From the Principal

We’re in the final stretch for 2019 as the academic year draws to a close.

This week we have the Small Schools Orientation before the big transition day next Friday. Sincere thanks to Holly Wilson and Paul Pomroy for taking on the challenge of being Year Advisers for this cohort. How lucky they are to have two such dedicated, enthusiastic professionals standing in the stead of their parents for the next six years. We continue to welcome new enrolments into this year group, so welcome one and all.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank students who have taken on the challenge of their yearly examinations with gusto and now the reporting period for staff is well and truly in full swing. Being able to consider the knowledge and content taught and produce worthwhile assessments as well contribute to healthy class discussion makes summative assessment in the form of a report possible. I wish each student success in this reporting period – each student will inevitably reap what they sow, given effort, behaviour, attitude and output in each subject.

The new Multi-Categorical classroom teacher has accepted her appointment and after the initial appeal period is looking to commence at Bellingen High before the end of the year to meet the students she will be teaching – those already enrolled at Bellingen High and those coming to Bellingen High from our partner schools. This is an exciting addition to our services range at Bellingen High.

Parents and students are reminded of parking rules and places appropriate to park. These do not include the top of the hill near Admin. Those who park at the bottom of the hill (using the Waterfall Way entrance) are asked to park rear in, so they can drive straight out. This avoids the rush and the problematic issue of people trying to reverse when students are walking through and many are trying to leave at once.

For those students parking at the Crown Street entry car park – they are reminded that the area before the speed hump is their parking zone. Parents are politely reminded to utilise the kiss and drop turning circle – not use the driveway and enter the staff parking area. This causes unnecessary angst for staff trying to park in the morning and leave in the afternoon. I ask that you abide by these simple ideals for the safety and wellbeing of all.

Until next time:

Kim Dixon
SRC Student Representative Council

Congratulations to the new Bellingen High School SRC, some of whom were presented to the school at this week’s Assembly.

Through its new Constitution the SRC aims to be a voice for students in making our high school a great place to be and learn. This group is constantly striving to provide better facilities for students, raising funds for their projects through socials and other organised activities. Students in the SRC aim to build upon the democratic values of the school community. By inviting students to voice their concerns and be actively involved in activities that promote student awareness, the SRC strives toward enhancing responsible citizenship in our school and the wider community. The SRC has established Student Interest Councils (Sports, Academic, Social Justice, Environment and Arts) to help raise awareness and involvement of students in the wider community of the school.

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Celebrating quality teaching and inspirational teachers

World Teachers’ Day is an annual event celebrated on different dates across the globe recognising and appreciating teachers and the important role they play in shaping the next generation. It is an opportunity to celebrate the 160,000+ hardworking and dedicated primary, secondary and early childhood teachers in NSW.
World Teachers’ Day was celebrated in Australia on Friday 25 October with a presentation evening held in Coffs Harbour on Friday 8 November 2019. We are proud to say that two of our fantastic teachers, Pru Borgert and Stephen Boyd were recognised for their outstanding service.

**Pru Borgert** has a focus on vocal music and has taken students to Sydney and Armidale to allow them to participate in State ensemble performances on numerous occasions. Pru is also an assistant conductor with the Bellingen Youth Orchestra and is also a flute tutor, who has brought the level of performance to a considerably high standard.

Pru leads a Learning Cultures group involved in evaluation for innovative learning. The aboriginal group has relished the opportunity to learn traditional songs at their camps earlier this year led by Pru. Her focus extends to community connections, currently being a leader in the Youth Frontiers Program, empowering students to create substantial changes in our school and local environment, while using community members to mentor participants and help overcome obstacles encountered.

Not just a vibrant classroom teacher, Pru is a leader in music teacher training. She has been seconded all over NSW to upgrade the level of expertise of school staff. She is also experimenting with digital training videos and online platforms to encourage more primary teachers to embrace class singing and musical creativity in the generalist classroom.

Pru is highly regarded by both students and teachers because of her caring approach and highly energetic nature. If you want the job done, ask Pru. You will be assured of an outstanding result.

**Stephen Boyd** is a highly valued member of the Bellingen High School, and local community. He is an extremely passionate agriculture teacher who strives to engage and involve all students in the activities of farm life.

Since coming to Bellingen High School, Stephen has tripled the number of agricultural activities students can participate in. These include cattle club, poultry club, vegetable garden club and cattle show team. He motivates students by providing successful learning activities at each student’s ability level, yet challenges students to higher academic expectations. He is always enthusiastic towards his work which becomes infectious to those around him. Students are recognised for their efforts, and feel supported and trusted within the agriculture environment.
Since Stephen’s arrival, agriculture as a subject has been successfully taught (and selected by students) in all year groups – and Stephen has even introduced Japanese as a Stage 5 elective in 2019. His success culminated in Bellingen High School being the North Coast Champion School based on all local show results. Agriculture is now known in the community (the Bellinger Valley & Coffs greater area) as a ‘stand out’ program that Bellingen High School offers – it is talked of glowingly alongside our music and sports programs. Stephen always attempts to seek ways to involve parents of students into agriculture activities and has become a respected member to the Bellingen agricultural community.

**Careers News**

**Girls Day**

Don't forget Year 9 Girls Day at Bellingen Youth Hub on Wednesday 27th. Girls have a choice of activities and workshops and a delicious lunch will be provided. Permission notes are due Friday 22nd November but will be accepted until 9am Monday 25th.

**Year 9**

Although work experience is a year away students should start making enquiries now. Organisations such as Tarongo Zoo are accepting applications now and only accept one student per school. Many others such at University of Technology Sydney Forensic Labs accept applications from January and close March. More information will be issued at the start of next year but it's good to start giving work experience ideas some thought.

**Year 10 Camp Sydney 2020**

Please help if you are able to donate any prizes or business vouchers for our Camp fundraising raffle next year. Special thanks to Bellingen Canoes who have already donated an activity voucher. Students will be able to sell official raffle tickets to reduce their excursion costs. Please contact Frieda Gorman or Jon Winfer if you can help.

**Year 10**

Please remember to make the most of your current work experience opportunities, complete your log book each day and don't forget to thank your employer for hosting you. Don't forget to let the employer and school know of any changes to times or work days. All students will receive a call or visit from a Year 10 teacher.

**Year 12**

Don't forget to check your "important dates" list or the Year 12 Facebook page for reminders regarding university offer rounds, job vacancies and TAFE courses. You are still welcome to drop in to the Careers office for help and advice. HSC results are released early on Tuesday 17th December. Please ensure your NESA profile is up to date with your correct mobile phone number. ATAR results are released in the afternoon of the same day.
Business Services Excursion

Year 11 enjoyed an excursion to Coffs Harbour offices this week to investigate what happens in the real world of office work!

It was interesting to note the widespread use of technology, never ending lists of policies and procedures, the importance of security and how all offices are recycling and becoming more sustainable. Special thanks to Linda and Emma from the Department of Education, Clyde from Resource Design & Management Pty Ltd and Michelle from Big Banana Admin. At the end of the day we enjoyed sampling a few activities at the Big Banana.
Down at the Ag Plot
Dorrigo Show Preparation

Lots of work has been put in by Year 9 and Year 10 Agriculture students, preparing the cattle for the show. The Cattle Show Team are taking 11 head, everyone carefully washed, clipped and groomed, ready for the show ring.

A group of keen Year 7 students washed the Silver Pencil Wyandottes, so they look their best for the show. Our team consists of 2 hens and 2 roosters.

The Year 9X Agriculture class collected and selected the eggs for the show. Everyone was surprised and now realise that every egg is just a little bit different.

Good Luck to the Show Team.

Silver Pencil Wyandottes

The next chickens have hatched and now are keeping the students happy during class. F10 has a new chicken brooder, which seems to be working well, and is very easy to clean. Our aim is to bring our animals into the classroom, as much as possible.

The next hatch of chickens are due out next week. Hoping for many cute, fluffy chickens.
The Great Radish Competition

Everyone is challenged to grow the best radish possible on the school farm. There are prizes for the biggest, the smallest and the weirdest radish grown by students.

The idea is to show the students that they can plant and grow food for their family, or make a lot of money out of horticulture.

Who will win The Great Radish Competition?

Live Animal Sales

The school farm will have some of the friendly animals for sale, in the next few weeks – 2 ewes and small lambs, plus $10 will get you a 2nd year layer hen. Please contact the school if you are interested. We love our animals to become part of the Bellingen community.

Raised Gardens

The raised gardens have been a huge success this year. Just now the gardens are full of tomatoes, with some gardens containing beautiful flowers, herbs, capsicum, carrots and all kinds of green leafed vegetables.

Hopefully, some of the vegetables find their way to your home.

Stephen Boyd
Agriculture and Primary Industries Teacher
Child Studies Excursion

The Year 9 Child Studies class attended an excursion to the Coffs Harbour Health Campus, Maternity Training Centre on Friday 8th November, for the unit ‘Preparing for Parenting & Conception to Birth’. The presenters included Midwives, Nurses and Health Promotions staff, who were all very knowledgeable and engaging. Some of the highlights of the day included supporting Simone (the birthing simulation manikin) through 3 births and inspecting real-life placentas. The students had the opportunity to ask a range of questions and watch role-plays, by the staff.

Jesse Jeanes & Amanda Meldrum
TAS Faculty
Year 12 Formal

Our fabulous Year 12 students together with their family and friends celebrated the formal with staff last Thursday evening at Pacific Bay Resort. The evening was a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out to make this evening such a success. Each student received a portfolio and several special awards were handed out during the evening.

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Special Awards

Principal’s Award for Leadership
Nadia Birch  Tomas Pocilujko

Bellingen Shire Council Award
Abigale Gordon

Bellingen Music Association Award for Excellence in Creative & Performing Arts
Rosabella Stephen

Consistent Effort through Years 11 And 12
Emily Stalder  Rogan Hunt
Lauren Rigney  Duke Cruickshank
Dylan Wellington  Janardan Curry

Year Advisor’s Achievement Award
Django Nesh  Finn Lawson-John

Coffs Coast Freemasons/Lodge the Raleigh Award
Katelyn Perry

Richard Bunting Memorial Award
Nadia Birch

P&C Award
Ava Kirov  Rosabella Stephen

Reuben F Scarf Award
Abigale Hennessey

Defence Forces Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
Jackson Boyd

P&C Exceptional Achievement Award
Nadia Birch

P&C Unsung Hero Award
Jamie Goolmeeze  Kody Young

University Of Newcastle Academic Scholarship
Nadia Birch

University Of New England Academic Scholarship
Samuel Rowe  Brooklyn Davis

Aboriginal Award for Senior Leadership and Initiative
Aleisha Alford
P&C Determination to Succeed Award  
*Kelsey Williamson-Leslie*

Caltex All Rounder Award  
*Teegan Williamson-Leslie*

English Award  
*Nadia Birch*

Bellingen High School Service Award  
*Sian Banks*

Industrial Technology Award  
*William Thomas*

Wellbeing Award  
*Lorna Cooper, Stella Rees*

Bellingen High School All Rounder Award  
*Sophie Russell*

Year Advisor’s Award for Pursuit of Excellence  
*Timothy Van Hoffen, Aziza Yusuf*

Southern Cross University Chancellors Scholarship  
*Abby Hunter*

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This week the students were challenged to make as many sentences as possible, with the words we have learned. It was very pleasing, watching the students trying to make themselves understood, in Japanese.

Some of the spoken phrases were:

**Mainichi watashi wa Tokyo ni ikimasu**  
I go to Tokyo everyday

**Anata wa enisu o shimasuka**  
Do you play tennis?

**Anata wa tokidoki sakana o tabemasuka**  
Do you sometimes eat sushi?

_Sayounara Sayounara Sayounara_  
_Boido Sensei_
Every year the best Futsal teams from the regional Champions of Champions meet at the Gold Coast for the strongest competition and to be crowned Australian Champion of Champions. This year Bellingen High School had 5 teams qualify for this event. This resulted in 43 students travelling together and competing in the event over three days. It was massive, as this year the competition was no longer divided in to Junior and Senior competitions held at different times, but were all held together at the Gold Coast Indoor Sport and Leisure Centre. The Centre boasts 10 courts all operating games from 8am in the morning until 8pm at night.

All the Bellingen teams performed well and improved over the three days with some great team and individual results.

The 13 years girls’ team, in their first year of competition improved throughout the competition showing some real grit and determination. They definitely matched their opponents on the court but struggled to get the ball in the net. Their best result was a 2 all draw against Kawana Waters. The experience they gained this year will certainly help them develop for future years.

The 14 years girls had a real up and down competition. They were very competitive in every game but just couldn’t seem to get the results. They were the only team to beat the eventual winners Helensvale State HS and the only team to lose to the Islamic College of Brisbane (in rather controversial circumstances). They also managed a narrow loss 3-4 to the fancied Northern Beaches team from Sydney. Overall they finished in 5th position just missing out on the semi-finals.

The 15 years boys had a hard competition but never gave up. They achieved some very creditable results going down to Chancellor State College (a selective football academy high school) 2-4 and gaining a draw against Armidale Secondary College. Their competition was made harder losing Ethan Winfer with a broken arm on the first day of competition.

The 16 years boys also found the going tough. They had some good results early on but injuries really took their toll leaving them with only a skeleton crew on the court. Despite this, their determination to not give up saw them finish in 6th position overall.

The 19 years girls team performed extremely well starting the competition with a 6-2 win over CHEC followed by a close 3-4 loss to Helensvale in a rough encounter. The final game of the first day saw them defeat Robina 3-0 in a tidy display.

Day 2 began with a 6-2 defeat of Hastings Secondary College followed by a victory over Mansfield 2-1. The third game of the day was against Lake Ginninderra from Canberra and this proved to be the game of the tournament so far. The Lake team is from a senior Secondary College of over 600 senior students, in partnership with the University of Canberra and The Australian Institute of Sport. It was apparent from the start that this was an extremely good team and to match it with them we would need to play our best. A cracker of a game saw the final result 1-1. This left the girls with one final game against Downlands College on the Sunday morning. A win by 3 goals would put us in first position, a loss would put us in 4th. With the match poised at 4-2 caution was thrown to
the wind to get that extra goal. Things unravelled a little towards the end and the final score was 5-5. This meant we had to play the Lake in the semi-final – if we had lost we would have played Robina, which was much more to our liking.

The semi–final was a close affair with the Bellingen girls having some very close chances early on but couldn’t quite convert. Half time saw a 0-0 score line. The second half started and saw the Lake penetrate our zone and score a good goal. From here it was always catch-up. Unfortunately it wasn’t our day going down eventually 3-0. Lake Ginninderra did deservedly win the final against Robina.

During these tournaments the coaches from all teams select five players from all the teams in their division that they consider are the best players. Usually you are lucky to get one player in in what is called the All Stars 5. Bellingen High had 2 players in the 19 years team selected – Willow Neal and Tallara Doye, and 2 players in the 14 years team selected – Pixie Hill and Jamika McAulay-Earnest. This is a credit to their quality of play on the court and the positive way they play the game. It is a real honour and shows the impact these girls had on the competition.
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BY PROKOFIEV

Come dressed as your favourite ‘Peter and the Wolf’ character.

A classic tale & musical symphony for children:
Narrated by Elizabeth Scott

Saturday 7th December
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Session times:
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Bellingen Youth Orchestra presents

**THE PROMS**

Prokofiev:
Romeo & Juliet

Bizet: Carmen

ELGAR: Pomp & Circumstance

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Bellingen Memorial Hall

2:00PM & 6:30PM

Admission: Adult $15
Concession: $10

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