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Bellingen High School NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

The HSC continues to roll on and students are entering their final preparations for summative assessment examinations in the next fortnight. We hope they study hard; listen to the tips and cues offered by their teachers and attempt practice papers wherever possible and prompted.

Next week's Chicken Extravaganza has students excited – and Mr Boyd continues to come to assemblies – with live produce (I am sure someone once said never to work with children and animals – yet, he manages both!) and an effervescent enthusiasm which is highly contagious! There will be plenty of photos in the next edition, I am certain.

Uniform continues to be an issue – as does student responses to questioning what they wear. The NSW Department of Education Student Code of Behaviour clearly indicates that wearing the school dress code is an expectation. I appreciate it is getting to the end of the year – and students may be outgrowing their current set of uniform, so, if any family wants assistance to purchase uniform for 2021, please let us know – we have plenty of Lowes dollars available. We should be taking delivery of our first shipment of hemp shirts in the school colour and style of the Lowes shirt, with school logo. These will be sold for \$30 – the same as the shirt from Lowes. This should suit students with sensitive skin and those with allergies to synthetic blends. I would like to thank Lydia Chesterman for researching this and presenting a submission for the school to consider, and to Frieda Gorman for following through on this with a Byron Bay based company. Student voice is a powerful thing and Lydia's ideas and persistence demonstrate just that!

We will be holding prospective School Leadership Team interviews next week. Mr Wickham, Mr Laverty and myself are really looking forward to discussing ideas with students and them explaining the platforms on which they wish to stand for a leadership position and what they think it may entail. Good luck and good fortune to each of the candidates as they enter this phase of the process.

Year 12 are required to completely sign out prior to graduation and before they are entitled to go to their graduation dinner. This includes: returning text books; library books; locker keys; subject resources they may have borrowed from their teacher and paying subject fees. Each student will be given a form to get signed by their teachers



– with the last signature being mine, to indicate full sign out. The Year 12 Graduation Dinner, to be held at Cedar Bar on Thursday evening, November 19, is fast approaching. Payment and sign out can be completed at the front office. I am sure it will be a beautiful event for all who attend.

Until next time:



Kim Dixon

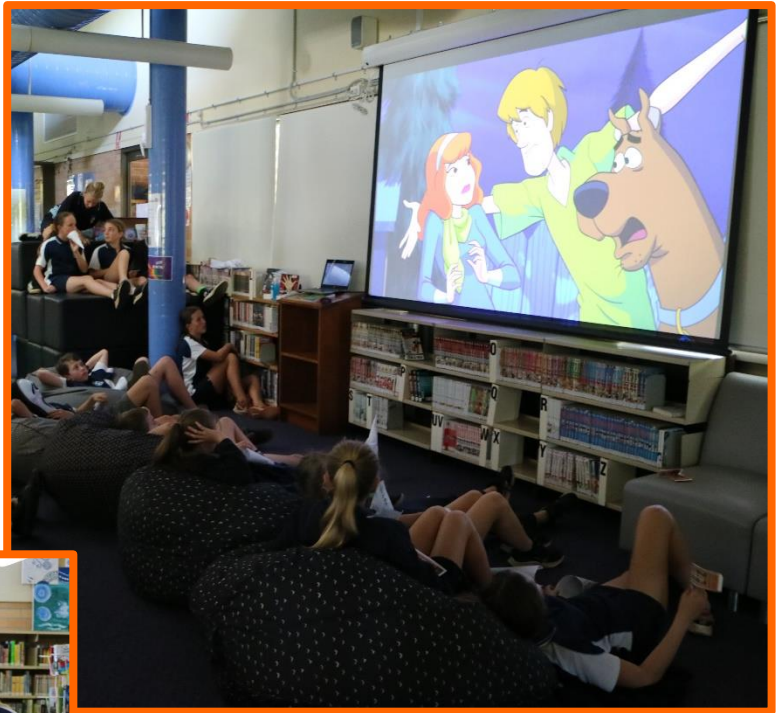
YEAR 12 - TERM 4 ASSESSMENTS		
Week 7A	Biology	In-class Data Assessment
Week 7A	Earth & Environmental Science	Research Task
Week 7A	Physics	Skills and Data Task
Week 7A	Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation	Practical and Skills Session
Week 7A	Hospitality	Topic Quiz
Week 8B	Ancient History	Task
Week 8B	English Standard	In class task
Week 8B	English Studies	Multimodal
Week 8B	Geography	In class task
Week 8B	PDHPE	Sports Medicine – Case Study
Week 9A	Business Studies	Topic Test
Week 9A	Legal Studies	In class task
Week 9A	Music 1 & 2	Solo/Ensemble Performance
Weeks 9A/10B	Drama	Performance Workshop & Essay
Week 8B	English Advanced	In class task
Week 10B	Aboriginal Studies	Research Study
Week 10B	Chemistry	Research Task and in class test
Week 10B	Economics	Research and in class task

Year 10 Examination Timetable 2020		
PERIOD	MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER Week 5A	TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER Week 5A
1	MATHEMATICS	
2		AGRICULTURE X & Y ELECTIVES
RECESS		
3		
4		
LUNCH		
5	SCIENCE	
6		

Library News

The library hosted the premiere of the film *Happy Halloween, Scooby Doo*. Students in Year 7 that collected 5 tokens with 5 different teachers were able to redeem them for a movie ticket. It was a lot of fun and students requested we host more movie premieres.

Haridian Ramirez
Teacher Librarian / Distance Ed
Coordinator



Careers News WHS White card

Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed their WHS White cards recently:

- Noah Baldwin
- Matthew Borgert
- Drew Clark
- John Clark
- Max Cracknell
- Adrien Dodd
- Mekeisha Donnelly
- Jett Guest
- Joe Hardinge
- Koby Henwood
- Kynan Henwood
- Ryan Hooper
- Luke Ivey
- Sam Perrot
- Angelina Phillips
- Seth Preston
- Jacob Rattray
- Lochlan Rixon
- Callum Scrivens
- Jordan Steele

Frieda Gorman
Careers Advisor

From the English Faculty

Year 7 English have been working on a poetry topic where they have been refining their skills in analysing poetry for meaning. As part of this unit, 7ENGM were exploring extended metaphors and similes. Here is a sample of their efforts in creating extended metaphors and similes about memory.

*Cath Fisher
English Faculty*

My Memory is a Song

My memory is a song.

When I think about my song it seems as if
Everybody should have a memory song
Just like mine.

The song is a rather expressive song.
It ebbs and flows
According to the memory.
It is a song of hope, of sadness,
Filled with both good and bad memories.
And its tune sometimes replicates
That of my favourite pop song.

Inside the song of my memory are
Nuances so subtle you might
Miss them if you don't listen
Carefully enough.
These are my sad memories -
The ones I keep hidden because of the
Pain they bring.

To hear my song is to see my song,
To live the memories as if they were
Your own.
And sometimes, the memories are tangible -
Especially if they're sad.

A song.
What is the point
Of a simple song for your memories,
You say?

Simple?
Ah, you've got it all wrong.
Just listen to my song.

By Saskia Scheib

A Memory Like Music

My memory is like an acoustic guitar,
Confusing at first glance,
But relevant when it comes to mind.
It looks unique and splendid,
Curving in just the right places,
Strings slowly vibrating in the wind.
Classical melodies invading your ears,
The tuning not too sharp nor too flat.
It is a warm burnish brown colour,
Calming at first feel.

In the chords of my memory are
locked songs,
Waiting to be played.
I express myself with sound,
Venturing on and not looking back.
And yet sometimes the notes mix,
And they make something new,
A cheerful beat of a song never
heard before.
No-one knows what I am capable of,
Because after all I am just another
instrument.

By Jayden De La Cruz



Water bottle

My memory is a water bottle.

As strange as it might be, I'm always full when I'm hydrated and non-existent when I'm thirsty.

It's sturdy and ridged on the outside and holds everything together but as strong as it might be it is still transparent, one cut or hole everything is gone, empty, cold, useless.

Inside the still water everything is important even the smallest drop holds a close tight memory, one shake could mix everything the wrong way.

Once you take a sip it's unstoppable. Your thirst increases, the taste is just right.

Who would think that just a regular everyday object could be so sensitive to the way you treat it.

By Imogen Webb



Tell Them From Me Survey



A winner has been drawn from parents who completed the Tell Them From Me parent survey. Congratulations to Anika Montgomery who received a \$20 voucher to spend at HYDE Bellingden. Survey from the data will help to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and school. It can help our school understand parents' perspectives on their children's experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour; understand parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their children's learning; provide evidence of areas of strength to support self-assessment and reporting; engage the school community in discussions to identify strategic directions for school improvement and establish quantitative improvement measures and help schools track achievement against them.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Haridian Ramirez
TTFM Coordinator

Down at the Farm

The Lismore Show in Bellingen – A Huge Success!

The show was held last Friday on the school farm. It was amazing to see 31 hardworking students present 8 Red Poll heifers and 1 steer, for showing in such a professional manner. This is a rundown on what happened during the day - a normal school day, plus an extra hour at the start.

8:00am-9:00am

Set up the stalls for the cattle, hang the signs, bring down all the feed and water bins.

9:00am-10:38am

Fed, washed and blow dried the cattle. Did the very best to prepare the heifer or steer for competition.

10:38am-11:03am

Break 1 - most of this was taken up by putting the final touches onto their beautiful Red Poll cattle.

11:03am-12:41pm

This was showtime! The first event was Champion Red Poll of Show. This event saw 9 quality exhibits in the ring, along with 31 students. After much discussion amongst the judging panel, Pixie Hill and Mr Boyd, it was decided everyone was the winner. All the cattle, and the students were so well presented.



Very pleasing was that everyone, young and old, individually prepared the cattle by themselves. Mr Boyd was able to relax and enjoy the show.

Next - the parading competition. This event provided great debate amongst the judging panels. Year 7 and 8 were judged by Year 9 and 10 students; Year 9 and Year 10 were judged by Year 7 and 8 students. All the decisions were final and accepted in good spirits.

The results were as follows:

Year 7 Heat 1

- 1st Roxy Thomas
- 2nd Bianca Smart
- 3rd Olivia McLagan



Year 7 Heat 2

- 1st Echo Divola
- 2nd Scarlett Cowley
- 3rd Tessa Gunther

Year 8

- 1st Kacey Blackwell
- 2nd Annie Riley
- 3rd Charlotte Michelsen

Year 9

- 1st Tui Apanui
(Special Guest Parader: Mr Laverty)
- 2nd Rosie Yeates
- 3rd James Pollard

Year 10 and Oldies

- 1st Chelsea Nolan
- 2nd Mr Boyd

12:41pm-1:31pm

Break 2 - a great BBQ prepared by Tony Dixon. Much appreciated by all.

1:31pm-2:15pm

The Junior Judging Competition.

This event challenged students to judge 4 heifers and rank them from 1st to 4th, in the same order as the judges. This section was worth 50 marks. They then had to answer 5 questions about the heifers, while not looking at them, worth another 50 marks. Quite a challenging task. The results were:

1 st	Evie Quennell	100
2 nd	Maizi Tulloch	92
= 3 rd	Meadow Cairns-Ilsley	90
	Olivia McLagan	90
	Jayden De La Cruz	90
	Lilly Bowen	90
	Olivia Fairbanks	90

2:15pm-2:45pm

Clean up time. Managed to put everything away. Rest time for the cattle.

2:45pm-3:09pm

Presentation time.

One student's comment at the end of the day "A great day, hope the shows are back on next year."



What! More Chickens

One hundred Isa Brown chickens arrived on the farm on Tuesday. They will form the basis of the schools 100 bird laying flock, next year.

At the end of the year we will have 30 pullets (10 weeks old) available for sale, if interested.



The Summer Gardens are Planted

All the raised gardens were carefully planted by Year 9 and Year 10 Agriculture classes last week. This year we are growing beans and tomatoes – we now have an extra 18 gardens all planted with beans and tomatoes.

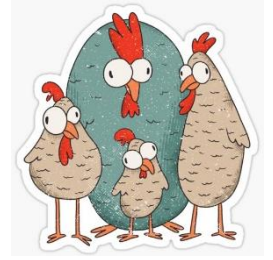
Hoping for a bumper harvest towards the end of the year.



2020 Show Schedule

Upcoming shows to be held inside Bellingen High School:

- ☺ Friday 13 November World Poultry Extravaganza in Bellingen
- ☺ Friday 27 November The Dorrigo Show in Bellingen



FOR SALE

2 ewes - \$100 each

12 (very quiet) lambs - \$100 each

Contact Mr Boyd or Mr Dixon 66551 315

*Stephen Boyd
Agriculture and Primary Industries Teacher
Science Faculty*

Got symptoms? Get tested.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

Symptoms include:



fever



cough



sore throat



difficulty breathing



loss of smell



loss of taste

Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include:

fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite or other flu symptoms.



Testing is free, quick and easy
health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

Bellingen Drive Thru COVID Testing Clinic

TIME: 9am to 9.30am

WHEN: Monday to Friday

WHERE: 15-23 Watson Street,
Bellingen (behind St
Mary's Primary School)

CONTACT: 6655 0663

The opening hours of the clinic may expand if case numbers expand in NSW and demand for testing increases

****COVID results for students undertaking HSC will be fast tracked and back within 24 hours****

2020 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 4

	Monday 9 November HSC Day 15	Tuesday 10 November HSC Day 16	Wednesday 11 November HSC Day 17
AM	Chemistry 9.25am – 12.30pm	Automotive (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am <i>Vehicle Body</i> <i>Mechanical Technology</i> Food Technology 9.25am – 12.30pm	Design and Technology 11.25am – 1.00pm
PM	English Extension 1 1.50pm – 4.00pm Modern Greek Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Earth and Environmental Science 1.55pm – 5.00pm Information Processes and Technology 1.55pm – 5.00pm Italian Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Korean and Literature 2.00pm – 5.00pm Korean in Context 2.00pm – 4.40pm	Drama 2.25pm – 4.00pm

Preparing for your exams When preparing for your exams, find out what to expect in the exam room and the exam paper, including where to write your answers. For each course you are studying, know the rules and requirements, and what to expect in each exam.

Information about the HSC exams Make sure you have read and understand the *2020 Higher School Certificate Rules and Procedures* guide. You should have received a guide from your school and can also access it here: educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/hsc/rules-procedures-guide-students.

There are serious consequences for:

- cheating in an exam
- disobeying NESA's rules for exam conduct
- not making a serious attempt across a range of questions in each exam

Any of these offences may result in reduced marks, course cancellation or loss of your HSC.

The timetable's exam starting time is when reading time begins. Arrive at your exam venue well before the time specified.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

9-13	Years 9 & 10 Exams
11	HSC ends
16-27	Year 10 Work Experience
16-20	Years 7 & 8 Exams
17	Futsal – 13's & 14's (Boys & Girls)
18	Futsal – 19's (Boys & Girls)
19	Futsal – 16's (Boys & Girls)
27	Year 10 Work Experience ends

DECEMBER

10	Years 7 to 10 Reports Issued
11	Presentation Day
16	Final day for students
17-18	Staff Development Day

JANUARY 2021

27-28	Staff Development Days
29	Years 7 / 11 / 12 start

FEBRUARY

1	Years 8 / 9 / 10 start
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MARCH

9-12	Year 10 Camp
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Did you know?

- ☺ The small indents in the bottom of frozen pizzas are there to prevent air bubbles forming inside the dough.
- ☺ Ducks like to surf. They have been observed riding tides and swimming back to ride them again.
- ☺ The Beatles used the word 'love' 613 times in their songs.
- ☺ Alligators will give manatees the right of way if they are swimming near each other.
- ☺ A BBC News program broadcast in 1957 ended claiming that spaghetti grew on trees on a farm in Switzerland. Many viewers believed the report and called the BBC asking how to grow their own trees. Their response: "Put a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best".
- ☺ Crocs footwear was born after a farmer took inspiration from seeing a crocodile chew holes in his gumboots.
- ☺ Sweden has a rabbit show jumping competition called Kaninhoppning.
- ☺ Toilet seat covers are basically pointless.

Stymie Focus

**YOU GOT
THIS!**
You sure do!


#saysomething

**If you know the way,
show the way.**

Be the light in someone's darkness.



Welcome Back!

3.30 – 5.00PM

BELLO YOUTH HUB

**DROP IN
IS ON**

TUESDAY: YEARS 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY: YEARS 9 & 10

FRIDAY: YEARS 11 & 12

Movies Food Music ping pong and more

Covid safe procedures
and numbers apply