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Bulletin*



Belltrees Public School — "We Give Our Best"
Term 1 Week 6 2021



Belltrees Public School
The Class of 2021

Principal's Message:

Welcome back to 2021. It is great to start the year afresh and to have our wonderful students return. What a beginning to our school term – it is hard to believe 5 weeks have already past and the activities we have undertaken in that time. Swimming carnival, excursions, gymnastics and hosting our own field day. Small School education is truly amazing and these students deserve the unique opportunities they receive. On our students – we could not be prouder of them. The way each and everyone of our children have returned is inspirational. Academically, they continue to surpass all benchmarks. Socially, they are building responsibility and positive attitudes that make me double check their age as they truly out-shine my efforts when I was there age. Each day these students represent the school in a manner that our whole community should be proud of.

We also welcome Jimmy and his family to our school in 2021. Jimmy has quickly settled into our school and we look forward to working with him and his family for many years to come.

It was also exciting that this term we were successful in our application to have a bus route reinstated for Gundy. I thank all our parents for supporting this process, as it will surely make life more manageable for our current and future families living in Gundy.

If the year continues the way it has begun, I again look forward to seeing what our small school can achieve in 2021.

Shane Roberts

Principal





Gymnastics @ Murrurundi—

We were super fortunate to be invited to participate in Gymnastics at Murrurundi Public School. This was a great opportunity for students to get teaching from wonderful gymnastic instructors. It was also great for the students to learn in a different setting and build new friendship with students from Murrurundi.

We thank MPS for hosting us and letting us share their experiences.





OzHarvest and cooking @ Belltrees School—

Late last year our school received a grant from OzHarvest to introduce the FEAST program. This program targets encouraging students to have more experiences in cooking their own food, as well as building an improved understanding of how we can better eliminate food waste. This grant also supplied the school with all the utensils to begin cooking with our students.

First up was International Pancake Day celebrations—and WOW, didn't the students enjoy it.





Smiling Minds @ Belltrees School -

Last year Ms Lloyd-Jones and Mr Roberts undertook the Smiling Minds Champion training. The program assists in building students' mindfulness, resilience, calmness and many, many more social/emotional skills.

Each day we begin with staff and student participating in a Smiling Minds session. This is a great way to put a smile on your mind and ready yourself for a busy day of learning.



Upper Invermein Swimming Carnival -

At the beginning of the school term, our students turning 8 or older participated in the Upper Invermein Swimming Carnival.

Each of our students gave 110% and demonstrated the sportsmanship and effort that continues to make them wonderful ambassadors of our small school.

Great effort guys and thank you to Murrurundi Public School for their organisation of the day.



Our chickens' new pad—

The new school year began with an exciting new addition to our school grounds. Our chicken coop needed to be moved and through the hard work of Mr John Corbett-Hangar, we now have a set up to be envious of.

Thank you to John and P & M Ferry for organising our new chicken coop.





Regen Ag Field Day @ Belltrees PS

Building partnerships and providing students tools for the future was all on show at Belltrees on 3rd March, 2021. We had our friends at Ellerston and Murrurundi Public Schools join us to explore the concepts that are Regenerative Agriculture. This day also brought many special guests who wanted to be part of the day. Martin Royds, who was our guide last year and remain an influential Regen expert, came and explored ideas with students and community members. We also had the pleasure of both the Warrumbungles Environmental Education Centre and Sydney Royal Botanical Gardens crew come and provide their expertise on the day. It was truly amazing to see our schools, community and guests come together and provide the students the opportunity to connect back with nature.





Sustainability with Warrior Disability Services— February 18th saw our little troops head down to Muswellbrook to further learn about sustainability and gardening. The champions at Warrior Disability Services hosted the day and demonstrated the wonderful activities they do as an organisation to improve the environment. It was also a great opportunity to see our students working with, and learning from people with additional needs. These guys at Warriors showed us how to undertake a bin audit, improved our knowledge of how to compost and gave our students such a wonderful experience. We thank Warrior Disability Services and their clients for spending the day with us and showing us the wonderful activities they do.





Farewell to our Year Six students—

At the end of last year we celebrated the end of our Year 6's journey at Belltrees Public School.

These three students contributed so much to our school and were terrific members of our school community.

Each one of them should be very proud of themselves and the achievements they made while at BPS.

We wish them all the best as they continue their education into high school.

Congratulations on 10 years Service to Belltrees Public School



Presentation Day 2020 -

Presentation days are a great opportunity to stop and reflect on the many successes at a school for that year.

In the last week of 2020 we had the chance to have our families come and celebrate the students' achievements. It was amazing to take this time to acknowledge each and every child for the wonderful progress they made during the year.





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Thank you to these supporters of our small school who have assisted us over the last term.



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