

December 9, 2022

Bellingen High School NEWSLETTER

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Gumbaynggirr Country

News from the Relieving Principal Reports

On Tuesday December 13 all students in Years 7-10 will receive their Semester 2 reports. Staff have been working hard to provide quality reports about your students learning, any areas for improvement and those areas to celebrate their successes. We encourage students to sit down with their parents/carers to reflect on their learning and develop some goals for when they return in 2023.

Our Amazing Staff

As a school we continue to provide quality learning experiences for students both within the classroom and through the many extra-curricular activities on offer at our school. As they spend the last weeks at school finalising 2022 and preparing for 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their efforts throughout the year. We have amazing staff at Bellingen High School and are grateful for everything they do.

Our final newsletter for the year will be published in week 10.

Tim Lavery



Farewell Year 12 2022!

Our Year 12 Formal was held on Thursday November 10 at the Sawtell RSL Club. We had 46 graduating students, and many family members, friends, partners, and ex-students join the celebration.

Following informal photos overlooking the beach, students made their entrance accompanied by our string quartet and were presented with portfolios containing certificates, personalised references, Year 7 letters to their future self, letters from Year Advisors and a gift from the school. In between dinner courses, awards were presented, and guests also had the opportunity to have professional photos taken, use the fun photo booth, mingle with other families, and watch a slide show of photos of students from Kindergarten to Year 12! Our tables were beautifully decorated with native flowers thanks to parents Rachael Case, Milo Bowd and Christine and Kevin Mitchell. Our Year 12 Leadership Team presented the Cancer Council with a cheque for \$500 and gifted a worm farm to our Student Environment Council, thanks to their fundraising activities throughout the year. The evening ended with a beautiful celebration cake (right) organised by parent Jo Fitzgerald.



Bellingen High School would like to thank Sawtell RSL Club for all their help and support, nothing was too much trouble and staff were so helpful. Chad Miller from Coffs Harbour Camera House also took some wonderful photographs.

Award Recipients 2022

First in Subject

Aboriginal Studies	Lydia Chesterman
Ancient History	Katia Finney
Biology	Demi Bowd
Business Services	Mekeisha Donnelly
Business Studies	Shane Marr
Chemistry	Samuel Case
Drama	Samuel Case
Economics	Liam McFarlane
English Advanced	Samuel Case
English Standard	Demi Bowd
English Studies	Jemimah Chelman
Geography	Jasmine Cheers
History Extension	Lewis Pagulayan-McCabe
Industrial Technology – Metal	Julian Flynn
Industrial Technology – Wood	Liam McFarlane
Legal Studies	Katia Finney
Mathematics Advanced	Bohdi Wain
Mathematics Extension 1	Matthew Borgert
Mathematics Extension 2	Samuel Case
Mathematics General – Course 2	Leilani Fitzgerald
Mathematics Numeracy	Rebecca Stockton
Modern History	James Loebel
Music 1	Phoenix Smith
Music 2	Matthew Borgert Luke Mitchell
Music Ext.	Matthew Borgert
PDHPE	Demi Bowd
Physics	Matthew Borgert
Primary Industries	Chelsea Nolan
Society & Culture	Demi Bowd
Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation	Ethan Winfer
Visual Arts	Leilani Fitzgerald
Work Studies	Caleb Knobloch





Special Awards

AWARD	RECIPIENT/S	
Principals Award for Leadership	Samuel Case	Demi Bowd
Bellingen Music Association Award for Excellence in Creative & Performing Arts	Byron Livingstone	
Bellingen High School Consistent Effort Award	Lydia Chesterman Chelsea Nolan Sarah Ryan Phoenix Smith Charlotte Lennon Freya Marsland Murray	Leilani Fitzgerald James Ruming Samuel Sincock Rebecca Stockton
Year Advisor's Achievement Award	Mekeisha Donnelly	James Loebel
Coffs Coast Freemasons/Lodge The Raleigh Award	Maya Fitzgerald	
Richard Bunting Memorial Award	Matthew Borgert	
P&C Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement	Samuel Case	
Reuben F Scarf Award	Bohdi Wain	
Defence Forces Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award	Demi Bowd	
ADF Future Innovators Award	Samuel Case	
P&C Exceptional Achievement Award	Matthew Borgert	
P&C Unsung Hero Award	Shavonne Barlow	
University of Newcastle Academic Scholarship	Byron Livingstone	
University of New England Academic Scholarship	Demi Bowd	Chelsea Nolan
Aboriginal Award for Senior Leadership and Initiative	Mekeisha Donnelly	Luke Mitchell
P&C Determination to Succeed Award	Indigo Seeley	
Ampol Best All Rounder Award	Luke Mitchell	
The Golden Quill of Achievement in English Award	Samuel Case	
Bellingen High School Service Award	Jasmine Cheers	Katia Finney
Wellbeing Award	Toby McCarthy	
Bellingen High School All Rounder Award	Emily Sutherland	
Year Advisor's Award for Pursuit of Excellence	Samuel Case	
Bellingen High School Improvement Award	Koby Henwood Ethan Winfer	Liam McFarlane
Industrial Technology Award	Liam McFarlane	
Southern Cross University Chancellors Scholarship	Luke Mitchell	Bohdi Wain

From the CAPA Faculty

Year 10 Portrait Drawing Exhibition

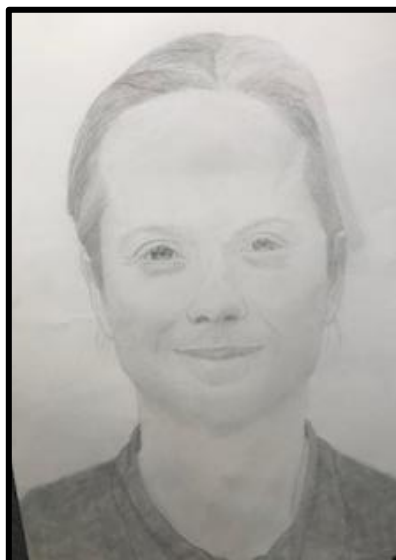
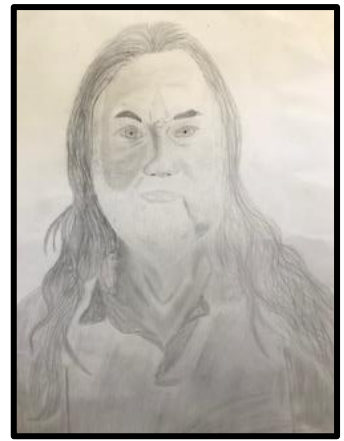
Our Year 10 Visual Arts class were put to the challenge to create a portrait drawing of a Bellinghen High staff member that reflected class work done on the annual national "Archibald Portrait Prize".

The long-anticipated exhibition of Year 10 Visual Arts portrait drawings has been open for viewing and voting by staff and students, the winner being announced next week.

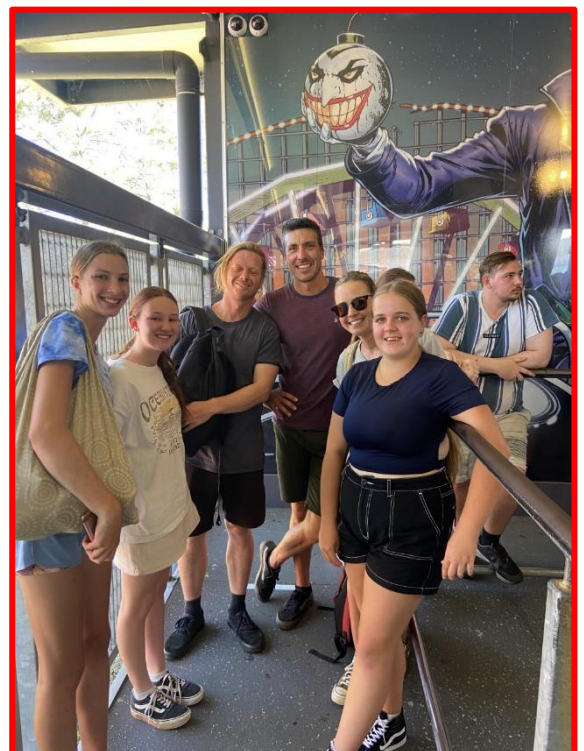
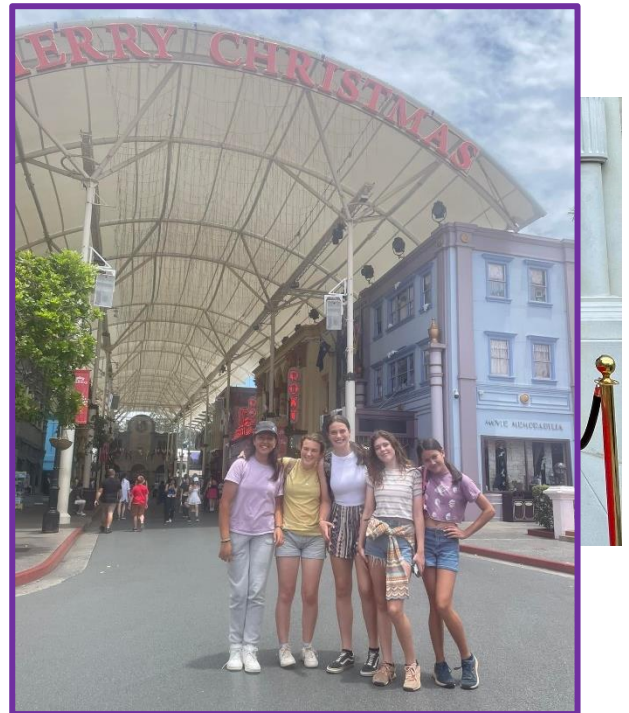
The students selected their subject from willing staff participants and created a large realistic style portrait in a drawing or paint medium of their choice - the results are outstanding!

Rob Wickham
CAPA Faculty

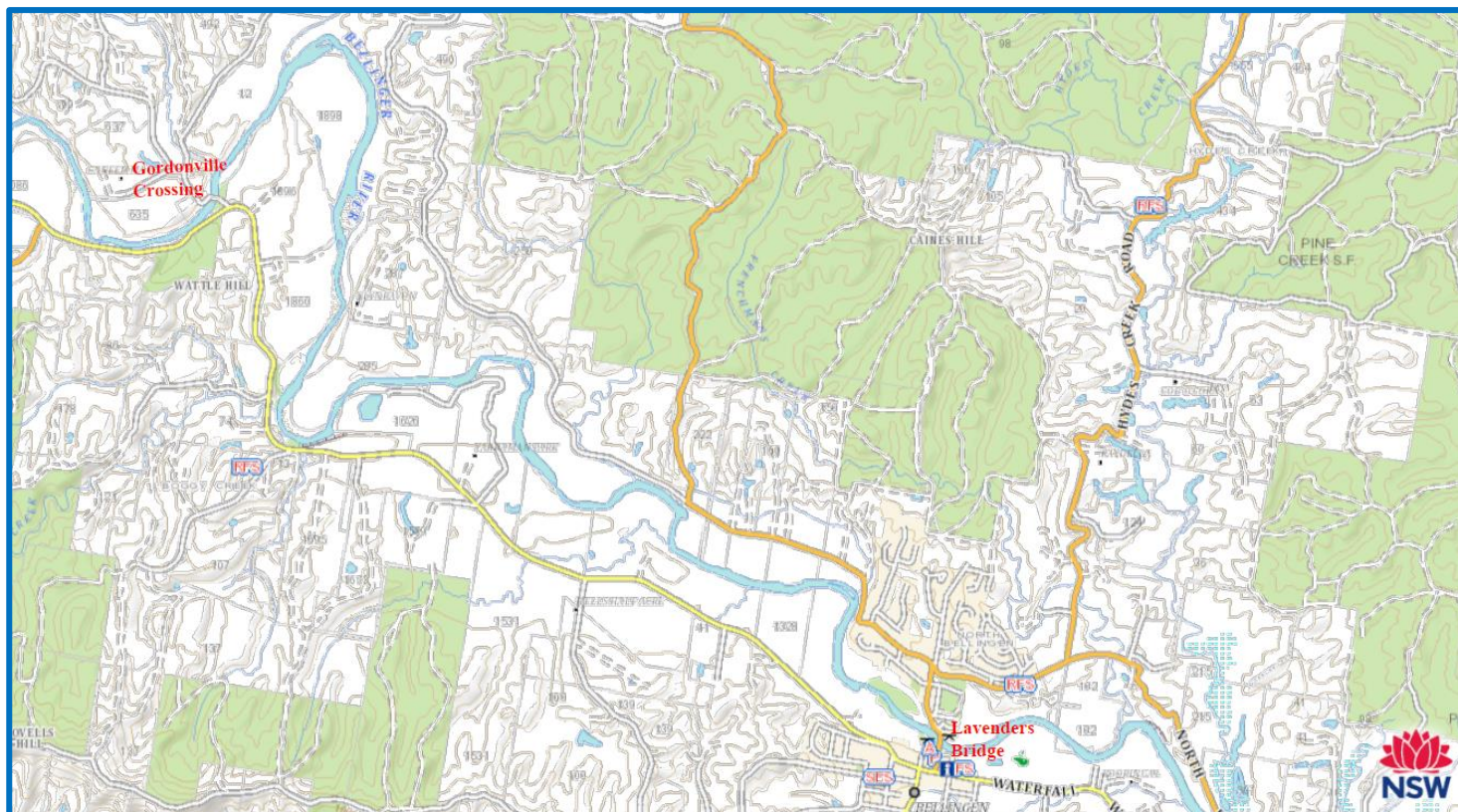




Rewards Excursion 2022



Riverwatch Canoe Fieldtrip



Gordonville Crossing to Lavenders Bridge - Wednesday November 23, 2022

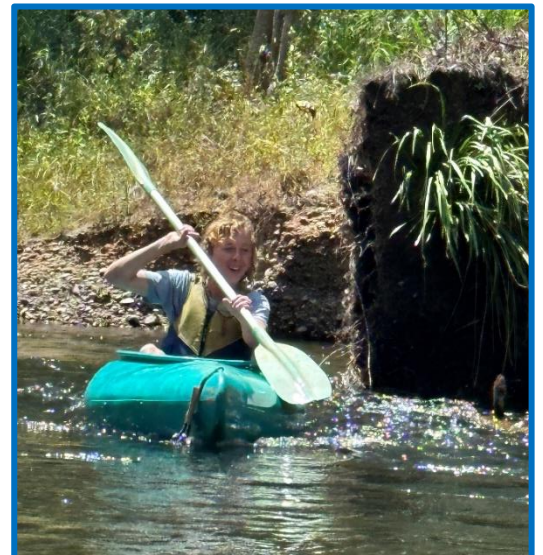
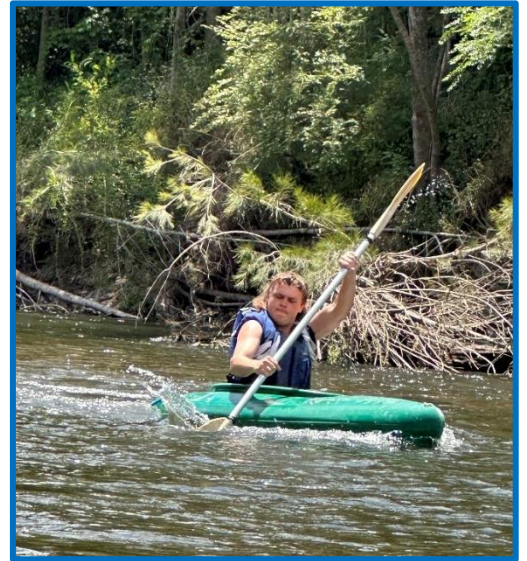
After a year of studying the Bellinger River Catchment, the Year 9 Riverwatch Elective class undertook a canoe trip from Gordonville Crossing to Lavenders Bridge, a distance of about ten kilometres.

We spent the day on the river taking note of the health of the water, the state of the riverbanks and the need for riparian vegetation. The river had a steady flow but had dropped substantially after a few dry weeks. One obvious feature was the clarity of the water and temperature drop when we paddled into the junction of the Never River (below).



Many thanks to Jody and Daniel from Bellinghen Canoe Adventures for an amazing and rewarding day, including the sausage sizzle at the end of the journey.

Andy Core
HSIE Faculty





Canteen News

Spriggy Schools app Update

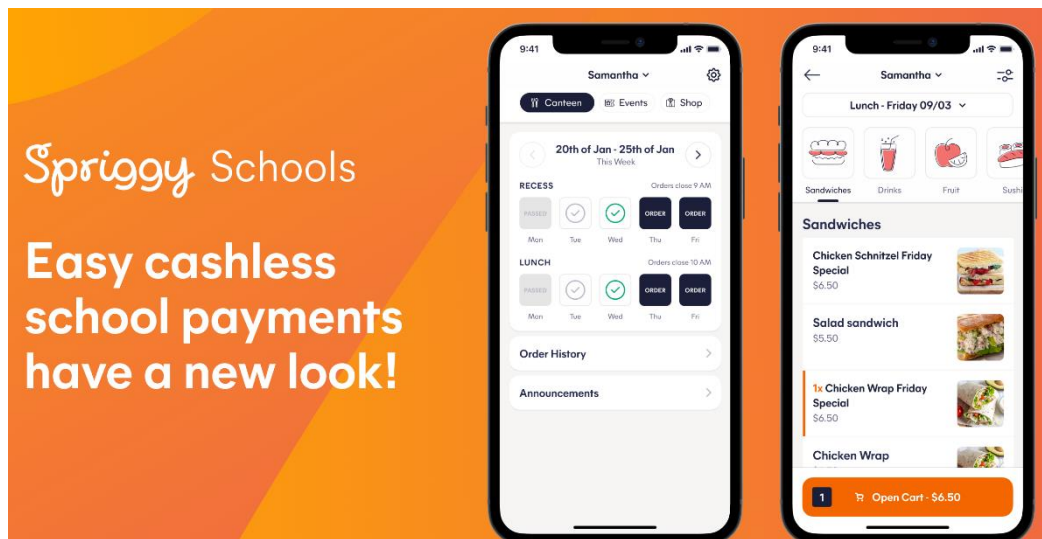
We are updating our app to give you an even better experience when you order for your kids!

What's changed?

Our new app has all the same features as our previous app, but with these improvements:

- We have improved the menu to simplify your day
- You can now repeat your past orders with a simple click
- You can hide announcements you have already read
- We have made it easier to place orders for all your kids at once!

[Find out more about Spriggy](#)



Careers News

Year 12

Thank you to the University of Newcastle Future Students team who visited during lunch on Monday November 7 to meet our new Year 12's. The University of Newcastle will be back early next year as part of the University Roadshow.

Frieda Gorman
Careers Advisor



LOWES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE... **NSW BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM**

What is covered by NSW back to school program? 3 x \$50 Vouchers

Eligible purchases are limited to the following

School uniforms (K-12)

- Your complete school uniform
- Hats
- Socks
- Shoes
- Umbrellas
- Raincoats

Trade Schools (pathway program)

- High Vis Polo Tops and Shirts
- Industrial Pants and Shorts
- Steel Cap Boots
- Socks Protectors
- Safety Equipments

***T&Cs Apply. No returns, exchanges in accordance with our returns policy**



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ONCE THE NSW SERVICES APP
RELEASES THE PROGRAM, REDEEM
YOUR VOUCHERS INSTORE OR ONLINE

Down at the Ag Plot

Dorrigo Show

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November saw the Bellingen High School Cattle Team attend the Dorriggo Show. The 20 strong team exhibited animals from the school's very own Bell-Hy Red Poll Stud, Belarosa Red Poll Stud and we can't forget Amanda Lockman's little Jersey-cross poddy calves you might have seen around the school!

Having recently attended the North Coast National a few weeks earlier, the team were well drilled with all cattle being washed and prepared in time for junior judging and junior parading on Friday afternoon. In these events, the students themselves are assessed on their parading and cattle judging. These events are an important inclusion at agricultural shows as they offer young people the opportunity to learn and become part of the show scene long term. All our students participated in these categories with six students placing in the finals for junior judging and one third place for the 14-16 age group, Juliet Ryan, at her very first show!

The cattle classes started soon after the junior categories with the school's competition on the Saturday afternoon. Bellingen High entered a total of 14 animals, the largest number for any school entrant. This competition involved points being awarded for the preparation and presentation of the animals. Congratulations to Abbi Sheridan and Eibhlin Kealy-Banks who placed third for their work with Belarosa Sophie.

Saturday saw the commencement of the pure-bred cattle section. The large school farm at Bellingen High provides the physical space to maintain the Bell-Hy Red Poll Stud, which allows us to participate in this part of the competition. The team also exhibited stock from the Belarosa Red Poll Stud, giving plenty of opportunities for team members to practice their parading skills. The following animals placed in the pure-bred classes:

- Red Poll Female 12 and under 16 months: Belrosa Sonya
- Red Poll Female 16 and under 20 months: Bell-Hy Strawberry
- Red Poll Female 30+ months: Bell-Hy Quinoa
- Square Meater Champion Female: Maryvale Rona





The Dorrigo Show wraps up the 2022 Belling High School Cattle Program. Enabling this show was a real team effort, with support from Amanda Lockman and Melissa Spillett with cattle handling, Ms Hughes for overnight supervision, Mr Montgomery for supervision on the Saturday and Mr Boyd for his ongoing support to the program.

*Peter Fox
Science Faculty/Ag Teacher*



Sport News

North Coast Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Caleb Daykin (Year 10) who was awarded Age Champion at the recent North Coast Swimming Championships. Caleb won 5 gold and 4 silver medals - all the hours of training and dedication has paid off.

Caleb's next major competition is at the NSW Senior Stage Age Championships at Sydney Olympic Park between December 10 and 16. We wish him all the best.



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YOUNG POTTERS

With
Miss Holding



9th - 13th
January,
2023

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AGES 8 - 18 YEARS

January School Holiday Activity for Teens!

it's your time to
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The Bellingen Shire Libraries are hosting a drumming session with Kaya Boom from The Rhythm Realm.

No prior knowledge is required. All equipment is provided. All you need to bring along is your sense of fun and groove!



book now

Bellingen Library

Tuesday 17th Jan
10:30am

Urunga Library

Wednesday 18th Jan
10:30am

Dorrigo Library

Wednesday 18th Jan
2:30pm



BELLINGEN
SHIRE COUNCIL

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All together this summer

Come and build, draw,
grow, play and create...

Fun activities inspired by local artist and
author Penelope Pratley's book illustrations.

2-3pm

Woolgoolga - Tues 17 Jan

HBML - Wed 18 Jan

Toormina - Thurs 19 Jan

Pick up your creative journal

The journal has fun activities
for kids and some great reading
recommendations too.

**Available at your
local library branch**

Join the Summer Reading Club

Get your card stamped and go
into the draw to win one of
Penelope Pratley's books.

**Available at your
local library branch**

Celebrate your Summer Reading

Join Penelope at Harry Bailey
Memorial Library for some
guided creative activities.

2-3pm

Tuesday 24 January

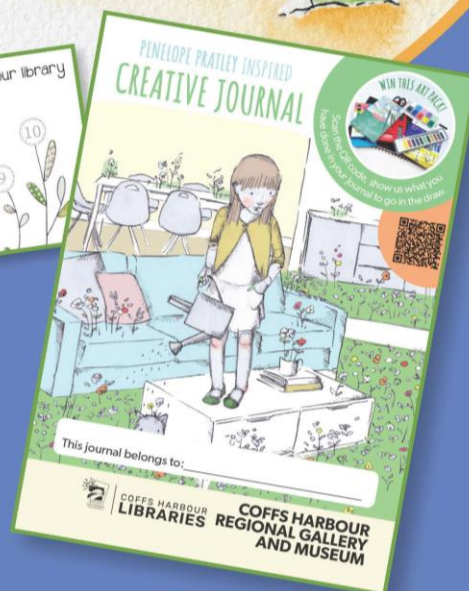
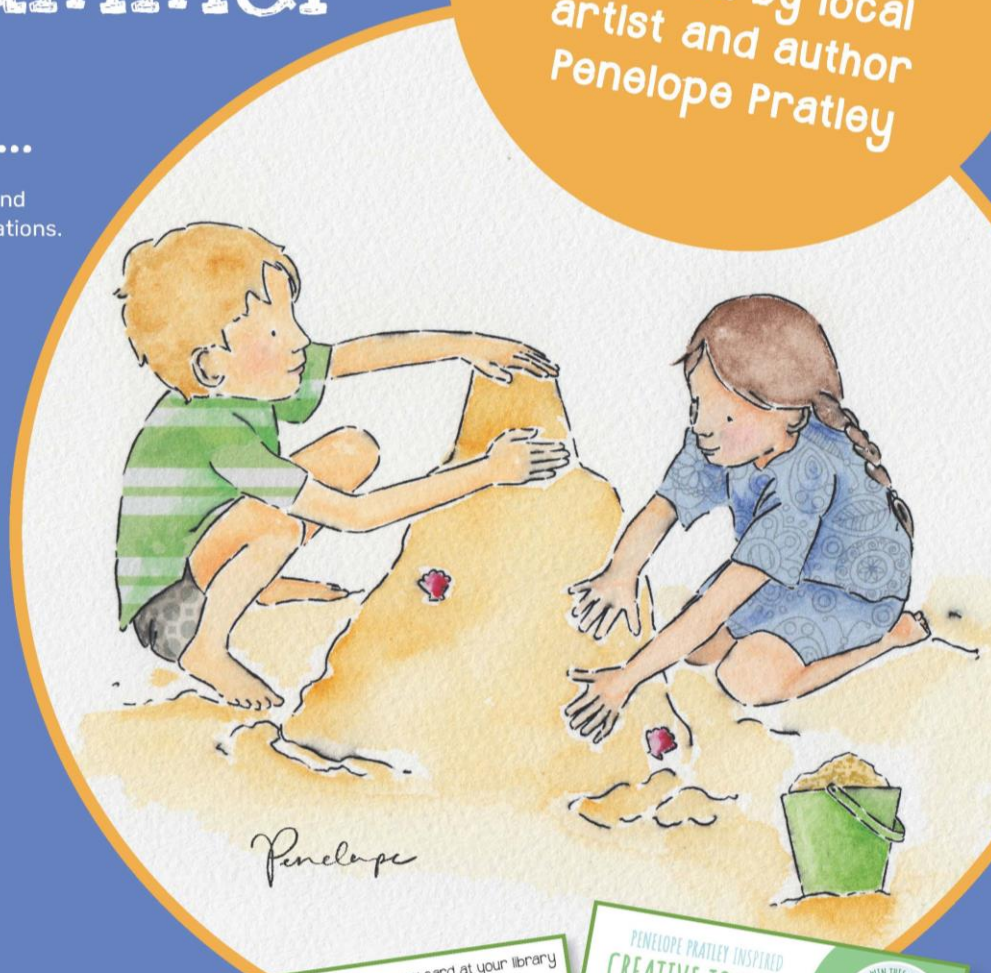
**Registrations are essential
for in-library activities.**

Please book through the website.



**School Holiday
FUN**

Inspired by local
artist and author
Penelope Pratley



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**COFFS HARBOUR
LIBRARIES**

*Coffs Harbour Libraries are cultural
facilities of Coffs Harbour City Council*

Will your child be catching the bus to school in 2023? Applications are now open for a Bus Travel Pass. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of Term 4. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible.

Here is how it works:

Bus passes

All students catching the bus in 2023 will need a school travel pass.

Under the School Student Transport Scheme, eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.

For more information about the School Student Transport Scheme and how to apply for a school travel pass, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer. Applications for 2023 opened at the start of Term 4.

Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to busways.com.au/nsw
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device.
If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.

School Bus Service Interruptions

Due to the upcoming roadworks on Freshwater Creek bridge, Old Coast Road – Repton, there will be a change to **School Bus S336** and **School Bus S265**. Commencing **Monday 28 November 2022**, the bus will operate the following route and times.

These diversions will **omit Old Coast Road between Overhead Bridge Road and Perrys Road**.

Services will return to normal from Day 1 Term 1 2023.

School Bus S265 – AM Service

School Bus S265 will depart from McCabes Road (Bundagen Gate) at 7.30am (10 minutes earlier) via McCabes Road, Overhead Bridge Road, **left Pine Creek Way, Keevers Drive, left Perrys Road**, Tuckers Rock Road, Forest Drive to the Repton Fire Shed for the transfer to School Bus S272 or School Bus S285.

School Bus S336 – PM Service

School Bus S336 will depart from Repton Public School at 3:25pm and operate current route and times to Repton Fire Shed to accept transfers from School Bus S329 and School Bus S369. Then School Bus S336 will operate via Forest Drive, Tuckers Rock Road, **Perrys Road, right Keevers Drive, Pine Creek Way**, right Overhead Bridge Road, right McCabe Road to Bundagen Gate (**4:09pm**).

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 692 929** or Infoline@busways.com.au

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SUMMER SOUNDS

FREE EVENT | UNDER 18s ONLY

OUTDOOR POP-UP MUSIC GIG

SAT 17 DECEMBER 2022

MORGO STREET AMPHITHEATRE 5.30PM - 7.30PM

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Boom*

Featuring an Interactive
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DJ Fella

Security and St Johns
Ambulance in attendance.
Parents are welcome!




This is STRICTLY an underage event. We reserve the right to refuse attendance. There is a NO DRUG, ALCOHOL & SMOKING policy. Any intoxicated or under the influence guests will be removed and police contacted. We want this to be a safe, fun environment for all.

We respect and honour the traditional owners of the Gumbaynggirr land that we meet on. We acknowledge and respect Elders, past, present and future. We acknowledge the stories, traditions, and living cultures of the Gumbaynggirr people and commit to building a brighter future together.

URUNGA

URUNGA LIGHTS



Christmas Laser Light Installation

11 - 27 DECEMBER

MORGO ST RESERVE

OVER 16 HOT SUMMER NIGHTS WITH POP-UP PERFORMANCES, UNDER 18s DANCE PARTY, BEST HOUSE & BUSINESS CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION AND MUCH MORE

Official Launch SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2022
MORGO STREET RESERVE

6.30pm POP-UP CAROLS EVENT FEATURING

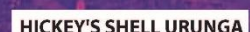
Heather Rose, Kaya Boom, and special guest: Santa

8.10pm OFFICIAL OPENING BY MAYOR STEVE ALLEN AND SANTA
FREE ENTRY

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CAMP CREATIVE

BELLINGEN

THIS SUMMER - LEARN TO SEW!

Over five days, learn
foundation sewing skills
and the basics of bag
making.

Take home three useful
bags - as well as the
confidence to sew on
your own.

9-13
JANUARY



Open to ages 10 and up!

Follow this link to sign up now!

BIT.LY/CAMPSEWING

Interested in being part of the Urunga Rail Centenary?

We are hoping to organise an event in June 2023 to commemorate the Centenary of the Urunga Railway Station.

NSW Railways are willing to provide a lot of support. but we will need public assistance to take this forward.



It will be 2 'fun days' with dressing up in 1923 working clothes, meeting the XPT, Railway Picnic at Lido, vintage cars, displays.

If you are interested in being part of this, however small – even to give support as everyone has special ideas and ways

Private message "alison carter" or "franco Williams" if interested by 30 October 2023 for November meeting.

(authorised by) Alison Carter Urunga

COFFS HARBOUR HOLIDAY CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

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16TH + 17TH + 18TH JANUARY 2023



ZERO CENTRAL MOBILE AERIAL SCHOOL

LEARN TO INVERT, BALANCE, CLIMB, SPIN + TWIZZLE
DEVELOP STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

WORKSHOPS FOR AGES 7 – 15
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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS



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AND BOOKINGS





GERRIC for Gifted Students Program

Helping bright young minds thrive

January 2023
Online & on-campus



9-13 January
2023



Online



UNSW Campus,
Kensington



9:00am - 3:00pm

We are excited to announce that our GERRIC Student Programs will return in January 2023! Our Scientia programs will be run both online and on-campus to provide students with the choice of what works best for them. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

All courses are 3-day workshops. Registration will be available from 10 November 2022.

Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6

The Junior Scientia program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in Years 3-6. To participate in the program, students will select one three-day workshop from a range of options.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified or experienced in gifted education. They possess the expertise and skills to encourage the interests and pique the curiosity of gifted children.

Scientia Challenge: Years 7 - 10

The Scientia Challenge program features a range of exciting workshops taught over three days designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10.

Developed and led by practising experts, the workshops follow a university-style investigative structure with intellectually-stimulating content. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program.



Follow the QR code for more
information about our
program



Scholarships Available!

Contact us: gerric@unsw.edu.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER		JANUARY 2023	
9	Year 7 End of Year Excursion	27-30	School Development Days
9	NC Sport Awards	31	Year 7/11/12 students start
9	Year 10 Work Experience ends	FEBRUARY	
9	State Debating	1	Year 8/9/10 students start
9	BYO Schools Concerts	3	MNC Volleyball (Opens)
12	P&C Meeting	6	Senior Study Day (Years 11/12)
13	Presentation Assembly (10am)	6	MNC Touch Football (15s)
13	Years 7/8/9/10 Reports Issued	7	School Photos
13	Year 10 End of Year Picnic	7	NC Softball (Opens)
14	MC Legends End of Year Excursion	8	Swimming Carnival
14	Rap Recording	9	NC Baseball
15	Battle of the Rock GodZ	13	P&C Meeting
16	End Term 4	13	University Roadshow (Year 12)
16	BYO Concert	16	NC Touch Football (15s)
19-20	School Development Days	17	NC Volleyball (Opens)
		20	MNC Rugby Union (Opens)
		21	MNC Football (Opens)
		28	MNC Swimming

Assessment Tasks – Term 4 2022

YEAR 12		
SUBJECT	WEEK	DATE
English Studies	9A	9/12/22
Mathematics Extension 2	9A	9/12/22
Physics	10B	12/12/22
Legal Studies	10B	12/12/22
Society and Culture	10B	12/12/22
Chemistry	10B	13/12/22
Mathematics Extension 1	10B	13/12/22
Aboriginal Studies	10B	14/12/22
Mathematics Advanced	10B	14/12/22
Mathematics Standard 2		
Mathematics Numeracy		
PDHPE	10B	15/12/22

Term 1 - 2023

YEAR 12		
SUBJECT	WEEK	DATE
Aboriginal Studies	6A	28/2/23
Biology	6A	2/3/23