

## Principal's Report

A huge thank you to Jensens's Garden Centre and Greenhaven Garden Centre for their generous donations for our tree planting day last Tuesday. Please support the businesses that support your school.



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Dear Parents,

The past two week have seen some wonderful 'community' moments in our Bringelly school life. The whole school excursion to Warragamba Dam was wonderful. The setup of the environmental classroom and Warragamba Information set, built on the cliff above the dam afforded us a brilliant view of the massive wall with the dam full to 99% capacity.



### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

After a reminder of school uniforms the students turned out in full uniforms with only a very few exceptions.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the school in the endeavour to be consistent in appearance, behaviour and standards.

### TECHNOLOGY

The school has just undergone a DEC technology 'make-over' with all compatible computers changed to Windows 7.

This has caused some severe problems

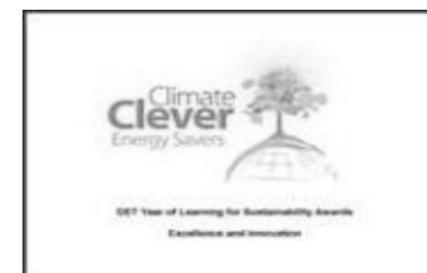
and we are trying as fast as possible to sort things out.

One casualty has been the newsletter as it was on my desktop when the work was completed. I am now writing this the old fashioned way: by hand!

However, there is a positive side. We have been notified we will be receiving a class set of e-notebooks.



An application was put in for Climate Energy Saver, an energy efficient program that we have at school. We had success in gaining a \$2,000 grant for the third year in a row. A huge thank you to Mr McCroary for his great work.



*Sharyl Scott*

This term we have taken a very strict stand on uniforms. I mentioned in the last newsletter about the number of students, particularly the seniors who were disregarding our many requests during lunchtime assemblies and in previous newsletters to follow our uniform code. This was particularly in regard to **shoes and hats**. This week we have taken the stand after reminding the children over the past 3 weeks and said that unless a school hat was worn the children sat or were in the shade area at lunch time. This has upset some children but the decision stands.

I have had some parents complain and would like to point out that upon enrolment you were provided a handbook about uniform code, the handbook is also on the school website and past and recent newsletters have commented on the need to follow the code.

The uniform list is below and the hats are available for \$10.00 in the uniform shop. Our lost uniform pool also has many tops, hats, pants that have **NO NAME** and are not retrieved. Despite suggestions to print names on uniforms parents are responsible for doing this. The children then do not check and come to school wearing casual gear. This is not acceptable and degrades the look of the school and the level of what we accept as appropriate.

I am sure most parents understand that this week's stand is due to the disregard to comply with our code. At high school parents naturally expect uniform code to be solid and enforceable. I wish to remind parents that the school can assist with the cost on request for financial support.

Girls		Boys	
<b>Summer</b>	Navy blue skort or shorts. Light blue short sleeved micro mesh shirt. White socks with black shoes. Navy blue jumper, cardigan, jacket, vest or sloppy joe. Navy blue hat. Sunglasses	<b>Summer</b>	Navy blue shorts Light blue short sleeved micro mesh shirt. White socks with black shoes. Navy blue jumper, cardigan, jacket, vest or sloppy joe. Navy blue hat. Sunglasses
<b>Winter</b>	Navy blue long pants or track pants Light blue short sleeved micro mesh shirt. White socks, black shoes. Navy blue jumper, cardigan, jacket, vest or sloppy joe.	<b>Winter</b>	Navy blue long pants or track pants. Light blue short sleeved micro mesh shirt. White socks, black shoes. Navy blue jumper, cardigan, jacket, vest or sloppy joe.
<b>Sport</b>	Navy skort or navy mesh shorts Red micro mesh shirt. White socks with joggers.	<b>Sport</b>	Navy mesh shorts Red micro mesh shirt. White socks with joggers.

Jewellery, hair colour gels and sprays, makeup and nail polish are not allowed to be worn at school. Special events that allow some of these items (such as crazy hair days, mufti days or school dances) will be advertised from time to time so that you know when a variation to uniform occurs.

# STUDENT AWARDS



KH	
K/1W	Sebastian Rebollo
2B	Manuel Hatgiantounio & Michael Smart
3B	Brent Hoffman & Edina Begic
3/4/5M	Abbey Riley & An Mai
5/6S	Kristie Hall & Grace Gattellari
WELL DONE - YOU ALL MAKE US VERY PROUD!	

## *Dates for your Diaries*



27th August	Cowpasture Spelling Bee		Horsley Park PS
27th August	Assembly 3/4/5M	2pm	
3rd September	District Athletics Carnival		The Crest Bankstown
6th September	Debating Presentation		Greenway Park P.S
7th September	Gala Day - Bringelly Oval - Yrs 3 - 6 Gala Day - Rossmore P.S - Yrs K - 2		
10th September	Hoxton Public Speaking Competition Finals		
17th September	Assembly 3B	2pm	
19th September	Regional finals for Spelling Bee	9 - 1:30pm Jnr 12:30 - 2:30 Snr	Prestons P.S
21st September	Last day of term 3		

## P&C News

A very big thank you to Mrs Billingham and Mrs Sullivan for all their hard work during Mrs Scott's absence. The school ran very smoothly and efficiently when dealing with the P&C and school issues. A big thanks again to Mrs Billingham, Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Keegan for the support dealing with Tanya Davies the local MP.

Mrs Sherie Borg has been awarded the 2012 Parent of the Year. This award recognises parents, guardians and caregivers who have made a significant contribution to their local Public School Community. A certificate will be presented by Mr Pat Mahony at Monday 27th August Assembly at 2pm. Parents and friends of the Community are invited to attend. CONGRATULATIONS SHERIE.



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## Volunteers needed

WOMEN in Third World countries and those closer to home will be bound by a common thread with a workshop being organised by the Zonta Club of Macarthur on August 25.

The club will hold its annual birthing kit workshop at Wests Leagues Club, Leumeah, with home birthing kits to be packed for women in the developing world.

"In support of the Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia, we would like to invite members of the community to join us on the day to put together 600 birthing kits to assist women who give birth at home in developing countries," club secretary Nella Scott said.

"Last year we had over 90 people turn up to help us and the day was a great success with 600 kits being packaged and sent off to Morocco."

The club has been holding the events since 2005 and volunteers will also be stuffing and sewing breast care cushions to be distributed to women in hospitals in the Macarthur region and across NSW who have had breast cancer.

"These cushions are a great comfort for women who have undergone surgery as a result of breast cancer," Ms Scott said.



# 5/6S Report

There's never a dull moment in 5/6S! Just have a look through our window and see a variety of colourful dinosaurs (some even named), made with great patience, perseverance and not one drop of paper mache' glue on their clothes. Well, maybe just a drop! Intentional? Probably. Picasso would have been pleased.

**Australia-An Ancient Land**, a science unit, has been studied in depth.

Documentaries were viewed on the geographic history of Australia (not as boring as you might think) including what happened during certain periods of time, changes in climate and landmasses, evidence of indigenous Australians and the era of the dinosaurs. Information reports were written and an assembly item performed. Our unit has finally come to a close (perhaps we could auction the dinosaurs as a fund raiser) as we will be commencing "Antarctica". One thing I know for certain is that we won't be doing paper mache' penguins!!

Literacy has had a multicultural theme; investigating student heritage, Islam, refugees, the Taliban and Afghanistan. This has been done through a guest speaker, listening to stories, watching B.T.N and reading a variety of texts. It increases general knowledge, awareness, understanding and tolerance.

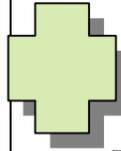
Recent maths has involved patterns & algebra, multiplication, time and mass.

There's also been speech writing and debating. Macy, Veronica, Kyle and Thomas were undefeated in the Small Schools Debating Competition after 5 rounds. Well done! Veronica will be representing Stage 3 at the Hoxton Public Speaking competition.

It's now time to plan our Years 5/6 Market Day, as our Year 6 fundraiser. Keep you posted!

Mrs Sullivan

### Australian Red Cross



The blood service is experiencing a late winter fall in donations. Many people are still feeling the effects of colds, flu and viruses which means they are unable to donate blood. However the hospitals are experiencing an increase in their demands.

This has seen recent shortages of our major blood groups.

Please roll up your sleeve and donate blood. Call 13 14 95 for more information or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)

### ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is the most serious type of allergic reaction. It can very quickly and may cause death without proper medical attention.

#### Signs & Symptoms:

An allergic reaction usually happens within minutes after being exposed to an allergen, but sometimes it can take place several hours after exposure. A reaction can involve any of these symptoms, and a person could have one or more of these symptoms regardless of the allergen:

- Skin : hives, swelling, itching, warmth, redness, rash.  
 Breathing: coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest pain/tightness, hoarse voice, nasal congestion or hay fever-like symptoms, trouble swallowing.  
 Stomach: nausea, pain/cramps, vomiting, diarrhoea..  
 Heart: pale/blue colour, weak pulse, passing out, dizzy/lightheaded, shock.  
 Other: feeling of "impending doom", headache, uterine cramps, metallic taste.

#### The most dangerous symptoms of an allergic reaction are:

- Troubled breathing caused by swelling of the airways.  
 A drop in blood pressure causing dizziness, light-headedness, feeling faint or weak, or passing out.  
 Both can lead to death if untreated.

**DO NOT IGNORE EARLY SYMPTOMS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE HAD A REACTION IN THE PAST. ALWAYS TAKE A POSSIBLE REACTION SERIOUSLY AND ACT QUICKLY.**

**NOT EVERY REACTION WILL ALWAYS LOOK THE SAME; A PERSON CAN HAVE DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS EACH TIME. ANAPHYLAXIS CAN OCCUR WITHOUT SKIN SYMPTOMS OR HIVES.**

Everyone at risk for anaphylaxis should have an anaphylaxis emergency plan with clear instructions on how to treat symptoms and strategies to reduce risks.

A common reaction is nuts. Bringelly Public School is a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches. Please be aware that food items such as muesli bars may contain traces of nuts.

Thanking you in anticipation for your on-going support.

### Sports 2 You

“Need Something for the kids to do in the school holidays?”

Try our **MULI SPORT** program !!!!

For children 8 years and over

**3 DAYS – NINE SPORTS** – Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

At Elizabeth MacArthur High and Camden Lakeside Golf Club.

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Get Into It Package – 1 day – 4 Sports

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My Golf – Golf Clinic – 1-Day

Extreme Sports Package – All three days – 9 Sports

For More information and application forms contact:

Sue New – 0400672895

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## St John Caring For Kids First Aid Course

This course is designed to meet the first aid needs of parents, carers & early childhood workers

Course topics include:

- Resuscitation of an infant
- Control of bleeding
- Management of shock
- Wounds, burns, bites, stings
- Poisoning & acute illness



Other activities and programs include:

- TAFE computer courses
- Walking groups
- Seniors Issues Group
- Playgroup
- Youth case-work
- School holiday activities for kids
- Sydney Water payment assistance
- Tai Chi classes

\* Statement of attainment issued upon completion

**Where:** Currans Hill Community Centre

**When:** Saturday 15th September, 2012

**Time:** 8.30am to 4.30pm

**Cost:** \$95 (Includes morning & afternoon tea)

Payments & Bookings by 31st August, 2012

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