At present there are many places and instruments available for the band program. Peter teaches clarinet and sax, Kate teaches trumpet, trombone and horn, Karin teaches acoustic guitar, electric and bass and Phil teaches percussion. Children are accelerated into high school bands when skills reach a high level. Some of our clever pianists can also pick up a second band instrument to enjoy ensemble playing.

Two quotes that I think are very apt if you are considering encouraging your child to learn an instrument;

“When you pick up your instrument, you are hacking with your brain!” (Melbourne Sax player shared with me in the holidays) and “Money spent on your child’s music tuition is an investment in their future” (my Dad!!)

I look forward to seeing and hearing a line up of trumpeters, a junior jazz band with super sax players, even heavy metal would be awesome! We have the teachers that can take your child to this level.

Just fill out a request to learn an instrument form and I will put you in touch with your new teacher, directly.

Elizabeth Scott

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**Bellinger Public School P and C Pie Drive**

There is still time to order your pies! Pies are family sized, made fresh to order, freeze well and are from Urunga Country Oven Bakery. They are selling them to the school at very reasonable prices and we are able to sell them on to families and raise funds for important equipment and resources for the school. All order forms (available from the office) and the correct money (cash or cheques payable to Bellingen Public School P&C) need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 29th July 2015.

All pies can be collected on Wednesday 5th August between 3.00pm and 5.30pm from the canteen at the school. **(NOTE: We urgently need people to help hand out the pies in the school canteen on 5th August between 3pm and 5.30pm. If you are able to assist us please contact us on the numbers below).**

Children can collect pies for their families and we are asking if parents whose children are collecting pies can put a canvas bag in their child’s school bag for easy carrying. For all further information, please contact Elektra Macdonald on 0412336090 or elektra@elektaras.com. We look forward to receiving your orders and serving you pies!
Kindergarten 2016

Do you have a child at home who will be coming to our school in 2016?

Please drop in into the office or call us on 6655 1147 so we add to our 2016 Kindergarten enrolment list. We will send you our Kindergarten Transition when it is available.

STAY SAFE REMINDER!!
Please do not walk your children through the staff car park. ALL pedestrians should use the path near the bike racks and exit through the small gate only.

ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY CLOTHING
The P and C, in conjunction with the school, provide clean and dry clothing to students whose uniform gets wet or dirty whilst they are at school. Having had a busy few days with wet weather of late, we have run out of boys and girls’ pants and skorts. If you are able to provide second hand items that fit this description we would be delighted to add them to our clothing pool, to help future accident victims!

STUDENT BANKING
The following items are available to redeem for 10 tokens. Please redeem your tokens as soon as possible, just place a note and your 10 tokens in your deposit wallet so I know what you would like to order.
Glow in the Dark Solar System – New Term 3
Cosmic Light Beam Torch - New Term 3
Blue Wallett (2013 item)
ET DVD – Term 1
Headphones (2013 item)
Intergalatic Rocket – Term 2
Invisible Ink Pens – Term 2
Knuckles Game (2013 item)
Planet Handball – Term 1
Projector Cup (2014 item)
Scented Pencils (2014 item)
Shark Keyring (2014 item)
Swimbag (2014 item)
Remember school banking day is Tuesday
Sandra Ruming
School Banking Co-ordinator

Camp Creative Scholarships
Thanks to the generosity of members of our community the Camp Creative Scholarship Program is able to provide scholarships for students at Bellingen Public School and Bellingen High School.
To receive a scholarship to attend next year’s camp (January 11 to 15, 2016) students need to hand write a letter stating why they would like to be considered for a scholarship to attend Camp Creative 2016. These should be addressed to the Scholarship Officer, Camp Creative. All letters can be left at the school office no later than 3.10pm on Friday July 31, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Decisions by the committee are final.
Brochures are available from our school office or you can check out our new website www.campcreative.com.au. You must include a completed application form with your scholarship application these can be found in the middle of the brochure or downloaded from our website.
Rob & Michelle Stockton
Camp Creative Co-ordinators

CANTEEN NEWS
Some geometrically challenged among us may not be aware of the significance of Wednesday’s date. It is the 22nd of the 7th or 22/7 or 22 over 7, which is the approximate representation of Pi. This makes Wednesday international Pi Day (except in the USA where they insist on writing dates incorrectly).
To commemorate this auspicious day the canteen will be selling the standard pies and shepherd’s pies for the special price of $2.00 each.
This week’s special will be old style fish and chips. The fish will be grilled, not battered. The whole meal will be served in the traditional way wrapped in butcher’s paper with a slice of lemon and a sachet of tartare sauce. The special as usual will be available on Thursday and Friday only and at a cost of $3.50 or $5.00 with a drink.
Feeding your children to a better education,
Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub Issue 5 is was given out last week and will be due back at school this Wednesday 22nd July. If you choose to order through LOOP please send the order section to school as it makes distribution of orders easier. Thank you.
Carole McFaul

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.
Lake Keepit Excursion, August 31 - September 4 @ $310 – 5 school weeks approx $62/week
Cascade Excursion, Aug 12-14 @ $100 - 2 school weeks approx @ $50/week.

**UNIFORMS**

We take pride in our school uniform. It’s what makes us a team.

*Our uniform does not include ‘hoodies’ or caps.*

There are many good quality second hand jumpers for sale from the canteen, at very reasonable costs or new uniforms are also available.

You can help by having your child wear their uniform every day.

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**Diary Dates**

**July**

- **Tue 21** School Photos – Full School Uniform
- **Wed 22** “Yarn Up”, 4pm BPS Hall Shelter
- **Fri 24** Closing date – Principal for a Day applications
- **Tue 28** Education Week - Breakfast
- **Tue 28** Education on Show – Dance group 5pm, BHS
- **Tue 28** ICAS English
- **Wed 29** Closing date for P & C Pie Orders
- **Wed 29** Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.20-6.30pm
- **Thur 30** Whole School Assembly (WSA)
- **Thur 30** Dance Group performance, WSA
- **Fri 31** Camp Creative Scholarship application – closing date

**August**

- **Tue 4** Move to Learn – first day for Term 3
- **Tue 4** Closing date Yr 4 Cascade Permission note
- **Wed 5** P & C Pie Pick up date
- **Mon 10-Wed 12** Cascade Camp 1
- **Wed 12-Fri 14** Cascade Camp 2
- **Tue 11** ICAS Mathematics
- **Mon 31** Lake Keepit excursion

**September**

- **Fri 4** Lake Keepit excursion

**November**

- **Mon 9 – Fri 13** Canberra Excursion – Yr 6
- **Sat 21 & Sun 22** – Family Portrait Fundraiser

**IGA LOYALTY PROGRAM**

Did you know you can help raise money for Bello Public just by shopping at the IGA? The IGA have a long running program which donates a percentage of your shop to your chosen local organisation. Simply pick up a loyalty/rewards card from either the IGA or the front office at the School and present your card at the checkout. Every shop counts!

**CURRENT NOTES**

- P & C Pie Orders
- Parent/Teacher Interview notes
- Cascade Year 4 Permission & Medical note with Camp Information and packing list.
- Year 5 Lake Keep It EOI

**Community Notices**

Bellingen Public School does not endorse these products or services.

**FREE Fireworks Spectacular**

Come along on Saturday 8th August to Bellingen Showground and enjoy FREE Fireworks and family fun.

Glow sticks, Food and Drink will be on sale from 4.30pm.

Bring your parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, friends and neighbours along and have a great night.

Rug up and don’t forget your chair & blanket. If you have pets please lock them up securely and maybe turn up the TV or Stereo so they are not too frightened by the noise.