From the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students, families and staff a very happy Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. The New Year will see some changes to the curriculum being offered to our students:

- In the senior school students in Years 11 and 12 will be able to come and go from school during times when they are not on timetabled classes. Students who are unable to accept this responsibility and attend all classes will have this privilege withdrawn and parents can ask us to enforce full day attendance. With the varied curriculum opportunities and longer school day this is expected to help students meet all of their commitments.

- Year 9 will have a third elective introduced. This has resulted from school community feedback with an increase in student choice seen as a way of further engaging our students in school work.

- All Year 8 will study a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) course. A project based course designed to integrate the range of skills into the one classroom.

- Special Religious Education (SRE) will be made available to all Year 7 students commencing in 2016 at Bellingen High School. The subject is being delivered by the Waterfall Way Christian Education Committee (WWCEC) and being implemented in accordance with the NSW Department of Education Special Religious Education and General Religious Education Policy. SRE will be offered to Year 7 students one period every week on a Wednesday during 2016. Parents choosing to withdraw their child from SRE can send in a note or call the Year Advisor or Front Office at any time during the year. Course information and Department policy information are available on the school website.

I am looking forward to celebrating our students’ achievements today at our Presentation Assembly.

Next year our Years 7, 11 and 12 students start school on Thursday 28th January with all other years joining them on Friday 29th January.

Paul Holding
Final TAS projects going home for Christmas!

It has been another successful year in the TAS Faculty with hundreds of quality projects going home, constructed with pride by our talented students. Thankyou parents for paying subject fees which allow us to continue to buy the best timbers and materials for the students.

Ian Dillon
Head Teacher TAS
Year 7T2 Textiles

This term has seen all of Year 7T2 involved in creating their “personalised pillows” in Textiles. All students used a variety of techniques including reversed applique, applique, printing and free hand drawing to create their personalised pillows. As with the quality there have been some great designs created.

Karen Hayward
TAS Faculty

Australian Talented Youth Project

Congratulations to Oscar Eager in Year 10 who has been selected for the Australian Talented Youth Project 2015-2016. This project is a creative opportunity for young emerging artists aged 16-25, with a particular emphasis on those from regional and remote Australia.

Oscar is one of 16 students selected from all over Australia who will be mentored by leading professionals in the various artist fields. The year-long face-to-face and electronic mentoring project includes a week-long residential component to be held in Canberra in February 2016.

Ann Phelan
Head Teacher CAPA
Friday 27th saw the wonderful Bellingen community don its formal gear and parade down the red carpet for the Clapper Awards; the school’s annual film festival that showcases the students’ own works. The evening was a huge success, ably compered by the School Captain Dylan Connors, who kept us all entertained with his wit and natural showmanship. Hundreds of students and their families got frocked up to be in with a chance of winning the best dressed prize, they looked glorious. It was, as always, hotly contested and the winners were – Billie Roberts, Eden Buckingham, Meg Galloway and Hugo Couper.

The film winners were Tom Ruming - Best Minute Me; a category in which the students capture the essence of themselves in 60 seconds; Blaise Borrer won the Best Documentary/Mockumentary with his very funny school mafia spoof “We Rule the School”. The Best Music Video went to “Raining Men”, a great team effort by Tom Ruming, Callum Graydon, Brett Weedon, Jack Sharkey and Maddie Cross – this movie also took out the hotly contested People’s Choice, voted for on the night, it just beat Caila Gribben’s wonderful documentary “The Soup That Will End the World”. The award for Best Short Film went to Blaise Borrer, for his brilliantly executed “Greed”, a very dramatic and suspenseful thriller, beautifully shot by Willow Driver. Blaise also took out the award for Young Film Maker of the Year, for the second year running.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out on the night and especially to all the talented students who produced some first class movies.

Lynda Lane
capa faculty
Music Performance at Bellorana Nursing Home

Year 10 elective Music students created a mini performance for residents who reside at Bellorana Aged Care Facility in Bellingen.

Grace White introduced each performer with a short music bio. Performances included a clarinet solo (Grace Cooper), piano performances by Nele Lamp, Alana Scheef and Anjou Moss, vocal and guitar duo by Moala Mackenzie and Zoe Kenny, music theatre vocal solo by Teal Rees and also guest saxophone player Xavier Stephens (Bellingen Primary School), accompanied on the piano by Oscar Eager. Rosie Stephen also performed a contemporary vocal song. One Resident stated that they ‘thoroughly enjoyed the musicality of the students’, and to ‘hear and see young people share their time and talent to perform was a delight’.

After the performance our students introduced themselves to each resident creating a lively atmosphere!
Music as an elective in Year 9 through to HSC level has many vocational opportunities. One is ‘Music Therapy’. Our students viewed a short ABC Compass documentary prior to our performance entitled; ‘Musical Healing’, which followed a music therapist’s role in a busy Melbourne hospital. A Music Therapy Post Graduate course offers an intensive program of musical, therapeutic and academic studies with an emphasis on clinical musicianship and supervised clinical work.

Registered music therapists who have completed the post graduate requirements, Master of Music Therapy, are highly proficient musicians with a practical knowledge of music styles and techniques. In this role an understanding of the human condition, including disability and medical conditions including mental health and wellbeing, will equip a person to build empathy, utilising music as a means to communicate with clients.

Pathways to attain qualifications for a career as a Music Therapist are:

- A Bachelor of Music OR a Bachelor Degree in a relevant discipline, i.e. Health Sciences
  Instrumental skills equivalent to 8th grade A.M.E.B standard and grade 5 theory.
- Post Graduate studies, Masters in Music Therapy (2 years)

Links for further information regarding study:

- University of Western Sydney Campus [http://www.westernsydney.edu.au](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au)
- Melbourne Conservatorium of Music (University of Melbourne)

Linda Cochrane
CAPA Faculty

Bellingen High School Uniform

Bellingen High School uniform is going through a transition over the next two years, starting 2016. At the commencement of 2018 school year the new revised uniform will become the school uniform. The new uniform will see changes to the junior girls skirt in both material and style, and the junior students’ shirt.

All items will be available from Lowes Toormina, with some items available from the school. Unfortunately not all items will be available for back-to-school due to production delays over the Christmas holidays.

While it is preferable that students wear the new uniform, we understand that not all items will be available for the start of Term 1 2016. The existing uniform may be worn until the end of 2016 and the school currently sells components of this uniform – shirts, skirts, jackets, jumpers, all of these are available for purchase from the Front Office.
Year 6 into 7 2016 Orientation Days

Over the past fortnight Bellingen High School has been hosting the primary schools from around the area for Year 6 into 7 Orientation Days. These were held on Friday 27th November for small schools orientation and Friday 4th December for large schools orientation.

A variety of taster lessons were experienced by students including: HSIE, Art, Food Technology, Woodwork and a Timetable lesson on how to understand all the different codes involved in reading a timetable. The Year 6 students were invited to a BBQ hosted by SRC representatives Max, Kain and Patrick.

In all the incoming Year 7 2016 students experienced a very busy day of high school life. I would like to thank all teachers who were involved for the day and the mentors. A special thank you to our new Year 10 Smile mentors and Year 9 mentors who assisted in the smooth running of the day.

Karen Hayward
Year 7 Advisor 2016
Careers News

Congratulations to Jorjia Carter and Katelyn Wolfe who have been selected for Southern Cross University’s Head Start program. Jorjia will be studying Biology and Katelyn will be studying Communications at SCU on Wednesday afternoons next year.

Thank you to all the Students, Staff and Parents who welcomed and have supported me over the past few years. I have loved and enjoyed being a part of the Bellingen High School community and I am taking with me some very treasured memories. Hopefully, I will see you around town!!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and abundant New Year.😊😊

Deanne, Canteen Supervisor
Year 10 Work Experience
Many thanks to the businesses who hosted our Year 10 students in work experience. We greatly appreciated all the time and effort that goes into making the experience so beneficial for our students.

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Some of our fantastic work experience students have been working with OzGreen to “Save the Bellinger River Turtles”. Part of their work included creating a Facebook page to increase public awareness of the campaign. Check out their page “Save the Bellinger
River Turtle* to help spread the word or contact Sue at OzGreen. The link to the Lateline report on the situation is:
http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/content/2015/s4363029.htm

Queensland Universities Tour

Fourteen Year 11 students and Mrs Gorman enjoyed a 2 day visit to Queensland Universities last week.

Despite a very early start, Day 1 activities commenced with breakfast at Bond University followed by a talk and tour. We then headed to Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane with lovely grounds and free Wi-Fi in the Botanic Gardens. After a very healthy lunch, we headed to St Lucia and the University of Queensland for another impressive tour. We stayed in student accommodation at Union College where dinner was also provided.

The next day we visited Griffith University on the Gold Coast for a tour of their impressive health facilities and an information session (with some “freebies”). Finally our last stop was Southern Cross University on the Gold Coast where we were amazed with the views over Kirra Beach from most classrooms.

Special mention goes to Bellingen High super team of Madelin Perry, Maddi Brodie, Hannah Ford, Cody Hogbin and Sharna Davis who won the “SCU Amazing Race” competition out of 200 other Year 11 students!!
Crossroads Camp 2016

All students should have received information and permission notes for the Year 12 Crossroads Camp on 15th and 16th February 2016. This is a compulsory component of Year 12 and should also be a lot of fun! For more information on the Camp contact Mrs Gorman or Mr Winfer.

Frieda Gorman
Careers Advisor

News from LOTE (Indonesian)

Hello Year 7 and Parents - last week we were so fortunate to have Purwanti come in and show us how to cook Indonesian food.

Purwanti is a local lady, born in Indonesia and has worked as a chef in Australia. She demonstrated the cooking of delicious Indonesian foods – chicken sate and mee goreng. The students also assisted in the cooking. Then we got to taste her wonderful cooking.

What a great way to end the year!

Memiliki liburan yang aman (Have a safe holiday).

Sampai Jumpa
Jody Newhouse
Science News
Year 7 Science Flower Models

Congratulations to Year 7 who presented some outstanding flower models. All the Science staff are very proud of their efforts. Well done.

Marijke Verschuuren
Head Teacher Science
A big finish to the year for our Ag Students

Year 9 is well into attaining their tractor licences and special congratulations need to go to Somali Luxford, Jazz Brightwell, Alana McBaron and Dane Cross, who have not only excelled at driving but have also assisted in training and supervising other members of their class. Most students have now completed their basic driving and some have had their first experience of operating the rotary hoe. Year 9, in conjunction with Year 11, have also planted out a crop of sweet corn for sale early next year and also harvested a garlic crop which is now hanging and drying ready for sale in 2016.

As per usual, Bellingen High School was well represented at the Dorrigo and Guy Fawkes Agriculture Show. We were the largest exhibitor in the Beef Cattle section with 11 animals and we won first, seconds and thirds in multiple classes. Special congratulations to all the exhibitors, the Year 9’s at their first show, the Year 10 students who came back in their work experience week, and the tried and trusty Year 11 exhibitors.

A number of Year 11 and Year 9 students also had a work experience day at Nana Glen last Friday, and impressed with their skills in mustering, yarding and vaccinating some fifty cows, fifty calves and two bulls. Hopefully the students have a better knowledge of commercial enterprises. Several students have been offered future employment by the owner of the property.
There are a number of 12 month old layer hens for sale at $10 per bird. Also for the home spinners, there are some full fleeces, both black and white, available for $4 per fleece. Please contact Amanda Lockman on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for purchases.

Farmer Nick
Ag Teacher/Science Faculty

SRC News
Youth Advisory Council

Recently after filling out the necessary application, one of our SRC students Sam Gribben was selected by the Youth Advisory Council of NSW to attend the first meeting for 2016 on Friday 4th December. Sam was flown to Sydney accompanied by his mum to attend this event. Sam was introduced to the processes and polices that make up the Youth Advisory Council. Sam has been asked to attend the next meeting in February 2016. Congratulations Sam on making it this far and representing this regional area.

Below is a brief outline of what the Youth Advisory Council is:

The NSW Youth Advisory Council has a statutory role to advise the NSW Government on issues of importance to young people.

The council also has a responsibility in monitoring and evaluating youth-related policies and legislation which affects young people.

The 12 Council members are aged under 25 years and come from all over the State. They are broadly representative of the diversity of young people living in NSW.

Following the enactment of the Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014, the responsibility for supporting the Council now rests with the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People.

Karen Hayward
SRC Coordinator
SEC News

On the 16th and 17th November the SEC group were given the privilege to go to Cascade Environmental Education Centre and 16 kids from our group decided to go. We arrived at school at about 7.45am and left shortly after.

When we arrived John met us at the gate and greeted us with a happy face😊. We all learned about him and the Centre rules, then we set up and went for a little play.

While we were playing, John went and set up the mountain bikes for us all. We all chose a bike and had a long play around on them while getting used to them. A while after we left and went for a long ride, we then stopped, made some damper, had tea/coffee on the camp fire, went for walk to a waterfall then rode back.

When we came back to camp, John then took some of us to a BMX type track where we hung out for a while. We had so much fun there. We then all came back and packed away our bikes, then chilled out for a while before having afternoon tea.

The girls were woken up at about 7.14am (ugh) with some deciding to go with Miss Jeanes to do hula hooping. At the same time over in the lab “Twilight” (the snake) came out of her rock so we could see her.

After that we all went and had breakfast then we went for a bush walk while doing some leadership activities. We went to the 1000 year old tree, had morning tea, left and walked back to the camp. After lunch all the campers came to the lab and played some other games, patted the snake and lizard then we left. BEST 2 DAYS EVER!

Sian Banks and Jorja-May Hearps
Fantastic Futsal

The Junior Futsal Australasian Champion of Champions was held from the 27\textsuperscript{th} to 29\textsuperscript{th} November at Oxley in Brisbane. Bellingen High School had one team qualify for this event. This was the 14 years girls who had gone through undefeated in all their preliminary games.

Their first game was against Taylor's Lake Secondary College from Melbourne. The girls started well but just couldn't find the back of the net. Despite this strong start it was Taylor's Lake that scored first. This seemed to knock the girls and after 15 minutes the score was 3-0. Just before half time Jackie Kambere found the net and the half time score was 3-1. The girls showed more grit in the second half with Jackie Kambere (2), Claudia White and Kelsey Williamson-Leslie scoring goals, despite this Taylor's Lake snuck away with the game 6-5.

The second game was against Pine Creek State High School, one of the gun teams of the competition. Again this game saw the Bellingen girls set up many goal scoring opportunities yet fail to score. It seemed only a matter of time and we would score. Then one raid at the other end and we are down 1-0. The Bello girls kept attacking and Pine Creek kept scoring to take the score to 4-0 before Bello finally got one in. Half time 4-1. The second half saw only one goal to Jackie Kambere which put the final score at 4-2.

The third game against Murrumba State Secondary College finally saw the tide turn. We were on the attack early and this time we scored. This set the scene and the girls went on to beat a very good team 6-2. The girls definitely got their passing game back together while the defence and goalkeeping was brilliant. Goals went to Jackie Kambere 4 (2 absolute gems) with Jasmin Nolan and Emily Rumning scoring 1 each.

Day 2 of the Championships and the girls had 4 games to play. The first game was against the previously undefeated St Monica's from Cairns. This was a tough game but the girls started well continuing with their good form and by half time the score was 3-0. St Monica's came back in the second half but the girls didn't let them back in the game winning 4-2.

Game 2 was also against a previously undefeated team. St Peter Claver College looked like one of the favourites but the Bello girls showed grit and determination and with the help of some brilliant goalkeeping by Maddi Allen kept them scoreless while Jackie put two away for us.
Game 3 and tired legs kicked in as we struggled to beat Mt Alvernia College 2-0.

Finally game 4 against East Doncaster Secondary College from Melbourne saw a slow start in the first half with Jackie scoring two goals. The girls came back and had a great second half with goals going to Willow Berry, Jasmin Nolan, Claudia White, Emily Ruming, Willow Neal, Kelsey Williamson-Leslie and Maddi Allen(2). With one game to play the girls had to win their final game to make the semis.

Day 3 and the girls final preliminary game against St Clares of Port Macquarie. The first half proved to be their best half of Futsal so far scoring 7 unanswered goals (Willow Neal 2, Jackie Kambere 4, and Claudia White 1). The second half the girls held well with Claudia White scoring one more to make the final score 8-0.

The girls qualified for the finals in equal 2nd on points but were pushed in to 3rd on goals for. The position didn’t really matter as they played the second placed St Peter Claver in the semi-final. It started fast and furious and Willow Neal was the first to score, however, the tide was to turn with St Peter Claver scoring 3 quick goals from their very talented striker. By half time the score was 4-1. Nothing really seemed to go our way. Willow Neal had a goal disallowed and hit the post twice. Emily Ruming just missed many good strikes and Jackie Kambere put a number wide. This wasn’t to be our game although the second half was much closer with Claudia White scoring a great goal. Final score 6-2.

The girls need to be very proud of their efforts coming 3rd in the Australasian Champion of Champions. It was a great team effort with all the girls contributing. Maddi Allen was magnificent as goal keeper. Willow Neal, Claudia White, Kelsey Williamson-Leslie and Jackie Kambere attacked with good passing and flare. Willow Berry, Lauren Rigney, Emily Ruming and Jasmin Nolan defended strongly and with Maddi made the team the best defensive team at the Championships.

Finally, Jackie Kambere was named in the All Stars team in which the coaches of all the teams select the best 5 players from the competition. This is a great honour.

Liz Hoy/Jon Winfer
Sport Coordinators

Bellingen High School   P&C Meeting

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Registration Days

Saturday 6th February 2016 at Connell Park

Saturday 20th February 2016 outside Bellingen Newsagents

Saturday 5th March 2016 at Matt Locke MG Charity Match, Bellingen Park

Come join Bellingen-Dorrigo Junior Rugby League in 2016

For more information or to register please contact our Facebook page, Don Glyde or Rachael Casey.

Registration includes: shorts, socks, hat and shirt - (discount for 2nd/multiple child).

MAGPIES
NETBALL

FREE COME AND TRY DAY!!
SATURDAY 9 JANUARY 2016

Skills Clinic run by National Accredited Coaches
supported by Bellingen Netball Association

Connell Park Courts
😊 9.00am-10.30am  Primary School Age
😊 11.00am-12.30pm  High School Age

All enquiries and to register email Sandra.Hulbert21@gmail.com

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Did you know?

😊 You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching TV.
😊 The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood 30ft.
😊 It has been estimated that humans only use 10% of their brain.

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