



9 March, 2020

# BELLATA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Principals' Induction Conference

Evidence around the world shows that investing in leadership at all phases of a school leader's career will make a substantial difference to the quality of teaching and therefore the quality of student learning in our school. From the 19-21 February I had the pleasure of attending the Principal Induction Conference in Sydney delivered by the Department of Education School Leadership Institute. This conference provided engaging, relevant and significant professional learning. This included leading high-quality teaching and learning across the school, enhancing student wellbeing strategies, and ensuring that in our school community every child is known, valued and cared for.

I was reminded of the importance of modelling lifelong learning to my staff and students. Conferences of this nature enable me to focus on quality teaching and leadership practices that have the greatest impact on teacher learning and therefore the outcomes of our students.

#### Coronavirus Update

In accordance with current Department Guidelines children, students and staff who are unwell with a respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with the Department's current practice if any student becomes unwell, our infection control guidelines will be implemented and the Department will follow the advice provided by the NSW Ministry of Health as appropriate. If your child is suffering from a respiratory illness please let us know immediately so that we can take any precautionary actions and keep everyone safe.

#### Principal's Address

Please come along to an information session on where we are heading in 2020. This will be followed up by a Q & A session for any matters that are still puzzling you. **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm in the 3-6 classroom.** There will be no supervision for children during this time, however, if you need to bring them they are welcome to sit in with us, they may even be able to help me to answer some of the questions you have.

#### Staff Professional Learning

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Kirkby both participated in a 'Data Skills' workshop where we explored the 'Schools Excellence Framework' even deeper, and began to look at effective forms of data collection and how to use data to inform our practice. Not only will this training help us to form a deeper understanding of how to use data to best direct the teaching and learning, it will also support us through the External Validation Process which is going to be a big focus for us during the next two terms.

Robyn Bishop

Principal (Rel)

### TERM 1 CALENDAR

#### 9 March

Principal Address 6pm

#### 9 April

Easter Hat Parade

Last day Term 1

### TERM 2 CALENDAR

#### 5 May

Life Education Van

#### 4 - 8 May

3 Way Conference Meeting

#### 15 May

Bellata School Cross Country

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING—TERM 1

#### 18 March

Mrs Chaplin—PAT

Training

#### 19 March

Mrs Bishop—Network Meeting

#### 24 March

Mrs Bishop—Coaching Visit

*TBC*

Mrs Bishop—Rural North Conference



Education

## K/1/2 NEWS

I am sending home a copy of the set poem that students will be reciting at the Narrabri Eisteddfod this year. We will be practicing these in news time for the rest of this term. Students are also asked to practice these as part of their homework routine.

This week, Kindergarten are learning about the letters Gg and Oo and are learning to blend the sounds that they have learnt to sound out words in sentence writing. Years 1 & 2 are learning to write paragraphs in their Recount Writing Unit.

As part of our Science Unit on *How things Grow and Change* we are learning about and comparing the life cycles of various animals.

Library borrowing Thursday. Homework due Friday.

## 3-6 NEWS

Year 3-6 have been working on writing letters this last week to Mr Mark Coulton MP asking for a new Australian flag to replace our current one. We brainstormed words, then put them into sentences and the students then chose which ones they wanted to use. They learnt how to format their work into a letter style.

We have been doing lots of discussion with our Geography and Science topics and the students are coming up with very interesting and thoughtful ideas, questions and answers.

In Maths we are looking at addition and students had a go at playing shops with Mrs Chaplin on Wednesday. They took on the responsibility of shopkeeper and customer and bought and sold many items in the classroom.

Students should continue to read as much as they can at home and write down any words they find interesting that will be useful in their work.

## SKOOL LOOP REFERENCES

We have added some information to Skool Loop on the following topics. Please feel free to investigate these further if they interest you.

- \* Learning Options Available for Students in Rural Areas—Information from Isolated Children 's Parents' Association regarding the ICPA Conference being held in Moree 17 March, 2020
- \* Comic Relief Drought Tour WHAT A RELIEF—Information regarding free concert at Bellata 18 March, 2020



## Celebration Occasions

We love to be able to celebrate your children's achievements, be they honour badges or birthdays. It gives us, as a school family, the chance to share in your children's special days. However, some of our children have allergies and intolerances to certain foods. To look after the health and safety of these children we would appreciate if parents/carers could give us a weeks notice if intending to bring in a cake, so arrangements for all children can be made. This will ensure that all of our children can partake in the celebrations and we can all enjoy special celebrations. Thank you for your understanding and working with us on this to ensure a safe inclusion of all.



## Scholastic Book Club

Our first catalogue has arrived for 2020.

Parents are encouraged to purchase books for their children or as gifts, as all purchases earn rewards for our school.

There is now the option to order and pay online direct to Scholastic. A 'How to' is included inside your catalogue. The LOOP app is available for mobile devices for easy ordering, (not to be confused with the Skool Loop app).

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

The catalogues have items for pre-schoolers right through to Year 6 students and are generally good value for money. The rewards earned by the school as a result of your orders are used to purchase new library resources.



## Awards—Week 5

Principals Award - Patrick  
Improved concentration during activities.



Infants Award -Nina Liu

Fantastic achievement in 'two & three digit numbers'

Primary Award - Harley Budden  
Helping K/1/2 with coding

Library Award - Flynn McPherson

## Awards—Week 6

Principals Award - Tori for taking care of school grounds.

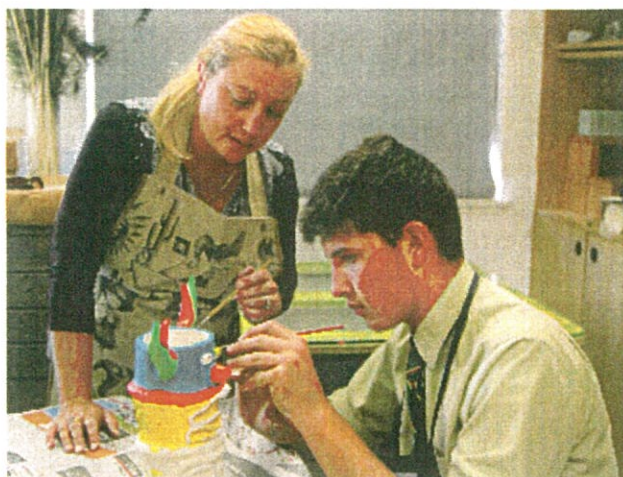


Infants Award –Mia for writing creative and interesting sentences

Primary Award - Tyler for following instructions and completing work

Library Award - Max G

Sport Award - None awarded this week due to wet weather



This is your opportunity to tour our campus  
and see what Farrer can offer your son

## OPEN DAY 2020

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**8.30 – 2.00PM**

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by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

6764-8607 – Kerry Hussey – Enrolments Officer

Wear casual clothing & bring a hat.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.



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